

The E-Newsletter of the Stanley Congregational
United Church of Christ
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DO ALL THINGS

WITH LOVE





Dear Friends,

First, I want to thank all of you who attended our last worship service last Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. It was a beautiful ending to one chapter of Stanley Church. The service was also an acknowledgement and celebration of all the ministry that has happened by and with the congregation for these 152 years.

I also want to thank all who participated in and helped with the planning of the day. Each one of you contributed to a resurrection filled send off of which people are still talking. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Church Board and Susan Lenz, Board President, for all their hard work. I am so grateful for your faithfulness and diligence.

Even though we have formally worshipped our last, things continue on. The Church Board continues to meet monthly to do the business that continues until we official dissolve as an entity. Our committees charged with the various items of closing continue to meet. There is a congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, Feb.23, time tba, to hear reports of the Legacy and Memory Garden Committees and do other church business.

Transitions always bring goodbyes and we say goodbye to our Church Administrator, Linda Nigro. Linda's last day with us will be Friday, Jan. 31, 2020. I want to thank Linda for her hard work, care, and dedication to all of us at Stanley Church during her tenure. She has been a wonderful part of the Stanley staff and family.

There will continue to be newsletters when needed, so you will continue to hear from us. Thank you for being a part of Stanley Church.

Blessings,

Rev. Marie

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If you have contacted the Possessions Committee about something that you want from the church, you may come and get it now until January 31st. If you would like something, please contact Sue Williams or Rev. Marie to make sure it is still available. Please contact the church office to arrange a time when someone will be here if you need to be let into the church. Thank you!



Single Mom in Need of Car!

Hello Coordinators,

As you all know, sometimes after our clients get back on their feet and gain their independence there are setbacks - some small, some big. We have a single mom formerly in our shelter program who has been doing extremely well after fleeing from a domestic violence situation. She and her daughter started with Family Promise in shelter for 6 months and then in transitional housing for 18 months. After much hard work and perseverance, the mom and her daughter moved into their own home and have been successfully living independently for 10 years! The mom has been working full time since the beginning while her daughter was in child care. Her daughter is now 21 years old and a full-time student at Montclair State University with a major and minor in child advocacy and social work, while doing her internship at a local non-profit agency. Her goal is to use her degree to help children who are in the same homelessness situation she was in when she was a child.

Recently, the mom lost her job due to company buy-out and is now working at a local non-profit, happily giving back to the community. However, the used car she has relied on for transportation to and from her job for the past two years that she received so generously from her church has been deemed unsafe to drive due to excessive rust in the frame. The cost to repair the car far exceeds the value of the car and is over budget for the mom. So far, the mom has saved \$1,500 for another used car, but in that price range she is likely to obtain another car in need of repairs or one that would not last long.

We are respectfully asking for donations to help this humble family afford a safe, durable car that will last longer than a couple of years so they may continue their successful life of independence and for the mom to continue her work at the non-profit agency and earn a living. Will you please share this with your congregation and perhaps you or another congregant may know someone who wishes to gift a dependable good used car to someone in need? Any donation amount is highly appreciated and will contribute to keeping this family in their home and the daughter in school.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Nora Godown, Family Promise of Morris County, 973-998-0820, ext. 110, n.godown@familypromisemorris.org, or you may send donations to Family Promise of Morris County, P.O. Box 1494, Morristown, NJ 07962, with "car donation" in memo section.

Thank you!