

From the Pastor's Desk...

March 5th is the first Sunday of Lent. This is a time of reflection on the life of Jesus, leading up to his death and resurrection. As we journey through lent, we will hear stories that break Jesus' heart, as we prepare to remember his passion, his life poured out for us.

Another piece of our Lenten journey is realizing how connected we are. During Lent we also partner with others in the Presbyterian Church and other denominations through One Great Hour of Sharing. The children already have their fish banks to collect their change and help those in need, just as a young boy shared his five barley loaves and two fish in the feeding of the 5,000. Our **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**, which we will take on April 9th (Palm Sunday) goes to help others in three areas:

- Emergency Disaster Assistance.
- Fighting Hunger and providing relief.
- Self-development of People—giving people skills and supports to become self-sufficient.

Be sure and check out the bulletin inserts and see how this money changes lives.



In our weekly Bible Study on Tuesday mornings, we will be looking at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Together, we will explore the scriptures, watch portions of a DVD by Adam Hamilton, and discuss how the last supper, garden of Gethsemane, condemnation and crucifixion of Jesus impact our lives. This study will end on April 19th as we celebrate Christ the victor over death. We meet each week at 10:30 a.m. in the church library. Consider giving Bible Study a try as we explore the 24 hours that changed the world.

May our hearts be broken by the things that break the heart of God.

Rev. Dr. Janet Macgregor-Williams

Holy Week Schedule
at West Milford Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday	April 9th 10:00am
Maundy Thursday	April 13th 7:30pm
Good Friday	April 14th 7:30pm
Prayer Stations	April 15th 10:00am - 2:00pm
Easter Sunday Breakfast	April 16th 8:30am
Easter Service	April 16th 10:00am

March 2017

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, March 5th:

10:00am Worship~New Members Join
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am WA Meeting

Sunday, March 12th: Daylight Savings

10:00am Worship ~ Girl Scout Sunday
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Deacons Meeting

Sunday, March 19th:

10:00am Worship
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 26th:

10:00am Worship
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour



Joys & Concerns

Concerns:

- * Carrie Smith's neighbor with leukemia may need a bone marrow transplant.
- * Judy Mazur's friend is going into hospice.
- * Mark Syvertsen's mom has cancer, in Montana.
- * Amy Weed's dad has basil cell skin cancer.
- * Amy Weed's step father is doing well after surgery for a kidney stone.
- * Jaycen Stillman's step father had surgery on Friday.
- * Sandy Smidt's cousin's husband had a stroke.
- * Young man named Brett De Bel who died this week.
- * Young people dealing with addiction.
- * Julia Held doing well after knee replacement surgery.
- * Prayers for all who are sick with the flu and other illnesses going around.
- * Leah Majka's friend, Kathy had four tumors removed and the doctors feel they got it all.
- * Maureen Lange's friend, Nancy, fell.
- * Tom Lipsis (former pastor at Echo Lake Baptist) wife died.
- * Sandy Smidt's client whose grandmother is in Milford Manor after a fall.
- * Baby Edward is having his second heart surgery on March 13.
- * Sandy Nepal had foot surgery.
- * Audrey Suter moving into a nursing home in Hackensack.

Joys:

- * Karen and her sister Robin (from Colorado) visiting for the first time, their mother's 91st birthday.
- * Janice Halvorsen's son Eric got a promotion and her son Jason graduated from college.
- * Jean Smidt has been in the hospital, but his home and doing better.
- * Erin Smidt's birthday.
- * Rachel Calabria graduated in Dec. and has a job!
- * Kathy Holley enjoyed a visit from her son in Oregon and his wife.
- * We give thanks for the Sr. Saints and all they do for the church.

We support each other with our prayers.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

With spring right around the corner would you please consider donating cleaning supplies to the Food Pantry.

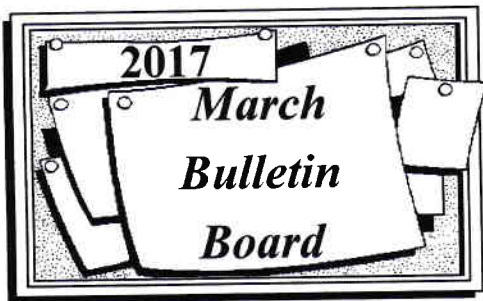
Some items we can use are....

Window Cleaner, Fantastik, Pledge, Tolyte Bowl cleaner, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent.

Any other items you can think of..... Thanks for your help!

Seniors -- Would you like a Visit?

With Sunday worship and a busy congregational life at WMPC, people occasional slip through the cracks and go missing. We may think you are simply on vacation or headed south for the winter until it's noticed that you are gone too long a period. If this is you, and you would like a visit please let the church office know 973-728-3081. Please do not assume we know you need or want a visit. Simply, give us a call or e-mail. We would be happy to respond immediately.



Happy St. Patty's Day

Session
March 13th ~7:30pm

Mark Your Calendars!
Annual Fish 'N Chips Dinner
Friday, March 31th
5:00-7:30pm
Tickets are now on sale during
Coffee Hour & at the Church
office
Take-out or eat in
Sponsored by Women's
Association

Deacons Meeting
March 12th ~ 11:15 am
in the Library



Girl Scout Sunday
March 12th

Dates to Note
Vacation Bible School
July 10th - 14th 2017
6:00 - 8:30pm

April
Newsletter
Deadline is
March 14th!



Food Pantry
March 4th
11am- 12:30pm

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING
OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 5TH,
2016 @ 11:15. THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO
ALL WOMEN OF WMPC, AND
WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION.
PLEASE COME AND GET INVOLVED.

Staff Meeting
March 13th
3:15pm

One Great Hour of Sharing
Offering will be collected on
Palm Sunday, April 9th

FAITH
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ACTION
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

COOKIE WALK
Thank you to Mary Macheska for
chairing WA Valentine cookie walk.
Many thanks also to all our bakers and
purchasers. \$283 raised, great job!



March's Deacons Doings

This past month we had our highly successful Chili cook off. It seems to get bigger every year. This year we had ten cooks and twelve baking entries. We made \$380.00 and had fun.

We also had Souper Sunday where our church did not predict the winner. Our food pantry did win with \$128 collected and lots of peanut butter and jelly thanks to the children.

We had also received a number of turkeys, we gave a lot away and were also able to share six of them with Holy Faiths food pantry. They were very happy to get them. We were very happy to get a refrigerator for our pantry thanks to Marc and Dawn Syvertsen.

At the end of February we will be honoring our wonderful, helpful, always there Senior Saints at coffee hour. Please join us to say thanks.

Soon it will be March and we will have more things to do. God bless, Linda



Financial Report YTD January 31, 2017

Assets:

Cash – Checking - \$23,654.72

Investments – Vanguard - \$21,906.01

Total assets - \$45,560.73

January activity - Gross income for the month was \$18,628, up from \$13,397 in January 2016. Part of the increase was attributed to a generous donation of \$5,000 from the Woman's Association. January 2016 reflected a similar one-time donation of \$3,162 which was earmarked for Snow Plowing. A secondary factor was that there were five (5) Sunday's in Jan 2017 vs four (4) in Jan 2016.

Expenses in January 2017 were \$14,758 resulting in Net Operating Income for the month of \$3,870. This amount is up from January 2016 when NOI was \$3,092.

Respectfully submitted by the Finance Committee

Fish and Chips Dinner Fundraiser

The Women's Association of West Milford Presbyterian Church is hosting its annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Friday, March 31st, 2017. Enjoy delicious, freshly made fish and chips from the famous "Tastefully British." Appetizing chicken finger meals are also available for the "landlubbers." In addition to the entree, the complete dinner includes homemade cole slaw, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Take-out dinner option begins at 5:00PM to 7:30PM and the eat-in portion of the dinner is from 5:30 PM to 7:30PM.

The ticket price is \$16.00 and \$15.00 for Senior Citizens. All tickets need to be pre-purchased by March 29th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets will be available for purchase during Sunday coffee hour starting Sunday Feb. 19th or through the church office.

Volunteers are needed for this annual fundraiser!



Please sign up to help us with, set up, serving, take-out and cleanup.

Desserts contributions "store bought" or "homemade" are also needed for the dinner. Favorites are pies, cakes, cheesecakes and brownies. Please sign up and drop desserts off by 3/30 or 3/31 (prior to dinner)

See Sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour or call Carol Stanhope (973-838-3531) or email (wstan@optonline.net)

Please join us! It's a great community event filled with fun & fellowship!

West Milford Presbyterian
Youth Group

Snow Tubing

Mount Peter
March 4, 2017

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Must be taller
than 42" or
with parent

\$25 per
person

2 Hours

Need Payment by Feb. 19
\$2 will be refunded if we get
enough people to get group
rate, but we are going even if
it just have 5. Please have
cash or check made to me.

ALL
ARE
WELCOME



Contact Mr. Enering for details cenering@optonline.net or 973-767-7933

West Milford Art Department
invites you to our 6th Annual

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BOWLS

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

5:00 TO 7:30 PM

MACOPIN CAFETERIA

TICKETS ARE \$15

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS
973-697-1701 EXT. 7232 CINDY.GALLAUGHER@WMTPS.ORG**

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10am - New Members Join 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Confirmands 11:15am - WA Meeting 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 7pm - Boy Scouts			7pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - AI-Anon	9am - Sr. Saints		10am - Snow Tubing @ 11am - Food Pantry
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Daylight Saving Time 10am - Girl Scout Sunday 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11am - Deacons Meeting 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 7pm - Boy Scouts	3:30pm - Staff Mtg. 7:30pm - Session	9am - New Comers 10:30am - Bible Study 7:30pm - Sr. Choir	7pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - AI-Anon	9am - Sr. Saints		12pm - Girl Scouts Cup
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