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Dear West Milford Family,

Lent season has arrived! What is Lent? It is the traditional 40-day period of reflection from Ash Wednesday through Easter that commemorates Christ's own time of hardship and reflection in the desert. It might be tempting to skip Lent. Why? Doing so would deprive you of many opportunities to invite God to transform your life. If you, however, take advantage of those opportunities, you'll have deeper and richer reasons to celebrate when Easter arrives. Let me introduce you what are the activities that can enrich your spirit during Lent by Whitney Hopler, a well known Christian writer; Ask God to help you focus on the true reason for Easter, (after all, it wasn't the Easter bunny who rose from the dead). Pray for an increased awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life. Confess whatever thoughts or actions are hindering your intimacy with God, and ask Him to forgive you and send you the grace you need to live a better life.

Thank God for all the resources He has given you - time, money, energy, talents, skills, etc. Then think and pray about how you can best use those resources to serve God. Commit to start doing so more than you have in the past, and write a plan of some specific ways to get started.

Deny yourself something you enjoy to divert your attention to others and grow in maturity. Fast for one meal or one day, then donate the money you would have spent on the food to a food pantry or soup kitchen. Skip your favorite television show and use the time you would have spent watching it to pray or do a favor for someone in need. Forgive someone. The Holy Spirit will enable you to do so if you rely on God's power. Write the person a letter, call, e-mail, or visit in person to offer your forgiveness. Keep a daily journal to record current ways God is working in your life. Join some friends or family members to act out Bible passages that describe the events of Jesus' last week on earth. Then talk together about what those passages mean to you.

<u>Serve</u> your community. Choose one or several projects. Possibilities include helping elderly people with home repairs, reading books to children, and visiting people in your local hospital.

As we enter the season of Lent, I pray that you grow in your faith by adding a Lenten discipline. No matter what you do during this Lenten season, God will draw us closer to him, and prepare us for a fresh experience of Easter. May the peace of Christ be with You!

From the pastor's desk, Pastor Justin Choi



March 2020 Worship Opportunities

Sunday, March 1st: Communion

10:00am Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Coffee Hour

11:15am WA Meeting

11:15am Choir Practice

<u>Sunday, March 8th</u>: Daylight Savings

10:00am Worship Girl Scout Sunday

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Coffee Hour

11:15am Choir Practice

Sunday, March 15th:

10:00am Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Coffee Hour

11:15am Choir Practice

Sunday, March 22nd:

10:00am Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Coffee Hour

11:15am Choir Practice

Sunday, March 29th:

10:00am Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Coffee Hour

11:15am Choir Practice

Joys & Concerns

We Pray for:

Those who have lost loved ones:

* Linda Fredricksen- Dawn Syvertsen's brother in law died.

*Phyllis Van Hooker informed that Ann Gallmann has passed away.

* For the Enering family on the loss of Chuck.

We Give Thanks For:

*Amy Weed- Sister Wendy had a successful surgery.

* Jan Halvorsen- Pantry guest expressed being thankful for the pantry,

*Sandy Smidt-Joy over the marriage of her daughter

* Kathy Holley- Joy over the Scouts being here.

* Pam Mc Glashan lost her wallet in Shop-rite and it was returned intact.

*Two big containers of white carnations were on the alter for us all to share. Bob Sibson donated them for the joy of his church family during his bought with his foot surgery. Church family has sent cards, visited, called, been very supportive. He is very happy about his wonderful church family.

And, a joy for his wife who has put up with him.

*Pam McGlashen: Joy that Janet Donus is home now and recovering from back surgery.

*Carol Wosyluk: Son-in-law Frank has had his last treatment. Feeling better.

*Joy for Helen Maier's Birthday

*Doug Weed: Famous pigeon is recovering from beak surgery

*Justin: Thanks for the amazing choir!

*Community Dinner February 29th.

* Linda Fredricksen- lesson learned during her road trip to Tenn. was she can pump her own gas.

* Kathy Holley- sister had been sick so she and her brother went to visit her in N.C. and joyful that by the time they left she was feeling better.

* Linda Sibson- sister Marilyn is visiting.

* Betsy Engelhardt-joy for the involvement and phenomenal help Chuck gave to not only to this church but also to organizations in town such as to the Lions and the Boy Scouts.

We Pray for individuals:

*Sandy Smidt - Erin Smidt's husband might lose his job because they haven't gone back to China yet due to the virus epidemic

* Jan Halvorsen's sister will have surgery tomorrow.

* Will Cytowicz- prayers for Chuck

* Carol Smith Prayers for the family of one of Becky's former students whose brother has started having seizures.

* Hans is out of the hospital and now in Care One for rehab.

* Amy Weed's Parrot broke the tip of its beak

*Mary Macheska's niece's stepfather is in hospice, her brother Ed is undergoing radiation treatment

*Justin: Prayers to give Kathy strength to deal with this

*Sandy Smidt- Prayers for the people in China suffering from the Coronavirus.

* Rev Choi-concern for their family in South Korea.

* Kathy Holley-Phyllis home with leg problems.

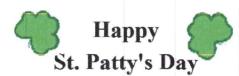
* Linda Sibson- Bob home with dizziness issues.







2020 March Bulletin Board



Session March 9th ~7:00pm

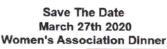
Deacons Meeting TBA



Girl Scout Sunday March 8th



March 7th 12:00pm Memorial Service for Chuck Enering.







April Newsletter Deadline is March 14th!



or janlee702@gmail.com



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 1st, 2020 @ 11:15. THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF WMPC, AND WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION. PLEASE COME AND GET INVOLVED.

Please make
sure the office has
your e-mail and
phone number.
It's very
important so we can
get in touch if we
need to. Thanks



One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 5th

COOKIE WALK

Thank you to Mary Macheska for chairing WA Valentine cookie walk. Many thanks also to all our bakers and purchasers. \$448.00 raised, great job!



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, 3/12 between 9:30 and 12:00 and Friday afternoon, 3/13 after 2:00. Please label your dish and if an item contains nuts. Questions? Contact Jan Halvorsen at 973-728-7369



Deacons Doings- March 2020

In February we made a bet that the Chiefs would win the Super Bowl by dropping more of our coins in their bucket and....they did! The food pantry won also as the money was used to restock the shelves. A group of teachers in the West Milford High School felt their students would do well with a service project that involved collecting food for three local pantries. Their endeavor was called "Stuff the Bus" and that is exactly what they did. Food was collected by the students, packed in boxes, loaded into a school bus and on February 14th, Valentine's Day, was driven and delivered to three churches, ours included. On February 16th chocolate "kisses" were handed out to everyone at church to say "thank you" for all you do for our church and community. By the time you read this we will already have hosted the Community Dinner on February 29th. More will be written in the next newsletter about how it all played out but at this point we are so thankful for your help in putting this together. If Alice Rollins is correct when she writes that "God's best gift to us is not things, but opportunities", we hope that many more opportunities arise in the months ahead and that we are smart enough to seize them. We are all saddened that Chuck Enering is no longer here with us. God has called him home. Chuck, along with his wife Kathi have given an enormous amount of time and talent to Deacons. They ran the food pantry while Kathi was moderator, started many programs and Chuck distributed a lot of food to those in need. Chuck made a difference in the lives of others and his contributions will be remembered as long as there is memory. This month we look forward to a new season and are excited by the new challenges that will certainly arise. With our faith to guide us and the help of this wonderful congregation, all things are possible. Bonnie



PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Looking for a slate of candidates to serve on the pastoral nominating committee.

A list of candidates will be presented at the March 9th Session Meeting for approval.

If you have an interest in helping to shape the future of our Church and want to help

in the process of choosing who will lead us, this committee is calling you!

PROCESS:

- Slate of candidates approved by Session in March
- Candidates elected in a congregational meeting in April
- Meetings will begin in May and will probably proceed throughout the summer
- Training will be supplied by the Committee on Ministry from our Presbytery
- Committee completes the Ministry Information Form (MIF) Session approves MIF in May or June
- Presbytery approves MIF
- Potential candidate resumes will begin to arrive June/July
- Eventually visit potential candidates at outside church locations

Mission Study Committee has worked hard to create a report that will aid Presbytery and any potential candidate in understanding who we are, who God calling us to be, and where God is calling us to go.

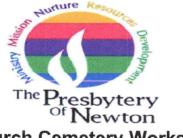
PLEASE CONTACT MATT SMART IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEFORE MARCH 9TH.

E-MAIL: msmart@salomone.com

LISTENING ENHANCEMENT DEVISES

Both Deacons and Elders have made it a priority to provide a solution to members of our congregation who may have hearing impairments. We have been researching options, reaching out to other churches that have systems in place, and reviewing what may best meet our needs. Although there is more to learn in this process, we are favoring a system that will integrate with hearing aids. To help in the research, it would be helpful to survey what name and type of hearing aids are currently in use by our congregation. If you are having difficulty hearing during Sunday services and would like to see this project move forward, please contact any Elder, Deacon, or specifically George Stoft who is coordinating the research effort with any details that will help us choose the best solution for our church.

George Stoft E-Mail: georgestoft@gmail.com



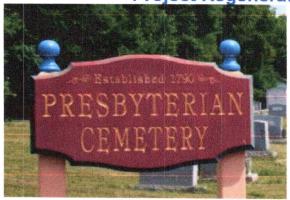
CALLING HISTORY BUFFS FROM OUR CONGREGATION WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN SEEING OUR CEMETERY PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. SOME THOUGHT HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO EXPANDING OUR CEMETERY FOR NEW PLOTS ON THE MANSE PROPERTY. LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ATTEND AND REPORT BACK TO SESSION. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY CONTACTING NEWTON PRESBYTERY (DETAILS BELOW)-SPACE IS LIMITED

Church Cemetery Workshop

March 18 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm

March 18—First Presbyterian of New Vernon, 2 Lee's Hill Road, New Vernon, NJ

Presenter: Paul Grier, Vice President, Project Regeneration, Presbyterian Foundation



Long ago when the church was the center of the community so was the church cemetery. Today many of our congregations have old historic active cemeteries that need lawncare, landscaping, monument and structure maintenance.

Got Questions? Information Confusing?

What do we do about our cemeteries moving into the future? What is required by New Jersey State Law? What are the rules and laws about cemetery funds and bequests? Should there be a cemetery association or a congregational committee? What should be our policy? Can we change our outdated policy?

Come to one of the Cemetery Workshops to find answers to your questions.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARCH 18 – New Vernon Workshop call 973-361-0084 or email office@newtonpresbytery.org

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Friday March 13, 2020

West Milford Presbyterian Church

Enjoy delicious Fish or Chicken prepared by "Tastefully British" plus homade coleslaw, roll, beverage and dessert!

\$17 {\$16 for Seniors}

5:00-7:30pm for Take-Out 5:30-7:30pm for Eat-In

Tickets must be Pre-Purchased by March 11th Call: 973-728-3081 (Mon. & Wed. 9:30-3:30, Thurs. 9:30-12:30)

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