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— REFLECTIONS —

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying good bye so hard.”

— *Winnie The Pooh*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With many mixed emotions, I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving Palisades. After 12 wonderful years as your pastor, and after prayerful discernment, I have accepted a call to be the Director of Chaplaincy at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mt. Kisco. My final Sunday with you will be on March 15, 2020.

All of you at Palisades have been so wonderful to me and I will never forget how you showered me with kindness and hospitality when I was first a stranger in a new place. I will never forget your passion, humor and curiosity as we worshipped, studied and prayed together. I will never forget the generosity and compassion I have witnessed through the years when there was a need to be met. I will treasure my memories of you always.

Words can never fully express the gratitude I have for all of you. Your love and care enabled me to grow as a pastor and I will always be thankful for the blessings I have experienced in this grace filled community of faith. It has truly been a privilege to be part of your lives for these 12 years.

I will miss you all very much and have no doubt you will continue to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit as you courageously and joyously bear witness to Christ’s presence in the world. And, as always, I will keep you in my prayers and hope you will continue to keep me in yours.

Blessings,
Angela

Congregational Meeting:

The session has called a congregational meeting of the Palisades Presbyterian Church immediately following worship on March 8, 2020 for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral call of Rev. Angela Maddalone at Palisades Presbyterian Church and providing information about the future. A representative from the presbytery will be present to answer any questions. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Celebration of Angela’s Service

Dear Friends and Members of the Congregation: The session invites you all to a farewell party immediately following worship on Sunday, March 15, 2020 to remember the twelve years of Angela’s ministry and give her our well wishes for her new call.
Sincerely,
Bill Menke, Clerk of Session

DEACONS' CORNER

We are entering the Lenten season in which Christians are often called to make small sacrifices to help draw closer to God. Last year the Deacons voted to have a slightly reduced coffee hour “spread” as a way of following this tradition. The Deacons as a group this year have decided not to do this. We are instead calling for you to consider this tradition and on your own make choices that are meaningful to you and your faith. As Deacons, we will continue to reach out to our church family as we are continually challenged by health and life issues. If you are not being contacted and would like a “personal deacon” or need help with a memorial service, prayer support, or casserole assistance during illness or recovery, please let Angela or someone on the Board of Deacons know your wishes. Please know that you are in the hearts of many of us as we wish you strength and inner peace in this Lenten season and beyond. We continue to ask for prayers for Jack, Ernie & Rich, Joanne, Sue, and Helen. For those who are quietly coping with difficult times and issues of all kinds that cause stress and fear perhaps, we ask that you include them in your prayers. We pray for leadership and relief from the Coronavirus as it spreads beyond China to the southeast and other parts of the world.

Lent will officially begin on Feb. 26 and will end on April 11 th . April 12 th is Easter Sunday.

Requirement of the Presbytery of Hudson River:

It shall be the policy of Hudson River Presbytery to require the following statement to be placed in the newsletter and/or bulletin when the pastor announces his/her plan to retire or move:

“When a pastor resigns from a pastorate, retires from service, or becomes Pastor Emerita/us, that minister shall no longer perform pastoral functions such as weddings, baptisms, funerals, hospital visitation or counseling. Active or inactive church members should not request a former pastor to perform pastoral duties. If requested, the pastor shall tactfully decline. On occasion, the pastor or moderator may, with the approval of session/council, invite the former pastor to perform such duties.”

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Bible Study Wednesdays 12:15 pm

March 1	Choir Practice	11:00 a.m.
March 2	Operations Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March 4	Parent Group	7:00 p.m.
March 8	Congregational Meeting	11:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	11:30 a.m.
	Deacons Meeting	11:30 a.m.
March 10	Session	7:30 p.m.
March 15	Celebration for Angela	11:00 a.m.
March 22	Guest Preacher Ruling Elder	
	Deborah Milcarek, GP	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	11:00 a.m.
March 29	Choir Practice	11:00 a.m.