
~FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE~

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March 2018

From the Pastor's Desk...

The season of Lent began on Feb. 14, which is a fitting reminder that this is a time to reflect upon God's love for us. During Lent we are exploring the Lord's Prayer. We have already heard about:

- The Person of Prayer (Feb. 18)
- The Purpose of Prayer (Feb. 18)
- Provide (Feb. 25)

Be sure and come throughout March and hear about the other "P's" of prayer. If you missed a week, they are on line at wmpchurch.org. I hope you are also taking time to pray the Lord's Prayer each day and think about the meaning behind the words.

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 March 25th (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.



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	March 25 10:00am
Maundy Thursday	March 29 7:30pm
Good Friday	March 30 7:30pm
Prayer Stations	March 31 10:00am - 2:00pm
Easter Sunday Breakfast	April 1 st 8:30am
Easter Service	April 1 st 10:00am



March 2018 Worship Opportunities

Sunday, March 4th: Communion
10:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am WA Meeting
11:15am Choir Practice

Sunday, March 11th: Daylight Savings
10:00am Worship Girl Scout Sunday
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Cookie Walk
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice
11:15am New Member Class

Sunday, March 18th:
10:00am Worship/ Family Service
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice
11:15am New Member Class

Sunday, March 25th: Palm Sunday
10:00am Worship~ New Members Join
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice



Bible Study 2nd Peter

In March our Bible Study group is continuing to explore the book of 2Peter, join with us as we delve into Peters letter. It is a letter filled with hope as the early church is established. The group meets on Tuesday's, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Library.
There Will Be No Bible Study on March 17th or April 3rd

Joys & Concerns

We Pray for:

Those who have lost loved ones:

* Melisa Gray's friend Michelle Schinasi's mother Maureen died.

We Give Thanks For:

- * Amy Weed – thanks for the cards, prayers and support, she is healing well
- * The Floystad's 55 wedding anniversary.
- * Jenn Fleming is grateful that her cousin is doing well after breast cancer.
- * Thanks to our marvelous Boy Scout Troop for today and for all the help throughout the year.
- * Deacons are grateful for all of the support from the church and the community. The results of our Souper Bowl were: \$80 for the Eagles and \$33 for the Patriots. You all picked the winner.
- * Thanks for those who care for us when we need a helping hand.
- * Joy for Amy Weed being able to spend a fun night with her step father.

We Pray for individuals:

- * Patti Puccini's husband Bob had open heart surgery.
- * Mary Stevens cousin has started chemo.
- * Hank Van Kooy is home after being in the Hospital.
- * Amy Weed's sister, Wendy Greulich-Elmer had surgery on her knee
- * The Dykstra's friend in West Virginia's great granddaughter (2 months old) is very ill.
- * Ken Dykstra's medical problems were taken care of.
- * Fran Ehrhardt's cousin Jim has ALS
- * Brad Webb – recovering from the surgery on his eye
- * Amy Weed's brother, Gary is having neck issues.
- * Irene Ferris – God child, Oliver (age 4), broke his collar bone.
- * People of Parkland Florida.
- * Carol Smith's husband, Martin, was in the hospital with the flu. Now home, trouble breathing.
- * Mary Rose Schmidt at Lakeview Health Care Center.
- * Gail Bishop undergoing treatment for cancer.
- * Sophie Ferris has had a fever.
- * Pat Schwartz is at Care One in Hackensack...301 Union Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601

We support each other with our prayers.



Our Noisy Offering for February was \$173.14 to the West Milford Animal Shelter.

Since starting in September we have raised \$679.14 . That change sure adds up...

Keep Up The Good "Works"

2018
March
Bulletin
Board

Happy
St. Patty's Day

FISH AND CHIPS
DESSERT TABLE

Wow! What a selection! So tempting! These are the comments heard from the Fish and Chips diners when coming to select their desserts. Our homemade pies, cakes, layer cakes, cheesecakes, fruit crumbles, and fruit crisps, as well as store bought items, are a perfect ending after a delicious dinner. If you would like to contribute an item, it would be most welcomed, and will certainly be enjoyed. Cookies, brownies, and cupcakes are not as popular as the above-mentioned items. Drop off can be Thursday morning, 3/22 between 9:30 and 12:00 and Friday afternoon, 3/23 after 2:00. Please label your dish and if an item contains nuts. Questions? Contact Jan Halvorsen at 973-728-7369 or janlee702@gmail.com

Session
March 12th ~7:30pm



Girl Scout Sunday

Girl Scout Sunday
March 11th



Deacons Meeting
March 3rd ~ 12:30pm
in the Library

Dates to Note
Vacation Bible School
July 9th -13th 2018
6:00 - 8:30pm

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 4TH, 2018 @ 11:15. THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF WMPC, AND WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION. PLEASE COME AND GET INVOLVED.

April
Newsletter
Deadline
is March
14th!



Food Pantry
March 3rd
11am- 12:30pm



Staff Meeting
March 12th
3:15pm

One Great Hour of Sharing
Offering will be collected on
Palm Sunday, March 25th

FAITH
May
20th **IN**
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. \$380.00 raised, great job!



Church Leadership of West Milford Presbyterian Church

The committees are made up of elders and deacons, as well as interested members of the congregation. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees that do the programming work of the church, speak to the chair of that committee.

Christian Education: Oversees and supports the Christian Education Director and the teachers. They also oversee the youth programs. Kathi Ening, Ruth Allen, Sandy Smidt, Chuck Ening, Chris Rodek.

Congregational Life: Oversees Coffee Hour, makes sure we have the supplies needed, coordinates social events and meals like: Meager Meal, Easter Breakfast, Church Picnic, and Auction Lunch.

**Don Wright, **Diane Eriksen, Chuck Ening, Matt Smart, Carrie Smith, Jan Halvorsen

Finances: Oversees the church finances including budget, giving, and expenses. They work with the treasurer, who pays the bill. They also are responsible for working with the audit committee to make sure the books are audited. They communicate to the congregation how the finances of the church are doing.

**Rich Hepp, **Diane Eriksen, Amy Weed (Treasurer), Lisa Calabria, Mike Hashimoto

Audit committee: Carrie Smith, Don Wright.

Interpretation and Stewardship: Runs the annual Stewardship Campaign. They also run the annual Auction.

**Chuck Ening, Betsy Englehart (Auction point person), Paul Smith, Evan Worthing

Mission and Outreach: They are responsible for the mission of the church through programs like Faith in Action. They also reach out to our members and friends. Something new this year is that they are following up with families when we baptize a child. The Deacons also send a card to the child on the anniversary of their baptism. **Matt Smart, Carol Smith, Amy Weed, Lisa Calabria, Irene Ferris

Nominating: This committee has representatives from session and deacons as well as two at large members elected by the congregation. They work to fill vacancies on both session and deacons.

**Lisa Calabria, Carrie Smith

Personnel: Responsible for an annual review of the employed staff.

**Ruth Allen, Chuck Ening, Carol Smith

Property: Oversee the maintenance and repairs of the property (including the Scout House, Parish House, Church building, and the Manse) and the grounds.

**Don Wright, Rich Hepp, Matt Smart, Jaycen Stillman, Chuck Ening, Dough Weed, Carrie Smith

Worship: They work with the Pastor and Music Director to oversee the worship, thinking about the whole worship experience from the music to the visual that it may be an inspiring experience.

**Doug Weed, Carol Smith, Judy Spotto, Amy Weed, Fran Ehrhardt, Lee Tomboulion,
Janet Macgregor-Williams.

**Chair

Deacons Committees:

Moderator: Carrie Smith

Memorial Fund: Judy Spotto

Flowers: Bonnie Seufert

Recording Secretary: Sandy Smidt

Communion Set-up: Carrie Smith

Greeters: Tracy Stoft

Corresponding Secretary: Tracy Stoft

Food Pantry: Jan Halvorsen & Mary Stevens

Discretionary Fund: Jan Halvorsen & Mary Stevens

Women's Association Moderator: Pat Wright

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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 23, 2018. 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 coleslaw, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Take-out dinner option begins at 5:00PM to 7:30PM and seating for eat-in guests opens at 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 21st. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets will be available for purchase during Sunday coffee hour starting Sunday Feb. 18th 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. Please sign up and drop desserts off by 3/22 or 3/23 (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!

fish & chips!

FINANCE

WMPC Congregation; Here's a look inside some financials from January. I'll be sharing this information on a regular basis, to bring to attention the true financial state of our church. If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Rich Hepp, Finance Chair.

January Financial Facts	1/1/18 thru 1/31/18	
Total income	\$ 16,875	
Total expenses	\$ 16,800	
contributions (plate and envelopes)	\$ 13,183	
snow plow contribution	\$ 684	26.61%
snow plow expenses	\$ 2,570	
per capita contributions	\$ 2,268	31.50%
WMPC Per Capita responsibility	\$ 7,200	

Snow Plow expense for Dec, paid Jan		
12/9/2017	Snow removal and	\$ 1,495
12/14/2017	snow removal	\$ 375
12/30/2017	salted lot	\$ 350
12/31/2017	salted lot	\$ 350
		\$ 2,570

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir 11:30am - WA Meeting 4pm - Claddagh Pipe 6pm - Boy Scouts	5pm - WA Dinner	10:30am - Bible Study 7:30pm - Bible Study	7pm - AA Meeting 7:30pm - Al-Anon	9am - Sr. Saints 9am - Sr. Saints 3:45pm - Girls On The		11am - Food Pantry
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