
~ *FOR* *HEAVEN'S* *SAKE* ~

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As a new pastor of the West Milford Presbyterian Church, I know I'm here because of the principle of stewardship. West Milford Presbyterian Church enables me to do the ministry which God calls me to do, minister to other people, and officiate funerals and weddings. When I meet non-WMPC people, I gladly introduce myself as the pastor of the West Milford Presbyterian Church. In fact, it was a big surprise when Jun and Yujin came to our worship last Sunday. They are the lovely couple in which I officiated their wedding a few weeks ago. You don't have to be big to make a big splash for the Kingdom; you just have to be willing to help someone the way God helped you.

When I invited a neighbor to the church he said, "I don't need a church." I replied, "Maybe someone needs you!"

In the same way, I have no doubt that there is someone who desperately needs your help to learn what God has taught you.

So, where do you start stewardship? My first step in helping other people begin with recognizing that I needed help. I needed to learn. Pride stops us from being utilized greatly by God. When I confessed my need and became open to God, God opened a whole new world of growth and understanding to me. The barriers to helping other peoples are not "out there" but inside our hearts.

I love the story of a donor from Food Pantry, who told me that Hurricane Sandy wiped out this town, and our church stepped in and opened up our church doors to the neighborhood. They still remember your hospitalities and stewardship, which enabled them to pay attention to the needs of other people in our town. Our church made the call when it was needed the most, no excuses, no waiting for perfect conditions — we did what we could with what we had. We became a model of Christ's love. There is no limit to God's power and blessings on our church, especially with your stewardship! God loves you and God bless you!

November 2019 Worship Opportunities

Sunday, Nov 3rd: Communion

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

Sunday, Nov. 10th:

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

Sunday, Nov 17th :

10:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Coffee Hour
11:15am Choir Practice
1:00pm Auction Lunch
2:00pm Auction

Sunday, Nov 24th:

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:

- * Amy Weed- Friend Annie's husband passed away
- * A close friend of Ruth Allen's, Kerry Goceljak, passed away last Friday. Please pray for her family.

We Give Thanks For:

- * Lee Tomboulion- Wife & Stepdaughter are feeling better.
 - * Joy to have Jack DeLat solo during the offertory today. Great Job.
 - * Bonnie Seufert- Carolyn Bridge, a former member of the Church, was married this past Saturday
 - * Leah Majks- Joy to have her younger son and girlfriend moved out of her house.
 - * Cathy Schopp: Joy her son Lee and his wife expecting another child.
 - * Carol Smith and her daughter, Becky, will be participating in the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" walk. Carol asks us all to support the cause.
 - * Don Wright announced that this was Pastor Appreciation Day and thanked Rev. Choi.
 - * Kathy Holley's son was here for 36 hours last weekend. It was a joy to see him!
 - * Phyllis Wilson's heart procedure was a success.
 - * Clare Gray - Happy that her mother was able to attend the tea. She had a wonderful time.
 - * Cathy Schopp - Thanks all who helped to make the tea a success.
 - * Linda Fredricksen - Thanks to everyone for their well wishes and the flowers.
 - * Bonnie - A joy for the pastor at the funeral service of Howie's uncle. The pastor was able to make a very sad day into one that was bearable by his wonderful words and actions.
 - * Thanks to all of the "cooks" for making the Consecration Breakfast an extremely tasty event.
 - * Former member Mary Steven's daughter was married on October 19th in Louisiana
 - * Our own church secretary's daughter was married on October 19th in Pequannock.
 - * Matt Smart: Announced that Rev. Choi has signed a contract to stay with us another year.
 - * Rev. Choi: Welcomed a newly married couple, Jun Le and Yujin Chun.
 - * Melanie Gibsen: A joy that she used her last year's auction win and enjoyed lunch with her mom at Vreeland's.
- Thanks to Audrey Van Kooy for the lovely job she did as she sang during the offering.



We Pray for individuals:

- * Helen Maier - Prayers for a neighbor Jim who had a very serious bicycle accident.
- * Chris Rodak-Mother-in-law out of the hospital continued prayers.
- * Kathy- Continued prayers for Liam & Paul
- **Claire Gray - She and her children recently moved to a new house. Trying to sell their old house.
- * Irene Ferns- Uncle Frank had a kidney transplant and is doing well.
- * Dave Caffrey, also a former member of our church is home after being in the hospital, with hospice care.
- * Leah Majka Concern for her husband taking care of his mother.
- * Amy Weed's friend, Kelli, is awaiting biopsy results to see if breast cancer returned.]
- * Julia Held -Her mechanic, Pat has a pituitary gland problem. Prayers for him.
- * Mary Mocheska - prayers for several people whose animals had to be put down.
prayers for her brother who will be undergoing surgery for tongue cancer
- * Prayers for Bonnie Earl who is not feeling well
- * Amy Weed: Prayers for the daughters of the man who died this past week in a car crash on Rte. 23
- * Marty Tappan: Prayers for a friend, Linda Bayer, who has health problems.
- * Sandy Smidt: Joy to spend time with her grandson in Buffalo last weekend. Prayers for him as he will be undergoing minor surgery on Wednesday and will stay overnight in Children's Hospital.

We support each other with our prayers.

The Bulletin Board

November 2019

Session
November
11th
7:30pm

Special Congregational
Meeting
December 2nd, 2018
For election of Officers



Next Deacons
Meeting is
November 2nd at
12:30pm



ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION

Mark your calendar for this fun event that not only provides a delicious luncheon, great items for sale, and lots of laughs, but also proves a major fund raiser for the yearly church budget .Sunday, November 17th

PLACE: FELLOWSHIP HALL
Luncheon: 1:00 PM (\$8.00PP) / Auction: 2:00 PM (Free)



Sweet Stop
The girls of the Sweet Stop at the Christmas Bazaar December 7th would be thrilled if you could help us bake for the event. Cookies, pies, cakes, candy, sweet breads, cupcakes, muffins, etc. are all great choices and are sure to sell quickly. Please let Bonnie know what you're bringing so we don't have too much duplication. You can drop off your item/s on the morning of the Bazaar as early as 9AM or when you come to shop.

December
Newsletter Deadline
is **November 14th**



SAVE THE
DATE...CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7th
10am-4pm



2020 Pledges are Due. If you have not filled out your pledge card for 2020, please take a moment to do so. You can put it in the Sunday collection plate or drop it in the mail. We appreciate you taken your time considering how you can help your Church.



PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE

A special thank you to everyone who participated in the Congregational Vitality Survey distributed in October. This was the first step in a very lengthy process of searching for a permanent pastor. These surveys were mailed back to Presbytery for processing. They will scan all the forms and provide us a very detailed report about the results. It will be mid-November or early December before we receive these reports back. We are hopeful the results will help us more clearly understand who we are as a church now and what we would like to become in our future. With these results in hand, a committee will work hard to create a Mission Study that will help us define the leadership we will need from a new pastor. The completed Mission Study - which will take considerable time to prepare - must be sent on to Presbytery for their review and approval. It would be our hope that mid to late Spring we will actually be able to put a Pastoral Nominating Committee together to begin the Pastoral Search. We ask for your much needed patience and prayers during this important and lengthy process.

Deacons Doings

ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

We have noticed an increase in the need for basic food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies from the Pantry which goes along with an increase in the number of families needing assistance. This has led to shelves that look barren and many requests unmet. The Deacons are ASKING FOR YOUR HELP to boost our ability to meet the needs by bringing items in short supply on Sundays and putting them in the green bin in Fellowship Hall. A Deacon will be there with suggestions as to items we've run out of. That being said, all donations are accepted and we're thankful for anything given. Please talk to Jan or Carol Stanhope if you have any questions.

The first face parishioners see when they enter church is many times the Greeter. A friendly smile, a quick hand shake, a warm "good morning" tells the person how happy we are to have them in church that day. The Deacons are ASKING FOR YOUR HELP by volunteering to be that greeter on a Sunday morning. We encourage singles, friends, families and children to do this. A chair can be provided if standing for a period of time is hard. Be the welcome that puts a positive spin on somebody's day. Contact Carol Stanhope if you'd enjoy signing up for one Sunday or many.

We don't want to rush you through life but.....the Christmas Bazaar is rapidly approaching! December 7th to be exact and the Deacons are ASKING FOR YOUR HELP at the Deacon's Cafe. Won't you please consider working in the kitchen to help plate our food for the lunchtime crowd. We promise Gordon Ramsey won't be there to yell. We're a friendly bunch that would love to work alongside you.

Bonnie



2019 ANNUAL

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PLACE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

LUNCH: 1:00 PM—Cost \$8.00PP

AUCTION: 2:00 PM - FREE



AUCTION

Mark your calendar for this fun event that not only provides a delicious luncheon, great items for sale, and lots of laughs, but also proves a major fund raiser for the yearly church budget. Get an early start on your Christmas list, treat yourself to a special gift, or just have fun out bidding your neighbors! Each year we find bigger and better gift baskets, creative services for hire, practical and frivolous items for sale, gift certificates to area merchants, wine wine wine, and many handcrafted donations. **Looking for donations - please forward all auction items to the church office by Sunday, November 10th.** Please be sure to tape the contributors name and estimated retail value to every donation so it can be properly cataloged. If you can't attend, an absentee bidding form can be completed for use during the auction – come see the fabulous selections on Sunday morning, Nov 17th. Looking forward to great attendance – invite your friends, family and neighbors – they will enjoy the event! Any questions, contact church office at wmpchurch@gmail.com or auction chairperson Betsy Engelhardt at rabeng@optonline.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 11:25am - WA Meeting 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	28 6:30pm - Girls On The Run	29 5:30pm - Girls On The Run 7pm - AA Meeting	30 9am - Sr. Saints	31 10am - Food Pantry 12:30pm - Deacons	1 10am - Turkey Distributing	2
3 <i>Overnight Service Time needs</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts	11 <i>Volunteer Day</i> 5:30pm - Girls On The Run 7:30pm - Session	12 10am - New Corners	13 5:30pm - Girls On The Run 7pm - AA Meeting	14 9am - Sr. Saints	15 5:30pm - Girls On The Run	16
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