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*~FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE~*

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In the past two weeks we have had our eyes open to two pastor's sermons which were very eye opening.

Sal opened our eyes to hope and where we beginning to look for the hope of the future. We will be beginning with our own congregation to work together.

And Paul who gave us a sermon on being Thankful. Thank you for the little things, thank you to the people around us, Thank you for the things we take for granted.

We have the hope around us through Presbytery, Session, Deacons, and our search committee to look for our future pastor all working together.

Through all of these aspects we will be moving forward throughout the upcoming holiday season.

Leah Majka

Clerk of Session



Remember

NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

## November 2018 Worship Opportunities

### Sunday, Nov 4th:

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

### Sunday, Nov.11th: Communion

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

### Sunday, Nov 18th :

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

### Sunday, Nov 25th:

- 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 Tara's son Hunter passed away.
- \* Bonnie Seufert's Daughter's Father In Law passed away.



### We Give Thanks For:

- \* Chris Rodak— Joy for coaches that share their time and Girl Scout Mom's
- \* Marty Tappan— Wonderful program from 3 On George
- \* Carol Smith— Thanks to all who help make Rev. Janet's Retirement dinner Such a joy.
- \* Thanks to all who help with the music service on Music Sunday's.
- \* Helen Maier—Thanks to Erin Smidt for her tape and music @ Rev. Janet's dinner
- \* Sai 5 years in ministry
- \* Thanks to all for donation to the food pantry.
- \* Amy Weed— Thanks for those who cooked for the breakfast.
- \*Carol Wosluk — Thanks for prayers Her Son in law's Frank cancer is 95% gone.
- \* Jen Fleming — friend had a serious accident with a motorcycle. Thanks for the angel locking over him.
- \* Judy Spotto - Chuck was back in church.
- \* Doug Weed - Thanks to all who set up service today. Thanks to Irene Ferris for setting up Pulpit Supply throughout December.
- \* Carrie Smith - Thanks for all who supported the Breast Cancer Walk last week.
- \* Kathy Holley- Thanks to the church leaders who are working hard to find a new pastor & Filling in duties during this interim time.

### We Pray for individuals:

- \* Chris Rodak— Friend Jodie had an emergency appendectomy
- \*Amy Weed — Continued prayers for Carol Wosluk's son-in-law Frank
- \* Pat Wright— prayer for her friend Margo who is having heart surgery.
- \* Carol Smith— Prayers for Session
- \* Maureen Lange's son Brian compression fracture in the spine is in horrible pain.
- \* Sai Seirmarco Colleges daughter had a baby early it's in ICU
- \* Robin Klein-Bob & Linda Sibson both have cancer. Linda's Tumor has shrunk by 50 percent.
- \* Ken Dykstra - Had Kidney stones removed everything went well.
- \* Doug Weed - Session met and are moving forward finishing all committee work, Also working on Interim pastor and a new pastor. Please keep them in your prayers
- \* Helen Maier — Daughter's husband has Parkinson & not doing well may need hospice.
- \* Bobbie DelSol — Grateful for all of the Church members. Prayers for her friend in Arizona who is terminal.
- \*Lisa Calabria— Nephew join the coast guard, but quit after 2 weeks. pray he finds is way.
- \* Leah Majka - Her Mom is not doing well
- \*Sandy Smid's Mother in law Jean is having surgery to clear her Caridad Artery.
- \* Amy Weed - Prayers for Doug who is not feeling well

### We Pray for Communities:

- \* Those impacted by hurricane Michael
- \* Julia Held - Saddened by violence, in a house of worship in Pittsburg.

**We support each other with our prayers.**

# The Bulletin Board

November 2018

Session  
November  
12th  
7:30pm

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

Next Deacons  
Meeting is  
November 3rd at  
12:30pm

November 21st  
Thanksgiving  
Service @ 8:00  
at the Methodist  
Church in New  
Foundland

## Mary Martha Circle

December 1st will be our church's Christmas Bazaar and the Mary Martha Circle will once again be running our "Sweet Stop". We would be thrilled if you'd be willing to join us in baking for this event. Cookies, cakes, pies, cupcakes, breads, candy are all wonderful additions. We'd love to hear from you. Call Bonnie at 973-728-1187 or email [lbseufert@hotmail.com](mailto:lbseufert@hotmail.com). Thank You

December  
Newsletter Deadline  
is **November 14th**

## Noisy Offering

We are changing the date to November 4th this month, the children will help us take up a collection of loose change for Hurricane Michael relief. November's Noisy Offering will go toward purchasing gift certificates to be donated to West Milford School social workers/counselors. They will give them to families they know who are in need, allowing parents and caregivers the dignity of purchasing Christmas presents for their families.

SAVE THE  
DATE...CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 1st  
10am-4pm



2019 Pledges are Due. If you have not filled out your pledge card for 2019, 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.



Trick or Treat  
for the  
Food Pantry

### Items Needed for Thanksgiving Baskets

stuffing

instant mashed potatoes

sweet potatoes/yams

bottled juice

turkey gravy

cream of mushroom soup

canned fruit (no pineapple)

cake mixes and frosting

cookies

crackers

chicken broth

cranberry sauce

canned vegetables

canned milk

coffee (no tea)

quick bread mixes





## WMPC Member Spotlight

### Doug Weed

Doug is a relatively new member of the WMPC but he has a lifelong affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. He was born and raised just north of Pittsburgh, PA. His parents were teachers but in the summers they were missionaries. Doug and his sister Diane accompanied them to China, Australia Kenya and Malawi, Africa. He has been a youth delegate to the 209th General Assembly.

Doug went to college in Wooster, Ohio, where he majored in English - Comparative Literature and Theater, specifically the challenges of communicating meaning to an audience (especially of poetry or dramatic performance) when translating between languages, cultures or time periods.

Doug worked in the various theaters in Akron, Cleveland and Pittsburgh before he decided to get a Master's degree at Drew University, studying modern history and literature. He met Amy Greulich there and together they did Medieval Reenactments. During his time in graduate school, he worked as a private tutor for Creative Dimensions in Education, and was employed by Wachovia Bank as a teller. After graduation he stayed with Wachovia and went into regional operations for large cash transactions.

In 2008 Wachovia went bankrupt and laid off many of its employees, including Doug. He decided to take some time for himself and traveled to Japan and China, then stayed with Diane in San Diego for a time as he finished work on a thesis paper and did freelance writing and database design. During this time he learned new computing skills and brushed up on mathematics. In 2009 he was hired by Westinghouse Electric Company in Pittsburgh, PA, supporting their AP1000 Advanced Nuclear Reactor Design project. While doing this, he fixed up and lived in his childhood home, thus learning to do home repairs.

Doug had remained in contact with Amy during this time. After six years with Westinghouse, he sold his house in Pittsburgh and moved to West Milford to live with Amy. They were married a year later at WMPC. Doug now works with Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors, doing civil site estimating.

Since transferring his membership from the Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church to the WMPC, Doug has joined the choir because his Dad, who was visiting WM soon after Doug had joined the church, told Rev. Janet that he and Amy were singers. Our choir has benefited from their voices ever since. Doug is now an elder and on the session of WMPC.

Doug's favorite Bible verse is Ecclesiastes 9: 17 – 18. "The calm words of the wise are heeded over the shouts of a ruler among fools. (for) Wisdom is greater than weapons of war, but one sinner can destroy much that is good."

Ask Doug to tell you about his sister's involvement with 9/11 and his night babysitting \$1,000,000 in small denominations of unmarked bills.



Leah (Kubik) Majka grew up in Saddle Brook, NJ. She graduated from Bergen County Vo-Tech school where she met her future husband s well as Chuck Ening and teacher Hank Van Kooy. She married Keith Majka and was employed as a dental assistant before having her children, Keith, Jr. and Stephen.

Leah has been busy taking care of her family and volunteering at school and the Church, which she has been attending for 22 years. Leah felt that she was welcomed with open arms when she first attended, especially by Virginia Roden, Ruth Selbe and Leslie Spohn, who was then the Christian Ed Director. Leah has been active with the Women's Association, co-chairing the Rummage Sale for several years with Roberta Schmidt and Marjory Agrafiotis and working on the Christmas Bazaars. She has been a Deacon and on Session and is currently the Clerk of Session. Leah feels a deep connection with Audrey Van Kooy through years of Bible Study. Her interests include reading, quilting, her family and feels that we are part of a larger family, the church family.

The Easter week services have always been very special to Leah.

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#### SUCCESS! WE HAVE A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

The following members have offered to serve our congregation as a Deacon or Elder:

Carol Stanhope – Deacon  
Carrie Smith – Deacon  
Marty Tappan – Deacon  
Julia Held – Deacon  
Fran Ehrhardt – Deacon  
Leah Majka – Session  
Betsy Engelhardt – Session



Thank you!

There will be a special Congregational meeting December 2nd for these nominations.

We are still in need of 2 Session members. One of these open positions requires a member who is comfortable with numbers to Chair the Finance Committee. Amy Weed is our Treasurer and is very articulate and knowledgeable. We need someone to report the finances to Session and along with the committee see where we can cut costs and determine spending. It is not scary. The other position open is flexible meaning this member can choose which committee they would like to work on. We need good leadership during this time of transition. Will you be able to help us out?

Respectfully,  
Lisa Calabria



## 2018 ANNUAL 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.

DATE: Sunday, November 11th

PLACE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

Luncheon: 1:00 PM – Cost: \$8.00 Per Person

Auction: 2:00 PM - Free

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. Anyone wishing to contribute items or services for auction would be welcomed with great enthusiasm by any Elder! If you are a pet lover, try putting together a basket of pet treats and toys – OR – offer pet sitting service for vacationers. Car enthusiast? Why not offer your services to detail someone's car? Enjoy dining out? Ask your favorite restaurant to contribute a gift card for a worthy cause. Each church school child has been asked to participate by contributing a special themed item selected by their classroom – to be brought to church by Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have tickets to an event that can be donated, please let us know event dates in advance so we can advertise before the day of the auction. Already, we have 2 Devils Hockey tickets against Pittsburgh Penguins for 2/19/19. **Please forward all auction items to the church office by Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.** 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:wmpchurch@gmail.com) or auction chairperson Betsy Engelhardt at [rabeng@optonline.net](mailto:rabeng@optonline.net).



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October 3, 2018

Dear West Milford Presbyterian Church Congregation,

We should be thankful for our past, present and future church family that unites and directs us in following the Holy Spirit.

It is again time for us to look to you for guidance into the future. The stewardship campaign this year, "Stewardship...Go Deeper", is our way of asking for your help.

We have been blessed as some of our congregation increased their individual givings and made some special gifts when we needed it most. Over the past two years, we've seen changes within our church in attendance and with giving tendencies, so we need everyone to spend a little bit of time to reflect on what we each can invest financially. What we have seen this year is that most of the congregation feels that it is very important for us to do things that increase membership. Some of the ideas that we fielded that foster congregational growth will require us to bear a larger financial burden. This includes church repairs, upkeep, introductory materials and to pay for fellowship events that help us interact with new people. We have managed to cut several costs effectively but still need your help.

Part of being a church family is being part of a larger family of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Please review your envelope box for this year and see if you have given your \$44.00 per member Per Capita Apportionment this year. This money goes to the administrative costs of all levels of church government. Please Pay ASAP if you have not/

We ask for your prayerful consideration to support this budget. Our congregation's future depends on your financial commitment to continue following God's call – wherever and however it takes us.

We want to pull together now in order to grow and prosper as we are "Stewardship...Go Deeper".

**2019 per capita will be \$46 per Member.** You may now have the option of making smaller payment thru-out the year, if this helps. Please do not forget to Mark per capita payment on your check or envelope. If you have not donated your part this year, please do so with your pledge card on November 4th, 2018. Dedication Sunday.

Sincerely,  
Chuck Ening  
West Milford Presbyterian Church  
Stewardship Committee



