



Fall is a time of change and a great time to make changes. Do you want to change your life? Commit your heart to God! According to 2 Chronicles 16:9, God searches for whose hearts are close to Him and change their lives for His purpose. "For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him" (NIV).

How do we fully commit to God?

1. Vision.

The first step of commitment to God is the vision. We think of vision as predicting the future, but none of us can know the future the way God does. Vision is recognizing God at work in your present situation and moving with him. It's about understanding what God is doing in this world and be sensitive to where God places you. Therefore, Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works; be alert for signs of his presence. As David said, "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." (Psalm 105:4 NIV).

2. Stand firm with your purpose.

Remember you were planned for God's pleasure, formed for God's family, created to become like Christ. These are the purposes of God for you. Have a desire to serve God's purpose for your life. Follow the example of David, "David had served God's purpose in his own generation" (Acts 13:36 NIV).

3. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2 says, "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (NIV). God's love for your life is far greater than your problems. Never give up when it gets hard. Come to Jesus. Keep your eyes on Him!

Pastor Justin Choi

September 2019

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, Sept. 1st:

10:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Coffee Hour

Sunday, Sept 8th: Rally Day

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

Sunday, Sept. 15th: Church Picnic

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

Sunday, Sept 22nd:

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

Sunday, Sept 29th:

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



We Celebrate:

*Cathy Schopp. They are celebrating 40th anniversary

* Happy Anniversary to the Rodeks!

* Melanie Gibson- Joy for Aunt Elta's 97th Birthday

*Lisa Burns- A joy on the birth of her 7th great grandchild, Trevor, this past Thursday

Those who have lost loved ones:

* Gail & her daughter Kris Koester in church today. Gail's husband Jack passed away last week.

* Pastor from their church in Virginia died suddenly. 58, leaves family with three children

* Ken Dykstra - His sister in - Law, Lonnie passed away. Details to follow.

Joys & Concerns

We Give Thanks For:

*Jan Halvorsen- Thanks to all for the generous donations to the pantry both from individuals and from community organizations!

She shared a few stories regarding the pantry donations this week;

1. A local organization donated 3 bags of pet toys and collars that were happily received by many coming Saturday to the pantry.
2. Ample Harvest had their first picking and donated fresh beets and lettuce. They will continue donating throughout the summer.
3. St Joseph's pantry had an overabundance of fresh items to share with us. We received ground beef and turkey, bread, oranges, and bags of salad and spinach.
4. Hazelman Farms donated several cartons of fresh eggs from their local farm.
5. A shopper at Shop Rite handed Jan \$20 when he learned that she was buying several cans of coffee for the pantry.

*Leah Majka- Thanks to Rev. Justin for playing the guitar for the service

* Doug Weed- Joy for VBS

* Jan Halvorsen- Her son is doing well with his house, thanks for all the prayers.

* Don Wright- Thanks to Kathi & Chuck for all the hard work ... It was a GREAT VBS.

* Kathi Endering- Thanks to all the VBS volunteers even with all the rain Thursday.

*Audrey VanKooy- Joy for all who helped remove all of Hank's books. She has her room back now.

* Rev. Choi- July 7th first service at the Choises. Julia Heid went with him, it was a great service.

* Leah Majka- Grateful and a joy that her mom is up here for the last 2 months.

* Bob Sibeon- Joy that he and his family had a enjoyed a pontoon cruise on Greenwood Lake this past Friday.

* Rich Hepp- Thanks for the dinner Saturday at the Stanhope's that he and others purchased at the auction.

* Audrey Van Kooy- Joy that she and her sister Beverly got together this past week.

* Helen Mai- Looking forward to a trip to Montana with her granddaughter to see family.

* Lisa Burns- A joy that she too enjoyed a lovely pontoon cruise on Greenwood Lake.

* Bill Francis- Joy to welcome a 5th great-grandchild to the family and a recent wedding of his son James.

* Elizabeth Tomboulin- Thanks for all our prayers for her daughter, Beta. She is doing so much better.

* Phyllis Van Hooker- Prayers for Doug and Ruth Towneend who both had heart problems and an operation. Prayers that they are fine and doing well.

* Carol Smith- It was a joy to be reunited with family and friends

*Amy Weed- Joy that her friend got married. Joy to see bears and wildlife. Fun little joy that her neighbor's puppy put paw prints in there newly paved driveway.

*Linda Sibeon- Thanks to Lee and his beautiful anthem today- "Open the eyes of my heart Lord"

* Mr. Kubat, Amy's stepfather- Thankful for Amy and the blessing she has brought in his life.

* George- Nice to drive around and see the blessings of the weather

We Pray for individuals:

* Amy Weed - Stepfather, Ozzie has a hernia. Prayers for the family also.

* Cyndy Taylor - Friend Sara Gallman's parents are both on hospice.

* Don Wright- Sister Anita is in the hospital with MS

* Jan Halvorsen- Son Eric, having major issues with his home.

*Cathy Cromelin (just moved to town)- Prayers for Liam, Paul, Gina, the Riveros family and for her class of special needs children at the Skyland School.

*Carol Stanhope- Mother In- Law not feeling well age-related issues.

*Sandy Smut-Flying back to China on Thursday with daughter Erin staying 2 weeks Prayers for safe travels.

* Kathi Endering - Prayers for Chuck with some health issues.

* Mary Macheska. Brother in law hurt his knee on 2nd day of vacation, on the way to urgent care.

*Fran Ehrhardt- Prayers for her friend, Karen who had a hysterectomy

*Helen Mai- Prayers to this weekends tragedies in Texas and Ohio.

*Audrey Van Kooy- Prayers for her friend, Anthony who has cancer

*Doug Weed- His close friend, Frank has stage 4 cancer, he and his family needs our prayers.

*Chris Rodek- Prayers for her mother-in-law, Elvira who is recovering from surgery

* Leah Majka- Prayers for her friends, Christina and AJ. Their premature baby who is having some health issues.

*Cathy Cromelin and her son Liam- Prayers for their family

* Mary Stevens prayers for her father, John, who was just diagnosed with rectal cancer

* Chris Rodek - Rich's cousins on vacation in Iceland had a car accident, all released from the hospital except 12-year-old Madison who has a fractured pelvis and possible punctured lung.

* Paul Smith - Father-in-law fell last week and is now in rehab. Also prayers for Hong Kong

* Kathi Endering- Neighbor Nancy's niece was killed in a boating accident.

Also Chuck will be having his second Chemo treatment.

*Fran Ehrhardt- Prayers for her friend's 4th grandson, AJ. He was born premature and although his weight is good, he still is can't breathe on his own.

*Audrey Van Kooy- Her daughter-in-law, Jeanine, broke her hand due to an RV rolling over it.

*Kathv Holly- Concern for her nephew's wife, Claudine who has cancer.



September Meetings & Start Dates:

Session & Deacons: Monday, September 9th @ 7:30 pm
WA : Sunday, September 8th @ 11:15am

Weekly meetings start up:

Senior Saints: Thursday, Sept. 5th @ 9:00am
Church School: Sunday, Sept. 8th @ 10:00am
Senior Choir: Sunday, Sept. 8th @ 11:15am

Choir Notes:

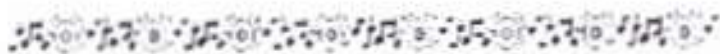
Senior Choir—will begin the fall rehearsal schedule on Sunday, September 8th @ 11:15am . Now is a good time to consider joining the choir and all starting together! It's for anyone from High School age and up. There is no test and you do not have to sing alone. Why not give it a try? Please see any choir member or Lee Tomboulian

Rally Day September 8th 2019



**Food Pantry
September 7th
10:00am - 11:30am**

**Save The Date
Church Auction
Nov. 17th**



**WA Meeting
September 8th
@ 11:15am**

PASTORAL SEARCH



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The search for a permanent pastor is a lengthy process with many steps required along the way by our Presbytery. In our last Session meeting in June, we reviewed the initial requirements and voted to conduct a Mission Study. This is the first step strongly recommended by Presbytery. The study will help us provide a clear picture of who our congregation is and who God is calling it to become. It will guide us in deciding the type of leadership we will need in a new pastor. The congregation will be asked to participate in information gathering tools in the near future to help us with the data needed to compile our Mission Study. We are hopeful the majority of our membership will participate in this important process to ensure we obtain all the facts required to choose leadership that will meet the needs of our congregation and community. In our September Session meeting, we will decide on our congregational survey tools and will begin the dissemination process. We ask for your prayers during the process and will update you on a regular basis when important benchmarks are obtained.



Senior "SAINTS"

Our "Senior Saints" are back and stronger than ever! They have tasks to accomplish and could use your talents. Just come on over to the church 9:00am on Thursday mornings and find out what the club is all about. We'd love to have you join us! Feel free to contact the Church Office if you should have any questions (973-728-3081).





A Tea for all Seasons

at West Milford Presbyterian Church
Saturday, October 19, 2019
2:00 to 4:00 pm

\$10 Donation

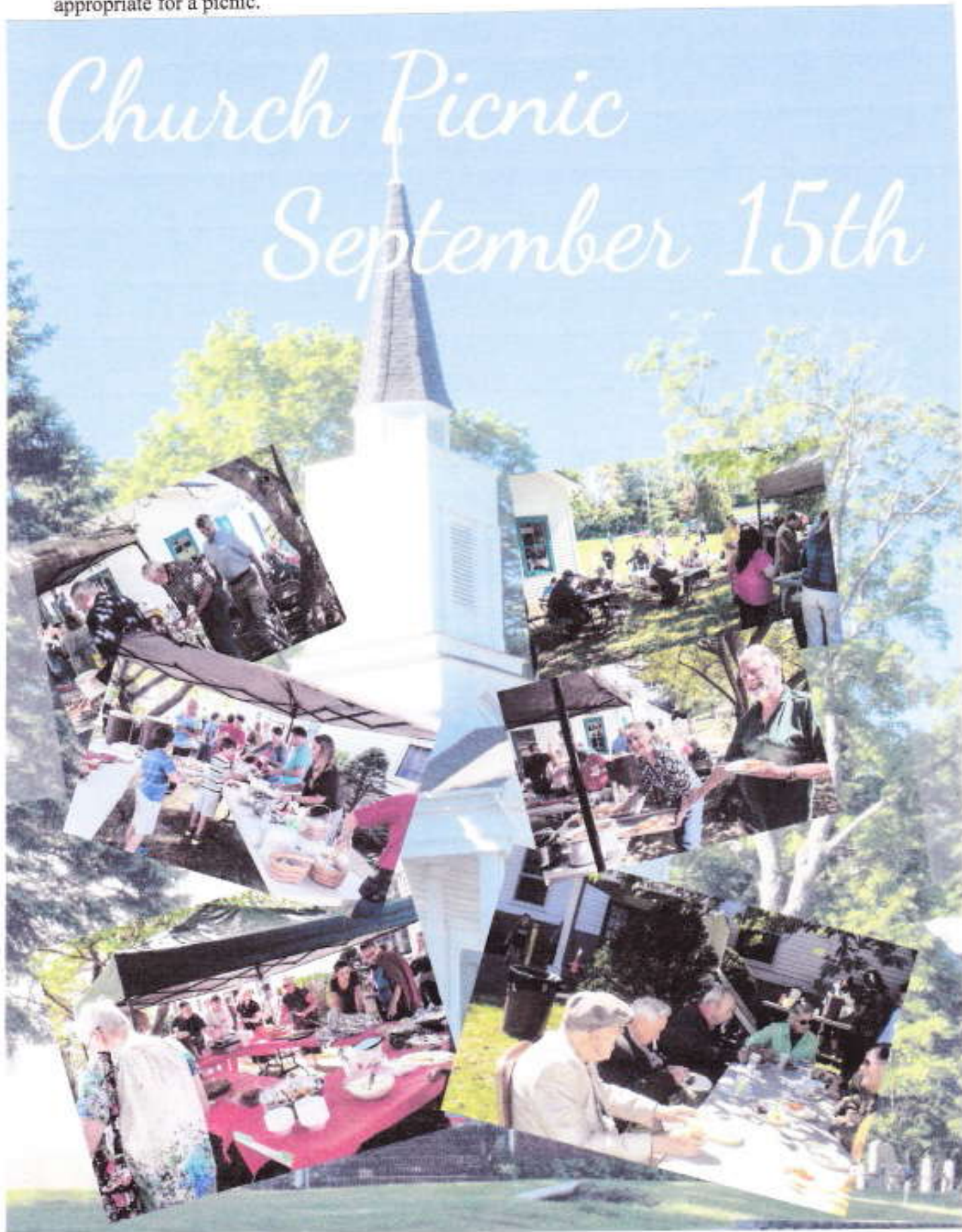
Call Kathi for Tickets at 973-534-9838 or
Church Office at 973-728-3081
Door Prizes • Entertainment



CHURCH PICNIC

Our Church Picnic this year is on September 15th. There are sign up sheets posted in Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided by the church, so we would appreciate people bringing salads (green, potato, macaroni, etc.), desserts and anything else that would be appropriate for a picnic.

Church Picnic September 15th



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts | 2 Lunch | 3 3pm - Farmers Market 7pm - AA Meeting | 4 9am - Sr. Saints | 5 9am - Sr. Saints | 6 10am - Food Pantry 12:30pm - Deacons | 7 |
| 8 10am - Sun. School Rally 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 11:15am - WA Meeting 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts | 9 7:35pm - Session | 10 10am - New Corners | 11 3pm - Farmers Market 7pm - AA Meeting | 12 9am - Sr. Saints | 13 | 14 |
| 15 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Church Picnic 11:15am - Choir Practice 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts | 16 | 17 3pm - Farmers Market 7pm - AA Meeting | 18 9am - Sr. Saints | 19 9am - Sr. Saints | 20 3pm - Memorial Service | 21 |
| 22 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts | 23 | 24 3pm - Farmers Market 7pm - AA Meeting | 25 9am - Sr. Saints | 26 9am - Sr. Saints | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10am - Sun. School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Hour 11:15am - Choir Practice 4pm - Claddagh Pipe Band 6pm - Boy Scouts | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

