

Happy Summer!

What a joy it is to worship together! I know summer is the time for travel and vacation plans. After the awfully long year, it is nice to visit family and friends. I hope if you miss church, you are still tuning in to worship our Facebook page when you get home.

My verse for us this month comes from Paul's letter to the Galatians, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13) Let us be grateful for the freedoms that we have and serve one another in love.

We are striving to balance the desire for our church to be with each other, sharing Christ's love with our members and neighbors, and caring of our wonderful church officers and staff. I am grateful for the grace you have all shown us in this time and pray we can continue to exhibit the truly Christian virtues of grace, humility, and forbearance with and for each other.

Finally, as I never tire of saying, "Thank You!" Thank you for your continued prayers, your generous support, and the many messages of love and gratitude you send our way each week. We will continue to walk with each other into God's promised future. Amen.

In His Grace,

Pastor Justin Choi

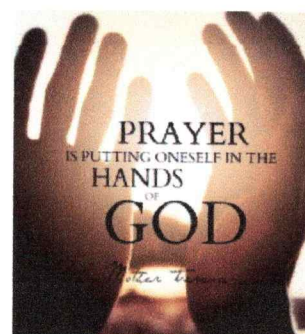
PRAYERS

Joy's

- *Howie is recovering from a fall and feeling better.
- *Bill Connolly- Joy his niece passed the bar!
- *Sandy Smidt- Prayers and joy that her son and daughter-in-law are expecting a second child. A girl!
- *Kimberly Olmo's grandmother- A joy to have her little granddaughter, Samantha baptized today to have all the family together to share this special day.
- *Bonnie S. spoke about the food pantry. There will be a jar at coffee hour for donations. We had to cut back on some items we supply because of a lack of funds. Thank you to all who stepped up.
- *Don Wright- Joy that Howie is home from the hospital. Prayers as he heals and recovers.
- * Ian Smith's Birthday.

Concerns:

- *Ruth Allan had white flowers on alter to honor her deceased grandson who would have been 26 years old today.
- *Prayers for Fran Ehrhardt's husband, Jeff.
- *Prayers for Karen Willmott's son-in-law who is battling cancer.
- *Prayers for caregivers of those with health issues.
- *Mary: Prayers for niece who is battling Hodgkin's disease and lymphoma.
Prayers family and cousin whose dementia is getting worse.
- *Deb Trusz (session member) mother had 2 stents implanted.
- *Dale Hamilton congratulation on her son's Graduating.
- *Lisa Choi- Christian Sear's grandfather past away, prayers for him and his family
- *Irene Ferris- Brendan is in rehab, doing better but has a broken finger. Prayers as he still has a long road ahead in his recovery
- *Bobbie Del Sol- Prayers for her friend that is having a tough time
- *Mary Michellotti- Prayers for her friend Dala that passed away from cancer
- *Large Bike-athon traversing throughout town today that 19 year old grandson Aaron is attending – be mindful throughout your day while driving around blind curves – bikers may be in your path
- *13 year old granddaughter Samantha admitted to Yale Univ. Hospital with severe stomach issues – need prayers that doctors can diagnose the cause so she can return back to her 13 year old life
- *Julia Held- A great joy to see her son Richard get married this past week. He had tears watching his new wife, Donna walk down the aisle. It was wonderful to see him so happy.
- * Prayers for Diane with continuing health issues.





SESSION'S REFLECTIONS

JULY/AUGUST 2022

SUBMITTED BY BETSY ENGELHARDT, CLERK OF SESSION

We spent time during our June meeting discussing the increasing trend in diminishing number of volunteers needed to keep our church functioning, vibrant, and relevant. Both Session and Deacons have vacant positions remaining unfilled since the beginning of 2022. In January of 2023, we will have additional leaders rotating off serving who hold very important positions which keep our doors open. For Session alone, we may be facing a reality that only 4 Elders will remain in service in 2023 if we cannot reverse this trend. We voted to hold a joint Deacons/Elders meeting in September to brainstorm on ideas and consider reorganization of how we conduct business going forward. In the meantime, we ask our congregation to ask themselves what talents or interests God has blessed with you, and for prayers on where he wants to lead you in service towards others. We know our church has a spot waiting for when you come forward.

Passaic County Department of Health has contacted our church to help them offer health education and wellness-check services to our community. Property Committee will suggest they set up a booth every Wednesday at Farmer's Market to disseminate information. Property Committee also reported we should expect delivery of sanctuary replacement windows in early Fall. Windows for the Scout House is also on the projects list.

This summer we will look forward to 2 Baptisms. Our music director, Lee, has requested 8 weeks leave of absence as he accepts employment on a cruise line. We will look forward to meeting and listening to his sub, Mark Yolleck – an accomplished organist – from July 17 through September 4.

PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JULY/AUGUST 2022 UPDATE - BETSY ENGELHARDT, PNC MODERATOR

WHAT HAS THE PNC BEEN UP TO????

It's been some time since the PNC has reported any news. Although we have nothing new to report, we remain hard at work.

PNC Trivia

We have reviewed 113 applications - Although we spend considerable time reviewing every PIF that is matched to us, **MOST** of these applications prove dead ends. The candidates either do not respond back to us to confirm availability OR they advise they are no longer available to advance for further review. The CLC system certainly has its flaws, but it is PCUSA's system for attracting and placing candidates.

Collaborating with our Presbytery at every turn, they are actively posting our position through different forums, including Princeton Seminary.

We have conducted 14 interviews + 1 zoom scavenger hunt. After spending 2 hours with each candidate, the committee was convinced a few were not a good match for our church and were released. All other candidates advised after prayerful discernment they felt called in another direction. We have 2 more interviews scheduled before the end of June and have requested a 10th match through the PCUSA connection system.

We have met for 17 additional meetings outside of our interviews.

As PNC moderator, I have 1795 PNC related emails stored in a PNC folder on my computer tracking the communications generated during this lengthy search.

Wonder what these totals will look like when our work is finally completed! We continue to ask for your prayers that God has a candidate to match our needs who will be anxious to serve our congregation in the years to come.



THANK YOU

The Women's Association would like to thank everyone that came to help at the rummage sale. We are blessed to have people who are not members of our church come out and work with us. Kudos to all of them.

A very special thanks to our wonderful Senior Saints who work all year making room in the garages for all the donations. They pick things up and they put them down! Also sending a big hug and thanks to the ladies who show up almost every day during May and June opening boxes and bags, unwrapping surprises and putting things where they should be and then pricing them. It takes a village to do this job. As the work is being done we all have some laughs, share concerns and enjoy the fellowship of being together.

Our Rummage Sale has been held every year since 1954! This year we had a very successful sale but everyone is getting older and we need help with the set up. Please search your hearts and seriously consider joining us in the biggest fundraiser our church has.

See you next year-hopefully.

THANK YOU



Sarah Choi will be graduating from Wallkill Valley Regional High School this month.

Cody R. Hamilton

Cole D. Hamilton

Both seniors at West Milford High School

WA NEWS

We would like to thank all our hard workers for their help at our rummage sale. It is a huge undertaking and we need all the help

we can get. GO RUMMAGE!

Hope to see you over the summer at Aunt Jenny's Attic.



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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
10am - Worship 6pm - Scouts	Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
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