**Catch the Spirit! Merrie Market comes early - Saturday December 2, 2017!**

Ready or Not - The Merrie Market Season Is Upon Us!

This is a major fund raising event for our Old Ship Community. There are many ways for everyone of all ages to become involved to help create a wonderful sense of community. Please look over the list below and consider how you can become an active participant to help make this the wonderful festive event that it has always been. December 2 is the day to Catch the Spirit! For more information contact Diane Elliott or Nina Price nina@steelepress.com.

**Merrie Market Opportunities**

Saturday December 2nd 9 am to 2:30 pm

• Many elves make the day a success! Sign up during Fellowship Hour or call us to choose a shift at one of the tables or in the Jingle Bell Café: 8:30 – 11:30, 11:30 – 2:30, 2:30 – 4:30 (clean up).

• We also set up on Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 7 pm. Please drop in!

**Treasures Table**: We are famous for this! The table sparkles with treasured items that you can hardly bare to part with, still beautiful and useful or just unusual. Silver, china, decorative objects, jewelry, housewares, antiques, Christmas items, linens and more. We ask that you clean the items, and bring them to the Parish House labeled “Merrie Market.” Please no computers, TV’s or electronics. We will be pricing items during the month of November. Please have your treasures to us before Thanksgiving.

Questions? Contact

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Diane Elliott 781.749.2248 dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com

The Fellowship Hall is in use during the week. We ask that you Do Not leave any items by the Fellowship Hall door. Please leave them on the bench in the hallway by the Parish House office.

**Books and Media**: Books for all ages (no textbooks), DVDs, CDs, electronic games. Items must be in good condition. If possible we ask that these items be brought to the side door of the kitchen at the Parish House a week before Merrie Market.

Rick and Ivy Butterworth, ivy\_butter@yahoo.com, butterworth@comcast.net, 781.749.3190.

**The Toy Room**: Toys, games, children's books, music, small furniture, décor, sports, DVDs and gently used stuffed animals. All in good condition and clean, please! Label items “Merrie Market” and place in the Parish House vestibule or carry the items to the 3rd floor to the children's toys area before November 30.

\*Many Thanks to Susannah Thomas who is retiring as Manager of the Toy Department after 10 years. Susannah will help to train the next Volunteer who steps up to take on this fun and satisfying position. Let us know asap if it will be you!

**Gift Baskets**: These creative themed baskets sell like hot cakes and are fun to put together by your family or committee! Pick up a basket at the Parish House along with instructions that will help you keep the value to about $30. Please bring the basket to the Parish House by Tuesday November 28 and we will wrap it in festive cellophane and price it.

Sharon Prehn: prehn@verizon.net 781.925.0101.

**Bake Table**: We are looking for a variety of homemade culinary items: pies, breads, cookies, fudge, baked beans, jam or whatever your specialty may be. Knowing how busy many people are, some food items can be made ahead of time. Joan Wilson will be glad to give you some suggestions and recipes. Baked goods need to be delivered to the Parish Hall on Friday December 1 (up until 7pm) or by 8am on Saturday. We ask that they are packaged and labeled, with a suggested price.

Joan Wilson: 617.947.4664 joanielw@verizon.net

**Craft Table**:Get a jump on your holiday shopping with unique handcrafted items made by Old Ship's Sewing Circle. We meet every Wednesday at 1:30 at the Parish House. All are welcome to join for crafting and chatting.

Joan Wilson, Diane Willson, Carol Valentine, Betty Potter, Diane Elliott, Nina Price and Sharon Prehn

**Silent Auction**: This goods and services auction involves all friends of the Old Ship Community. Find a special experience or a one-of-a-kind item that is worth just that much more, because it helps support our work at Old Ship. Popular items include: choosing a sermon topic for Ken, Ken's famous granola, an afternoon sail, Joan Wilson's famous cookie of the month, tickets to sporting, art, museum events, soup of the month, computer lessons, vacation homes and much much more. If you have a talent or access to a creative biddable item, please let us know by Thanksgiving.

**JINGLE BELL CAFÉ:** Many volunteers help make chili, cornbread and delicious apple cake from time-tested recipes. Can you cook up a batch? Pick up a recipe at Fellowship Hall. During Merrie Market, help serve and bus the tables. Alicia Harkness 781-749-7825 pajl7@hotmail.com Janet Asnes 781-878-9886 asnes@comcast.net or