
~FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE~

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Greetings,

Members, and friends of West Milford Presbyterian Church (WMPC). Already it is June. So much has happened in our country and around the world that it is hard to grasp it all. For most of us, much has also occurred in our personal lives also! Here in our church family, we have many incidents related to the Covid-19 virus. It forced us to think again about the way of our faith practices; the way of worship, the way of dealing with each other, and the way of conducting ministry around us, etc. It challenges us in so many different ways. Even for the remedies, we hear so many different voices. We feel we are lost in the middle of the desert. Yet, no matter where we are on this journey of life, we all need to face its realities: hardship, frustrations, and yes, even grief at times. Still, we must continue to accept life on life's terms! Thankfully, we are not alone, and we have not! God has been with us every step of the way. Carrying us when the going has gotten truly difficult. If you are not feeling God's presence in your life, please reach out to someone to talk with; reach out to me. I will open the Bible to find the will of God with you and pray with you.

We each need to put more time into our 'self-care' in time such as these. This includes our 'spiritual life', and our 'relationship' with our understanding of God. Whenever I prepare our Sunday worship, prayerfully, I think of each of you to make this Sunday worship available to you, live, and online. This needs to be our 'First Priority' for our needs as faithful members, friends, and for our visitors each week. Our relationship with our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer is crucial and needs to be our focus daily. It is only from this 'footing' that we shall have the 'intuitive' sense as to how to effectively "pass-on" our gift of faith to others.

We continue the need to return to our basic principles of faith, turning to our God in prayer, seeking direction and new hope for the future. Also, we continue to rely upon the teachings of Christ and the strength of the Holy Spirit – to give us 'new spirit' and 'new energy' to push forward with our journeys of faith – well into the future! May the Spirit of Christ and the Love of God sustain you each day.

I close with these words paraphrased from the Apostle Paul, 1 Thessalonians 1.2:

"I always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in my prayers."
Amen.

In His Grace,
Pastor Justin Choi

Joys & Concerns

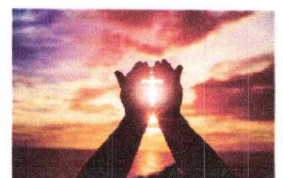
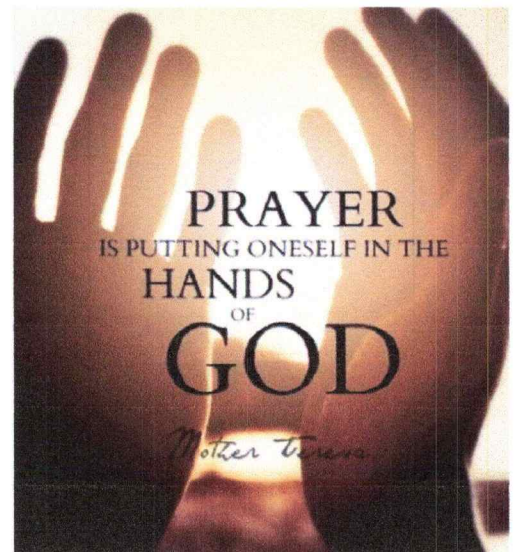
JOYS

Lisa Choi - A Joy to have her parents visit.
Joy to have Ian Smith & Phyllis Wilson back with us.
Happy Birthday Gene Tappan.
Braden Klein Fostering a puppy.
Joy for Linda Sibson filling in for Lee.
A BIG thank you to the Senior Saints for ALL they do.
Happy 21st anniversary to the Gibson's.
Happy 51st anniversary to the Sibson's.
Thank You to all who continue to donate to the community Food Pantry.
Thank you to the Choir.
Thank you to the Deacon's for the Mothers Day gift bags.
Sandy Smidt's Son and Grandchildren came for a visit.
Welcome back Lee from his vacation.
Congratulations to Chris Rodek for having an article in the newspaper.
Thank you to Marty Tappen for the very informative Lilac tour.
Betsy- Joy for the very interesting hike she had taken with Bonnie and Howie (offered through the church auction)
Beautiful carnations at church today. They sold out. Thank you Bonnie!
Chain Saw Carvings in front of Silvios Restaurant in Warwick May 28th- 30th Proceeds to go to WMPC Food Pantry (per Diane)

**5/29 Saturday- Garage clear out starts 10 AM
will be continued 5/30th after church**

Prayers

Lisa Burns who is home from the hospital and at her daughters .
Irene Kershaw's dad Ted had surgery.
Phyllis Wilson Home from the hospital
Prayers for Hans Harder, James Ester & Bob Gunderman.
Prayers for a Bazaar Vendor Diagnosed with Cancer
Prayers for Carol Stanhope that they will soon be able to move her Mother In-law up north.
Prayers for the Family of Joseph Ricca who passed away.
Rich Hepp- Concern for Teddy Kershaw recovering after surgery
Phyllis Wilson is having trouble getting her BP under control
doctors are trying to adjust her medications
Robin Klein- concern that Jen Stillman's sister died





SESSION'S REFLECTIONS

JUNE 2021

SUBMITTED BY BETSY ENGELHARDT, CLERK OF SESSION

At our May Session meeting, we had the pleasure of introducing Joe Martinoni to our Session. Joe has been chosen by The Presbytery of the Highlands as our liaison from the Committee on Ministry (COM). He will be helping the PNC through the processes ahead for them. Joe took the opportunity to advise Session what other support he can provide our church as a member of COM. I am confident he will prove a great resource for our church. We took the opportunity to thank Doug Weed for his service as an Elder and active member of this church. His final Session meeting was May 10th and he will see the confirmands through to Confirmation Sunday on June 13th as their teacher and mentor. His understanding of Robert's Rules, Book of Order, and Bylaws helped to keep Session meetings following the rule of law. His service on the worship committee was critical in planning special worship services and provided us the guidebook for reopening during the pandemic. His active presence in the choir will be missed. Pastor Choi reported that there will be a chain saw auction taking place in Warwick, with the proceeds being donated to our church. We will also be welcoming several families on June 27th as they join us in our sanctuary for the Baptism of their children. Christian Ed has a busy schedule in the month ahead. We will look forward to thanking our church school director and staff for their committed service during Church School Sunday on June 6th. Finance Committee reported the audit of their records has been successfully completed and all is in order. Property Committee reported the siding of the Parish and Scout houses will begin in July after the rummage sale. AA has plans to return to meeting in Fellowship Hall in the near future. Farmers Market opens on June 2nd.

WA Notes



Things are very busy at our church. We are working on sorting clothes in the Parish House setting up for the Rummage sale.

We have to thank Rich Hepp, Lenny Macheska, and the Senior Saints for painting the smaller room in the Parish House. It now looks so fresh and clean.

Memorial Day weekend we will be emptying the garages and setting up the rest of the buildings for our sale. Remember many hands make the work go faster.

Looking forward to a fantastic sale!

After our sale work will begin on siding the Scout House and Parish House. We will also be setting up the thrift shop. All good things are coming and all are welcome to join us..

Blessings, Pam and Linda

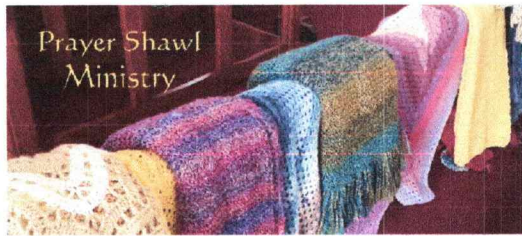


Deacons Doings- June

Somehow June has gotten a false reputation as a month when things start to wind down. As warm temperatures settle in and school kids get antsy for the school year to be over, as anticipation for outside adventures set us to planning, the church community is busier than ever, gearing up for a busy month. Confirmation of our young people gives the Deacons a part in letting them know how proud we are of their spiritual growth and their desire to strengthen their relationship to God. We provide gifts to help them remember this day when they declare their faith in Christ as well as cake, etc. Father's Day is on June 20th and the Deacons will celebrate our men who love and encourage children whether in their family or from other families. The end of June brings three joyous Baptisms. The Deacons provide a rose to each family as a remembrance and a beautiful wooden cross as our way of recognizing their identification with Jesus Christ. The Rummage Sale on the 25th, 26th, 27th of June will find the Deacons thinking of ways to feed our workers and visitors. This will be our first chance to add a little money to our coffers(General Account) since the Pandemic started and all our fundraising was canceled. So, forget the idea of "winding down" in June. Instead it's a busy month filled with religious significance, fellowship and a chance to honor those who make our lives better. Bonnie

PS. There will still be food pantry during our Rummage sale set up. Please be sensitive as I know you will, to those who hope for privacy as they come to get their food. Thanks.





The Prayer Shawl

Over the centuries, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace, and spiritual sustenance. Since the inception of the Prayer Shawl Ministry in 1998 by Janet Severi Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut, the members of this organization have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls, filled with the power of prayer, for those in need.

The blessing of the Prayer Shawl provides healing and comfort to the sick, the lonely and the elderly, or shares in the accomplishment of the graduate, newlywed, and newborn. Like all acts of generosity, the presentation of a Prayer Shawl enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

The shawl is one more physical aid to praying – like prayer beads and candles, like pinwheels and sandboxes. The meaning is this: someone prays while making a shawl, sewing, knitting, or crocheting. The shawl is given to someone who needs to be reminded of God's blessing along with the narrative of prayerful creation. The recipient then uses the shawl in the ways that are personally helpful.

If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please let the office, Pastor Choi, or a Deacon know. They have lovingly been made by Dorcas Circle and several other women of the congregation.



RECIPE ROUNDUP

QUICK-MARINATED CHERRY TOMATO SALAD

**With summer fast approaching this is an easy salad to serve.
Enough for 4 – 6 people**

Ingredients:

2 pints cherry tomatoes (using different colors makes the salad look so nice)

1 / 2 red onion, thinly sliced (can use a yellow onion)

1 / 4 cup olive oil

3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley (this is optional)

1 heaping tablespoon pesto (homemade is best but if not try and use the refrigerated kind)

1 / 4 teaspoon sugar

1 clove garlic, minced

Salt and pepper to taste.

Directions:

Halve the tomatoes and place in a large Ziplock bag. Add the sliced red onion. In a small bowl place, the oil, balsamic vinegar, parsley, pesto, sugar, garlic and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Mix well and pour over the tomato/onions. Seal the bag removing all of the air and place in the refrigerator for at least 3 – 4 hours before serving for flavors to develop.



THE HISTORY OF FLAG DAY

Flag Day is celebrated in America on June 14, commemorating the day the first flag resolution was passed.

On June 14, 1777, less than one year after Betsy Ross had received the order from General Washington to make the first flag, the Second Continental Congress passed a flag resolution stating:

Resolved, That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.

The first national observance of Flag Day was on June 14, 1877; 100 years after the flag resolution was adopted by the Continental Congress.

In the late 19th century, schoolteachers all over the United States began conducting patriotic ceremonies commemorating Flag Day as a way to teach children about history. One such schoolteacher, Bernard J. Cigrand, is often referred to as the "Father of Flag Day." He lobbied Congress for many years for Flag Day to be officially observed.

Other patriotic groups, including the Colonial Dames and the Sons of the American Revolution, also spent years trying to convince Congress to make Flag Day official. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation stating that June 14 shall be National Flag Day, and in 1949, it was made official by an Act of Congress.

On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House began publicly celebrating Flag Day, and has been celebrating Flag Day every year since 1911. Since 2008, the Betsy Ross House has revived the patriotic zeal of the earliest celebrations with Flag Fest – an all day, old-fashioned, family fun street fair with games, live entertainment, a patriotic pet contest, shopping and more, celebrated on the Saturday before Flag Day.



FATHER'S DAY

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2021 will occur on Sunday, June 20.

On July 5, 1908, a West [Virginia](#) church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, [Washington](#), woman named [Sonora](#) Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in [Washington, D.C.](#) In 1924, President [Calvin Coolidge](#) urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father's Day 2021 occurs on June 20.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

WHO: You

WHEN: Saturday, June 19, 11:00-12:30

WHERE: West Milford Presbyterian Church

WHAT: A VBS get-together

WHY: To honor Mr. Chuck- by playing VBS games, making a VBS craft, Singing VBS songs, and having a snack

HOW: We will be painting your handprints and putting on a park-bench in memory of Mr. Chuck

We so hope you can join us!

Please RSVP knenering@gmail.com

Or 973-534-9838

Thank-you!!

P.S. Maybe we will play Mr. Chuck's favorite game!!! Do you remember?????

Silvio's Villa

274 STATE ROUTE 94 SOUTH WARWICK NY

Chainsaw Carving Competition

May 28th, 29th & 30th



Artisans & Vendors
Sat & Sun 10am to 4pm



Food & Drinks

Live Carving Auction,
Sat 3:30 & Sun at 2:00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 10am - Deacons Meeting
Sunday School Sunday 10am - Worship 6pm - Scouts	7pm - Session	8	9 7pm - AA Meeting	10 9am - Sr. Saints	11	12
13 10am - Confirmation Sunday 10am - Worship/Conformation 6pm - Scouts	14	15 NEWSPLETTER DEADLINE	16 7pm - AA Meeting	17 9am - Sr. Saints	18	19 JUNETEENTH 11am - Memorial Dedication for
20 PRAYERS DAY 10am - Worship 6pm - Scouts	21	22	23 7pm - AA Meeting	24 9am - Sr. Saints	25 Rummage Sale	26 Rummage Sale
27 Rummage Sale 10am - Worship/Baptism 6pm - Scouts	28	29	30 7pm - AA Meeting	1	2	3