



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2018

## From the Interim Pastor - **Getting to Know You**

I've just signed a second contract to serve as your interim pastor, which means I've been with you a year now. The year went fast, and I've enjoyed it; but hopefully with your search committee now in place, you'll soon have an installed pastor.

During your Mission Study (in this Presbytery it's called a Plumb Line) you were all asked to answer questions about WPC. One finding from this process was that many members feel they don't really know other members of the congregation very well.

Of course, most long-time members have a group of friends and other members they know quite well. These are probably the ones they spend time with during Coffee hours, for example. And members who've served on boards or committees of the church have certainly gotten to know those they served with.

However, there are some – both members and friends – who attend worship regularly and yet don't know the names of others they see in worship and/or during the Coffee hour virtually every Sunday. You've heard me speak before about my own handicap in learning people's names. During my early months here I would ask an usher, for example, the name of a particular person. This person would often be in worship each Sunday and had introduced him or herself to me, but I was embarrassed to ask them their name yet again. The answer I would most often receive was an embarrassed admission that although the usher had seen that person in worship for years, they didn't know their name.

Some of this is understandable, of course, in any large organization. However, in addition to people not knowing the names of others in worship, I've also learned that many in the congregation feel they would like to know the names of others as well as something about them. One suggestion I've heard is for people to wear nametags. There was a time when this church had a nametag, I gather, for everyone who came regularly. However, there is reluctance to requiring this of everyone, and so where does that leave us?

One suggestion I have is for each person to simply bite the bullet and make it their task to approach someone each Sunday and introduce themselves. This may be a little embarrassing at first, but if everyone were to start doing it, the embarrassment would quickly fade, and soon everyone would know everyone else. Wouldn't this make for a more pleasant atmosphere, and a more congenial church?

And, when your new installed minister asks you who so-and-so is, you can proudly give their name and something about them. What better time to do this than Lent? And, your three official church boards – Elders, Deacons and Trustees – have already begun by meeting together on February 27 and getting to know one another better.

We are well off in God, the Almighty, in God's holiness, always.

- Pastor John



**\*Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent:** Ellen Pfaff (recovering from fall); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Ed Langdon, chemo (friend of Mimi Johnson); Pat Skates (friend of Karen Derryberry); Kay Kidde; John Campbell; Lily Burns; Jim Bachman, home; Pat Shima, Westchester Center in Yonkers; Daniel Levitt (husband of Jennean Jessup Levitt); Gene Hubbard, Home  
**Long Term:** Vernon King, Westhampton Care Center; Grace Haddad, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Martin Tener



The Presbyterian Women welcome you to join them on Wednesday, March 14th at noon for a Covered Dish Luncheon/Meeting.

**Spring Rummage Sale!**

Friday April 20th , 9am-3pm & Saturday April 21st, 9am-12:30pm. You may start bringing in your donations to the Spring Rummage Sale during the week Monday-Friday 9am-noon. Please do not leave any items outside of the church.

**Walkers/Hikers**



Anyone interested in taking a hike mark your calendars and please come on the following hike in Center Moriches. Sat. March 10th - Terrell River County Park Hike: 9:00 am approx. 3 mi. - easy - flat.  
 Info:  
 Janet 631-288-6884. This is a popular trail from Montauk Hwy to Moriches Bay. Bring water, snack. Rain cancels. Meet in the Terrell River County Parking lot on the south side of Montauk Hwy. (CR 80) across from Kaler's Pond Park, where there is additional parking.

**Communion Servers**

Stop into the church office and sign up to serve the elements, set up or clean up for Communion Sunday.



**William T.P. Rambo  
 Spiritual Enrichment Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to high school seniors who are members of congregations in the Presbytery of Long Island and who demonstrate outstanding contributions to their church and community. If interested, applications are available in the church office. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than March 26, 2018.

**WPC Easter Service Schedule**

Sunday, April 1st, we will have a sunrise service at the Swordfish Beach Club on Dune Road. 9am service in the sanctuary followed by our Children's Easter Egg Hunt. 11am service featuring the LI Brass Guild

**Westhampton Community Events**

March 24- Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Village Green at 12pm



Visit the church website to view Sunday worship services streaming live each week. [www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org](http://www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org)

Just click the  icon.

## Session approved

- Minutes of the Congregational and Corporate meeting of January 14, 2018
- Minutes of the Annual Joint Congregational and Corporate Meeting of February 4, 2018
- 2018 Church Operating Budget
- The Interim Pastor Contract between the Session and Rev. Kloepfer for the period February 15, 2018 through February 14, 2019
- Maundy Thursday service at the Chapel to be held at 7:00 PM on March 29, 2018 and will include a Tenebrae Service featuring readings from the 12 Apostles.
- The date for the church picnic. It will be after worship on Sunday June 10, 2018.
- Red Door Chamber Orchestra at the church on Sunday July 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM.
- Madison Fennessy as one of our new Sunday Worship Nursery attendants

## Pastor Search Update

For those who are away in Florida for the winter, here is the update from the Pastor Search Committee: we took our Ministry Information Form to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry this month, but it was not accepted. We had written of our needs in a new pastor, but what the COM wanted was a list of our strengths. We re-wrote it and are waiting for Presbytery approval in the next few weeks. When we get that we will finally be ready to accept and study resumes of interested pastors. We could limit the geographical area that we would accept from, but for now we will be accepting resumes from anywhere in the country. We are optimistic that our real work is ready to begin.

Stu Wood for the PNC.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1  | Tova Keblish                 | 16 | Marie and Vincent Yervasi  |
| 1  | Barbara and Anthony Danowski | 16 | Stephanie and Ed Shea      |
| 4  | Pete Seidler                 | 17 | Tom Zaloga                 |
| 6  | Pat Barile                   | 18 | John Comba                 |
| 7  | Meg Baird                    | 21 | Betsy Fox                  |
| 7  | Gavin Jessup                 | 22 | Kimet Speed                |
| 8  | Abbygail Lappin              | 23 | Pam Chance Herzing         |
| 8  | Ruth Duvall                  | 23 | Justin Shiu                |
| 9  | Kristina Carter              | 24 | Casey Pitcher              |
| 9  | Carol Nemeth                 | 24 | Mary Beth and Taf Lundborg |
| 10 | Erika Lukert                 | 25 | Lily Burns                 |
| 11 | Brad Ravenhall               | 27 | Jim Sperber                |
| 11 | Georgia Gooder               | 30 | Donna & Korey Williams     |
| 12 | Jennifer Gillin              | 31 | Bill Manker                |
| 12 | Kelly Martin                 | 31 | Spencer Baird              |
| 12 | George Amorose               | 31 | Aram Terchunian            |
| 13 | Bunker Seyfert               | 31 | Lisa Gooder                |
| 14 | Kathy Tureski                | 31 | Carter Howerton            |
| 15 | Adam Shea                    |    |                            |
| 16 | Quinn Pitcher                |    |                            |
| 16 | Daniel Staniford             |    |                            |



# LENTEN FESTIVAL



## YOUTH GROUP

WOW! What a month we had!

Sunday school finished their second month of ushering on Communion Sunday's, and we have re-introduced the Acolyte! I think the highlight has been the ringing of the bell! We shall see if having access to "fire" will move to the top of the list!

Our Lenten Festival, was held on February 11th during our Sunday School time, instead of after worship. The children seemed to really like the "mini lesson" before completing a craft that went along with the lesson. The kids learned the meaning of the pretzel shape. Do you know it?

Invented by monks, pretzels carry deep, religious meanings. The folded strips of dough resemble the folded arms of someone who is praying in the usual manner in those days, while the three holes represent the Christian Holy Trinity. If you take a moment to look at the typical twisted pretzel, you can see that it is a model of the common prayer position from the early 600s of folding your arms over each other on your chest and putting your hands on your shoulders.

Pretzels were developed as an option to satisfy abstinence and fasting laws of the time. Eggs, fat, and milk were forbidden during Lent. So, the remaining ingredients that one could use included water, flour, and salt. A young monk baked the first pretzel — making a Lenten bread of water, flour, and salt, forming the dough into the prayer position of the day, and baking it as soft bread. These first pretzels would have been much like the soft pretzels we have today. Make pretzels part of your Lenten tradition this year.

Other stations included, the meaning of Jelly Bean colors as they relate to Easter, the making of a "stained glass cross" and the making of a Prayer Jar with things to pray for, give away or give up during the 40 days of Lent. The children also enjoyed a bagel & juice breakfast!

If the 11th didn't have enough going on, we celebrated the 108th Birthday of Boy Scouting with WPC's annual Scout Sunday, recognizing the Scouts of our church and of the Troop & Den we support. We had 11 scouts in all, four from our Church. Older scouts from the Troop ushered under the direction of Griffin Wagner, Life Scout (almost Eagle!), while Carson Campbell told us what he did to complete his God and Family award, and Anderson & Cameron Hipp helped lead the Cub Scouts in the Cub Scout Promise.

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The reminder of the month, Sunday School lessons will focus on Bible stories tying them in with the Olympics!

The youth group was busy making soup, for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign! The kids made a chili and chicken vegetable while Karen Neubauer, Janine Halsey and her mom made the Potato Leek, Broccoli Cheddar and Minestrone soups. We sold them after worship and will use the proceeds to buy grocery cards from WPC to give to the food pantry. Thank you all who helped support this cause.

The kids also helped out Maureen's Haven by grocery shopping and making lunches for this outreach program of our community.

Just this week I had a couple of inquires, about REACH (funny how time changes things, had no interest in the fall!) I will get the details, and we will be having a meeting for current 8th graders and above to see if we can make it a reality! (It would be either July 8th - 14th or July 15th - 21st) Stay tuned and watch for an email about a meeting!

So looking forward to longer days and warmer weather,

Kathy

## **Deacons Meal Ministry**

To those who may not know, a meal ministry program is available by the deacon's committee to anyone in our congregation who may be in need.

Each meal also comes with a visit from a friendly face of someone in our congregation.

Please let anyone on deacons know of someone who may need this service or if you would like to help make a meal and a visit, contact:

Vern Hackworth, Meal Ministry Coordinator:  
Home (631)776-2218, Cell (516)375-8891

## **Presbyterian Women**

We met for the monthly luncheon/business meeting at noon, February 14, 2018. Rev. John and Linda Howard-Kloepfer were unable to join us due to prior appointments.

Claire Berry was welcomed after too long an absence.

Spring is around the corner and we look forward to seeing more ladies as the weather improves. Alix McKenzie dashed in to say hello but could not stay for lunch. She brought a delicious apple cheese cake for us to share. Thank you.

The Spring Rummage Sale is set for April 20th & 21st. Please gather your donations. They can be brought to the office weekday mornings before noon. Do not leave anything at the doors or in the hallway leading to the Parish Hall. The hallway must be left open and passable at all times for the nursery school.

We will have details for the May "Ladies Who Lunch" at the March 14th meeting. If you have a suggestion for the May luncheon, bring it on the 14th.

The storage space we have been using for years has been taken over, making it very inconvenient to prepare for weekly Coffee Hour, monthly meetings, special occasions and sales. We are trying to resolve this issue. We will ask the Trustees to have the Bridge Club remove their boxes and bags. We have been told their contract for use of the premises does not provide for storage space.

Letters from three of the boys and girls we adopt through Child Fund International were circulated. One of the letters, with pictures, is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please look for it. The days are getting longer, a sure sign spring is on the way. We look forward to seeing you on March 14th for a Covered Dish luncheon meeting.

# March 2018

| Sun  | Mon                                    | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
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| <u>AA:</u><br><b>Sat. 10am (Bailey Hall)</b><br><b>Sun. 12pm (conference room)</b><br><b>Sun. 6pm, Wed. 7:30pm (Bailey Hall)</b> |  |   |   | 1<br><br>7:30pm Spanish Ministry  | 2<br>World Day of Prayer<br>12pm Bridge  | 3<br>10am Hospice Committee meeting-Conf. Rm.   |
| 4<br>3rd Sunday in Lent<br>Youth Usher Communion   | 5<br>12pm Bridge                       | 6<br>7pm Deacons                            | 7<br>9:15am Mission<br>10:30am Staff  | 8<br>Int. Women's Day<br><br>7:30pm Spanish Ministry  | 9<br>12pm Bridge   | 10<br>9am Hike Terrell River County Park w. Janet Hann<br><br>12pm WHB St. Patty's Parade |
| 11<br>4th Sunday in Lent<br>Daylight Savings Begins  | 12<br>5pm Maureen's Haven              | 13<br>5:15pm Music & Worship<br>6pm Session | 14<br>9:15am Mission<br>11am Staff<br>12pm PW Covered Dish Luncheon<br>5:45pm Jr. Choir | 15<br>Tidings Articles Due<br><br>7:30pm Spanish Ministry                                   | 16<br>12pm Bridge  | 17  |
| 18<br>5th Sunday in Lent   | 19<br>5pm Maureen's Haven              | 20<br>7pm Trustees                          | 21  | 22<br><br>7:30pm Spanish Ministry   | 23<br>12pm Bridge  | 24<br>12pm West-hampton Beach Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Village Green                 |
| 25<br>Palm Sunday<br>Holy Week Begins  | 26<br>Mon. of Holy Week<br>12pm Bridge | 27<br>Tues. of Holy Week                    | 28<br>Wed. of Holy Week<br>5:45pm Jr. Choir   | 29<br>Maundy Thurs.<br>7pm service at the Chapel w/ Tenebrae<br><br>7:30pm Spanish Ministry | 30<br>Good Friday—<br>Office Closed<br><br>12-3pm Ecumenical Service @ Beach United Methodist<br><br>12pm Bridge | 31<br>Great Vigil of Easter   |

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***Your issue of the March Tidings***

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