
~FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE~

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Distance doesn't matter!

I have heard some of your concerns, saying "We don't want you to travel a lot, it takes to hike for you to come up here."

I would say, "Distance doesn't matter if our hearts loyal to Christ who is our Lord and Savior."

When Israel people celebrate their worship through Passover, the distance doesn't matter."

2 Chronicles 30:5 says during Hezekiah's Passover

"They decided to send a proclamation throughout Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, calling the people to come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel. It had not been celebrated in large numbers according to what was written."

The expression of "from Beersheba to Dan" caught on my attention. They gather together from the South to the North to celebrate the Passover.

From West Milford to Fort Lee I want to do that too. From the West to the East we celebrate together what the merciful God is doing through us. For His glory, distance doesn't matter! We are loyal to our hearts to Christ who "fill in the valleys and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places." (Isaiah 40:4)

Now we have a great occasion to shine who do we loyal to, Faith and Action is the annual Community outreach program on Sunday, May 19th. We will be partnering with other eight churches in our area. Together we can make a difference! We will be serving through these various projects; all designed to directly touch lives and reflect Christ's love to others within our community.

Here is the schedule:

10:00 - 10:30 Come for a short service of worship at West Milford Presbyterian Church

11:00 -3:00 Go out and do service in the community
Sign-up sheet is in the fellowship room or
go to Website <https://faithhighlands.ivolunteer.com/#1>

3:00 pm Come to the celebration service at Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church
342 Oak Ridge Rd.
Oak Ridge, NJ

Let's shine the light of Christ into this world!

Justin Choi



May 2019
Worship Opportunities

Sunday, May 5th: Confirmation

10:00am Worship
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice
11:00am WA Meeting

Sunday, May 12th: Mother's Day

10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice

Sunday, May 19th: Faith In Action

10:00am Worship
11:15am Choir Practice

Sunday, May 26th:

10:00am Worship
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice

Joys & Concerns

We Pray for:

Those who have lost loved ones:

- * The Smith family on the loss of their Husband and Father Martin who passed away.
- * Irene Ferris-- Colleague, Christine passed away.
- * Dana Worthing's mother passed away
- * Rev. Choi: Gretchen Polito funeral was on Monday. Rev. Janet was there to lead the service.

We Give Thanks For:

- * Carol Stanhope--- thanks to all the Fish & Chip Helpers. Sold 263 Tickets
- * Judy Spotto-- Joy for the musicians on Music Sunday.
- * Carol Smith-- Joy that her niece is visiting.
- * Mary Macheska-- -- Joy niece had a baby
-- Joy 2 other nieces bought new homes.
- * Amy Weed -- Her Sisters Birthday.
- * Phyllis Wilson-- Joy for Friend, Marty Tappen, who is taking Phyllis to see her Sister.
- * Bobbie Delsol-- Thanks to all who helped at the Health Fair.
- * Bob Gunderman-- Joy that his Son was visiting him.
- * Linda Sibson--- glad to be in church and on her way to full recovery.
- * Smith Family-- Thanks for all the prayers and concerns.
- * Judy Spotto: Thanks to the Senior Saints for all they do.
- * Rev. Choi: Thanks to Linda Sibson for playing the piano today.
- * Jen Fleming: Friend Stephanie diagnosed with cancer months ago, but now is cancer free
- * Dale Souies: Thankful for WMPC, joy to be back.

We Pray for individuals:

- * Amy Weed--- Friend, Danielle may be diagnosed with Hodgens Lymphoma waiting on test results.
- * Chris Rodek-- Helped a friend celebrate a 75th birthday-- Great Joy
- * Amy Weed -- Joy friends Chris & Eve had a Baby boy.
- * Julia Held-- Going to Siberia Prayers for safe travels.
- * Ken Dykstra-- Sister-in-law showing signs of improvements.
- * Mary Macheska-- Prayers for brother-in-law's mother (95) on hospice.
- * Pat May Kienhofer-- Brother, Billy has stage 4 Colon Cancer.
- * Audrey VanKooy-- Gretchen Polito very weak is on hospice.
But a Joy that they could visit & Comfort her.
- * Amy Weed-- Client's family son Dylan age 19 has a heart condition and needs a paccemaker and defibrillator now.
- * Carol Stanhope: Prayers for in-laws in Florida who are struggling with memory loss and issues associated with getting old.

Please let the office know if you have any Joys or Concerns that you would like your church family to be praying for.

We Support each other with Prayer



**2019
May
Bulletin
Board**



**Happy
Mother's Day**



May 12th

**Deacon's Meeting
May 4th 2019
12:30pm**

**Session
May 13th ~7:30pm**

**Confirmation
May 5th 2019**

**WA Meeting
May 5th ~ 11:3am**

Pentecost



June 9th 2019

**Please Wear RED as we
prepare for
Pentecost.**



*Faith In
Action*

**Food Pantry
May 4th 11am-
12:30pm**

Levite Sunday

Thank you!
The grounds & building
look great!!!



**Rummage
Sale Dates
June 21st, 22nd & 23rd
Mark Your Calendar**

**NEWS LETTER
DEADLINE
May 14th**



Per Capita--

If you have not already paid your per capita, please do.
For this year it is \$46 per member. This goes to support
the presbytery, synod and general assembly and helps
us stay connected to the larger church.

The Office
will be closed on
Monday May 27th.
Have a Happy & Safe
Memorial Day Weekend!

Faith in Action

faith
in ACTION
BE THE CHURCH



Some make a difference.

**Don't Just GO
to Church!
BE the Church!**

Want to be a part of something BIG?

Fourth Annual Community
Faith in Action Sunday
May 19, 2019

All project sign-ups will be done online this year! Make sure you sign up for one of the open service projects by going to www.faithinactionofthehighlands.weebly.com
You may also buy a Faith in Action T-shirt on Sundays in May at your church.

Faith in Action Sunday, May 19th

- ✓ Meet at 9:00am, at each church for a brief time of prayer, worship and encouragement
- ✓ 9:30 released to get into project teams
- ✓ Participate in pre-planned service projects
- ✓ Serve and bless the community
- ✓ A fun celebration and dinner at 3:00 pm at Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church

Sign up today for a service project!

Don't miss out! Get Involved!

For more information: contact Glenn Gross at 973-728-4432 or any one of the Church offices listed to the right



Project Categories

Go to:

www.faithinactionofthehighlands.weebly.com

Below are some of the project category

Project categories:

- Family-Oriented and Non-Physically Demanding Projects
- Ministry at Senior Homes
- Local Community Projects (Physical)
- Animal-Oriented Projects
- People Interactive Projects
- Food Collection Projects
- Yard Work Projects (Physical)

Faith in Action is an opportunity for all of us to share our faith through serving others in our community. It gives us the chance to do something that is bigger than ourselves.

Six Churches are working together to touch our communities:

Almond Branch Church & Resource Center
Echo Lake Baptist
West Milford Presbyterian
Holy Faith Lutheran
Oak Ridge Presbyterian
St. Joseph's RC Church



West Milford Presbyterian Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 8th thru 12th, 2019

6:00 - 8:30 pm



Call Kathi at 973-534-9838 or Church Office at 973-728-3081



TACKLE HUNGER

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2019 RESULTS REVEALED! THANK YOU! Hunger-relief Charities Score Big Across the Country \$9.6 Million Collected through Souper Bowl of Caring Report at TackleHunger.org or 800.358.SOUP (7687) April 1, 2019 (Houston, TX) - The annual Souper Bowl of Caring campaign has generated over \$9.6 million in cash and food items for hunger-relief charities across the country with reports still coming in. Each year thousands of youth groups, churches, schools, local businesses and groceries stores, with support from NFL teams, participate by giving and serving in their local communities in the weeks and days leading up to the big game. 100% of each collection is donated directly to each group's charity of choice. The timing of the campaign comes at a time when food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries have experienced a decrease in food and funding after the busy holiday season. "Souper Bowl of Caring is one of our biggest community food drives," said Brian Greene, President and CEO of the Houston Food Bank, "and one of the most touching because it is powered in large part by young people working together to tackle hunger." In 1990, a simple prayer, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" launched a national youth-led, grass-roots movement. Souper Bowl of Caring will celebrate its 30th anniversary in conjunction with Super Bowl LIV in 2020. "It is a sacred gift to have watched the Souper Bowl of Caring grow from a line of a prayer and a single church youth group, to a movement that has generated \$150 million for soup kitchens and food banks across America," said 4/3/2019 Gmail - Souper Bowl of Caring 2019 Results Revealed! Thank YOU!

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=0bf4f6bf10&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A16296572058581806&siml=msg-f%3A162965720585...> 2/2 Brad Smith, founder of Super Bowl of Caring. "We are grateful to God, and to the wonderful team of congregations, businesses and schools that continue to put the words of that prayer into action by mobilizing ordinary people to do extraordinary good." Participating groups are encouraged to report their 2019 collection at TackleHunger.org or by calling 800-358-SOUP (7687) to count towards the national goal of \$10 million in cash and food donations. Registration is now open for the 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring campaign, in which participants receive complimentary resources and communications to help guide and execute their collection. 100% of all donations go directly to each group's designated charity of choice. About Souper Bowl of Caring Souper Bowl of Caring is a national youth-led movement of schools, congregations, community organizations and compassionate individuals joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities, transforming the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Since the program began in 1990, more than \$150 million in dollars and food items have been collected through Souper Bowl of Caring across the United States with 100% of all donations going directly to community food banks, soup kitchens or other charities chosen by each group. For more information visit TackleHunger.org or connect with Souper Bowl of Caring on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube

