

Merrie Market: a Festive Old Ship Tradition

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

For years and years, Old Shippers have celebrated the holidays with Merrie Market – a traditional church fair featuring unique and affordable treasures, hand crafts, gorgeous wreaths, books, baked goods, toys, gift baskets, a silent auction and other fun surprises. The Jingle Bell Café fuels your day of shopping with home-made chili, cornbread and apple cake enjoyed with friends and family from across the South Shore. Catch the spirit with a day filled with cheer!

Merrie Market is one of Old Ship's most important fund raisers, but, more than that, it provides the pleasure of finding new friends and enjoying old ones through working together. Please show your support by volunteering to help out, inviting your friends to join us, and SHOPPING!

Please help us fill each table below with great goodies. Bring your contributions to the Parish House before December 4, labeled Merrie Market; we will price them. And each table and the café need volunteers – sign up at Fellowship Hour or call the Chair listed below. Let's get merry and bright!

TREASURES TABLE: The Treasures Table sparkles with items that you have treasured, but that you're ready to pass on to the next person to enjoy: jewelry, china, crystal, silver, table linens, housewares, decorative objects, small furniture, art work, Christmas items, etc. Fan Leonard, 781-749-2852; Diane Elliott, 781-749-2248 dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com;

BOOKS & MEDIA: Books (no textbooks), DVDs, CDs, electronic games: All items in good condition. Please deliver after Thanksgiving. Ivy & Rick Butterworth 781-749-3190; ivy_butter@yahoo.com

THE TOY ROOM: Toys, games, children's books, DVDs, music, small furniture, décor, sports... gently used and pleasingly clean, please. Susannah Thomas 781-875-1049, zanthomas@gmail.com

BAKE TABLE: Featuring homemade delights, sweet & savory: pies, breads, cookies, fudge, jam, preserves and more. What is your "specialty?" Bake it now and freeze it, if you are going to be too busy in the week of Merrie Market. Deliver your goodies to the Parish House on Friday, Dec. 4 or by 8:30 Saturday AM. Joan Wilson 781-740-8840 joanielw@verizon.net

CRAFT TABLE: Old Ship elves have been sewing all year, making a range of items perfect for stocking stuffers, teacher & hostess gifts, moms, grandkids... anyone who deserves that something special. Diane Willson, 781-749-3286 nanwillson@gmail.com

OLD SHIP AUTHORS: We have many published authors in our midst! Novelists, poets, essayists, reporters. Publicize & sell your work at the Authors Table. Florence Noonan flnoonan@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP PROJECT: Raised Beds! Grow your garden in style – with the perfect raised bed built by Old Ship's youth group. Check out the samples on site and place your order for Spring. Sarah Hurley 781-277-1289 hurleystings@yahoo.com

WREATHS AND TEA CUPS: With Pat Bianco's guidance, join the decorating team that creates the prettiest wreaths in town! **Gather** pine cones, ferns, nuts and greens and leave them in a paper bag in the Parish House. **Meet** in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 am to 2 pm Sat, Nov. 28 to Thurs, Dec. 3 to make the wreaths and our newest creations: tea cups and mugs filled with long-lasting greens & flowers. Pat Bianco, 617-774-7474 bluesulphur3@yahoo.com

GIFT BASKETS: Themed baskets are fun to put together by your family or your committee! Pick up a basket at the Parish House and get creative: attach a list of your contents and its value (keep it to about \$30), and we will arrange and wrap it for you. Please return your filled baskets by Monday, Nov. 30. Sharon Prehn 781-925-0101 prehn@verizon.net

SILENT AUCTION: Find a special experience or a one-of-a-kind item that is worth just that much more. Along with the standards: a reserved pew at the Christmas Eve service, choosing a sermon topic for Ken, and a jar of Ken's home-made granola, bid on art work, tickets to sporting events and concerts, food-of-the-month deliveries, consultations, evaluations and instructions, a family photo-shoot, parties, rides and much more. The success of the auction depends on YOU – what would you like to share? Please let us know by Dec. 1. Maureen Butler 781-875-1944 Maureen.Butler@neurorestorative.com

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. Janet Asnes 781-878-9886 asnes@comcast.net or Alicia Harkness 781-749-7825 pajl7@hotmail.com

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: Hall Set-Up and Kitchen Prep. 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. Drop in!

SATURDAY: Volunteer at the tables and in the Café

3 SHIFTS: 8:45 to 11:45, 11:30 to 2:30, 2:30 to 4:30 (clean up and store)

QUESTIONS? READY TO SIGN UP?

Call Merrie Market Chair Diane Elliott, 781-749-2248 or email her at dianeabbeyelliott@gmail.com, or sign up at the Merrie Market Table during Fellowship Hour.

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