



TIDINGS

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November Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 1	9:15AM 5:45PM	Mission Committee Children's Choir
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 2	6:00PM 7:30PM	Harvest Dinner Spanish Ministry
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 3	12:00PM	Bridge Club
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 5	22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—COMMUNION <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 6	8:30AM-4PM	WH Garden Club
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 7	7:00PM	Deacons
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 8	10:30AM 12:00PM	Staff Meeting PW Sandwich & Salad Luncheon
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 9	7:30PM	Spanish Ministry
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 10	OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY	
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY	
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 12	23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - STEWARDSHIP <i>Sacrament of Baptism</i> <i>Congregational Meeting immediately following worship service</i>	
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 13	5:00PM	Maureen's Haven
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 14	6:00PM	Session
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 15	12:00PM 1:00PM 5:45PM	<i>TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE</i> Fundraising Committee Children's Choir
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 16	7:30PM	Spanish Ministry
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 17	12:00PM	Bridge Club

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (*continued*)

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 19	24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Fruits of the Harvest Thank Offering	
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 20	5:00PM	Maureen's Haven
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 21	7:00PM	Trustees
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 23	THANKSGIVING DAY—OFFICE CLOSED	
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 24	OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING	
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 26	CHRIST THE KING—Fruits of the Harvest	
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 28	6:00PM	Wreath Making & Pizza Party!
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 29	5:45PM	Children's Choir
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 30	7:30PM	Spanish Ministry

PRAYER REQUESTS

Recent: John Campbell; Lily Burns; Paul Pfaff (Paul's son); Joe Pastore (chemo for colon cancer); Jim Bachman, Westhampton Care Center; Pat Shima, Westchester Center in Yonkers; Daniel Levitt (husband of Jennean Jessup Levitt); Jane Post; Vernon King, Westhampton Care Center; Gene Hubbard, Home; Linda Howard-Kloepfer

Long Term: George Payne (Kathy Tureski's father); Grace Haddad, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Collins, Southampton Care Center; Peter Monsarrat; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Martin Tener

Church Family News

BAPTISM

Nov. 12—Cormac Douglas Ravenhall

MARRIAGE

Sept. 24—Julia Christ, daughter of Dawn & Scott Christ.

SYMPATHY

Oct. 23- We express Christian sympathy to Steve Ravenhall and Christina Ravenhall on the death of his mother, Florence Ravenhall.

Harvest Dinner Thursday, November 2nd 6pm



Come share great Food, Fellowship & Fun!

John & Meryl King and The Kitchen Crew will provide turkey, dressing and dessert. Eastbound Freight Bluegrass Band will once again provide the entertainment!

Please bring a side dish to share! Desserts will be provided. Sign up for this great evening in the Parish Hall.

MAUREEN'S HAVEN

November 13 & 20 @ 5pm

Sign up sheets for Maureen's Haven homeless ministry are posted in the parish hall.

For questions, please contact the coordinator, Maria Moore or any mission committee member.

Greetings from your Interim Pastor

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. - Matthew 6:21

November is falling leaves but also Thanksgiving - a time of gratitude for the abundance that gives us sustenance all year long. And it's a time to remember all that we are grateful for. One thing I'm thankful for this year is the abundance of prayers and loving thoughts that have been sent Linda's way as she has gone through a long process of surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and finally, a stem cell transplant for her multiple myeloma. I know thanks is ultimately due to God, of course, but I'm also aware of the power and efficacy of prayer. We do what we can, and leave the rest to God's divine providence, trusting that God is present and active in all things.

Another thing I'm grateful for this year is the Westhampton Presbyterian Church. I knew some things about the church before I accepted the call as Interim Pastor. However, I really got to know the congregation only after I was part of its ministry. You are very blessed to have a wonderful congregation here at WPC. I'm sure you're aware of this, but I doubt you know just how good you have it when your church is looked at beside all the other Presbyterian congregations in this Presbytery and across the nation.

When I look at the congregation each Sunday morning I'm reminded of how grateful I am for each and every one of you and all you do for this church. I hope you feel the same level of gratitude for each other. And, WPC is blessed with a long tradition of many programs and mission projects all year long. Another reason to be grateful. I have heard people mention that WPC promotes and supports so many mission projects that it feels as if every time they come to church they're asked to contribute money to yet another project or program. Of course, many of these you already contribute to by supporting the church budget. Each of these is worthwhile, and WPC is to be commended for supporting them, even if no one member can really be expected to contribute to them all.

However, there is one program that is worthy of the active support of every single member of the church, and that's the church itself. Without the church - including its building, staff, boards, committees, and programs - neither the congregation nor its ministry, outreach and mission support would be possible.

It's the time of year when you will be receiving a letter urging you to pledge your financial support to very best of your ability. This is a truly exciting time in the life of your church, precisely because you are in an interim period between installed pastors. It's a time to give thanks for the wonderful ministry and mission that has been the WPC over the recent past. But it's also a time to envision and dream and think about the future, which is wide open.

I challenge you as a congregation to take a bold step into a still uncertain future. Unless you want to see the slow-but-sure attrition of members, attendance, leadership and programs, you will need to bind yourselves together and support a budget that will do several things. First, it will enable your Pastor Search Committee, when it is formed in the near future, to seek and attract a pastor with the experience, commitment, enthusiasm and skills needed to help you as a church move into a new era of ministry and mission. This will undoubtedly require the financial resources to hire additional staff - an Assistant Pastor, a Minister of Education or Mission or Pastoral Care, or perhaps something altogether new that you, along with the new pastor, will come up with. There are no limits to what is possible.

Together as a congregation, you have the resources to do this. The question is: do you have the faith to step boldly into a future that while exciting, cannot be clearly seen yet? I hope and pray that you do.

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

- Pastor John Kloepfer

SESSION REPORT

At its meeting on October 10, 2017, the Session:

- Approved the use of the church by use of local Westhampton Cub Scouts for dates and times to be determined.
- Approved a request for the baptism of Cormac Douglas Ravenhall by parents Bradley and Sarah Ravenhall for a tentative date of either November 5 or 12, 2017.
- Discussed a letter received from retired Pastor Charles M. Cary requesting the liquidation of the Cary Scholarship so his family can transfer the proceeds into “The Lyle and Dorothy Ferer Cary Award” in Creative Writing at Berea College in Kentucky. The Session tabled the topic until the Memorial and Endowment Fund committee has had a chance to review this request.
- Received, reviewed and approved a proposed 2018 Operating Budget from the Finance Committee. The proposed budget will be presented to the congregation in November.
- Discussed having another day for Communion Training which would allow more church members to be eligible to serve on Communion Sundays.
- Approved the plan of the Membership Committee to work on the Church Rolls.
- Approved the request of the Fundraising Committee to hold a Santa Brunch after worship on December 17, 2017.



1	Alison Nemeth	19	Allison Impomeni
2	Chloe Rouhandeh	20	Maria Moore
3	Sharon Taylor	20	Mike Campbell
4	Tom Otis	21	Cooper Jessup
5	Margretta Anderson	21	Sarah Miles Williams
5	Micki and Bob Niebanck	21	John Gillin
6	Reed Beasley	22	Kyle Hubbard
7	Karen Derryberry	23	Bob Busking Jr.
7	Dan Pizzarello	23	Ellen Pfaff
8	Xochitl Seyfert	23	Pat Lutz
11	John King	23	Keri Shiu
12	Billy Campbell	24	Kayla Jones
13	Russ Babis	24	Betsy Doyle
14	Jim Rowbotham	25	Glen Walker
17	Maria and Tom Moore	25	Shaun Holliday
17	Ellen and John Campbell	27	Otis Bradley
18	Evelyn Overton	28	Megan Speer
18	Tracy Speed-Zollweg	30	Alec Jessup Levitt

YOUTH GROUP

“Give without remembering. Take without forgetting.”

-Elizabeth Bibesco



November the month of thankfulness. Our month of activities are geared towards being grateful for what we have, and what we can do to help others.

We start the month off with supporting our peers who are in the production at WHB HS on Friday & Saturday November 3rd and 4th at 7:30 pm, and Sunday at 2PM. Admission is free, and always a good time to see the youth of our community acting on the stage.

We are grateful for our Deacons who make food baskets for local people in need, and we help by holding our annual food drive on Saturday, November 18th from 10:30 – 1:30 at Best Yet Market in WHB. If you're shopping that day, please support the Youth Group as we collect needed items for the baskets & local pantry.

Also, this month we will be participating in the Adopt –a-family. We will choose a boy & girl and shop for them. And, we'll be rounding off the month with our annual Heifer campaign from 11/19th – Dec. 24th. This is the time that you may want to purchase “live animals” as gifts (for that special person that has everything!), or in honor or in memory of someone; “it's the gift that keeps on giving”. The kids love to pick out different items from the Heifer Catalog for those of you just making a monetary donation. We'd like to thank those of you that support this all year long by bringing in coins and deposited them into the tube at the front of the sanctuary.

Happy Thanksgiving.....Kathy

MISSION COMMITTEE

We are looking for new members to help. If you are curious or inspired, please join us at our next meeting **Wednesday, November 1 at 9:15AM.**

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising committee has two events upcoming in December. The first is a Christmas Cocktail Party at the home of John and Meryle King on Friday December 15, 2017. Expect a fun evening of food and drink among friends in their lovely home. Tickets are \$30 each.

The second event is a Santa Brunch on Sunday, December 17, 2017 immediately following the choir concert which is during worship. Jane Otis and her able crew are providing the brunch. There will be a bake sale so be prepared to take home some goodies. There will also be a “tree of treats” raffle which consists of a variety of lottery tickets, gift cards and grocery cards. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Brunch prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children/seniors and \$40 per family.

Raffle tickets and tickets for the cocktail party will be available during the coffee hour starting November 26th and the signup sheet for the brunch will be available then as well. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for some holiday fun and at the same time, support the budget of our church.

CROP WALK

Thanks to the CROP walkers and donors, we raised \$2,784 for hunger relief worldwide!



FROM SESSION

The Session calls a meeting of the congregation immediately following worship on Sunday, November 12 to elect new officers and to review the proposed budget for 2018.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

October 2017 turned out to be one of the busiest for Presbyterian Women. We provided homemade desserts for the World Communion luncheon. Some of us joined the CROP Walkers while many of us set-up for the Fall Rummage Sale. Aside from the confusion of several groups using our premises at the same times we managed a successful Rummage Sale, \$1,250 at last deposit.

Special recognition and thank you go out to the men of the congregation who helped set-up, clean-up and during the week. Peggy Childs provided the posters, Chris Haddad and Tom Rogers assisted with the radio and newspaper announcements. The list is lengthy. Thank you, one and all.

We missed two familiar faces around the table for the October Covered dish luncheon meeting. No matter when we gather, Marilyn Wood will be missed, she was always here for us. We signed a card of warm wishes for Linda Howard-Kloepfer.

Gale Seidler provided the monthly Treasurer's report. Gale reminded us of the annual Thank Offering. We will dedicate the 2017 offering during church service, Nov. 19, 2017. Please do not forget your box or donation marked "Thank Offering".

November is the month we gather for the Harvest Dinner, Thursday, November 2nd to enjoy a church family Thanksgiving.

P.W. will meet for a sandwich and salad luncheon meeting November 8th at noon. We will tie up any loose ends there might be in preparation for the Christmas Tea and Bazaar, to be held Dec. 2, 2017.

Join us on Tuesday, November 28th at 6pm to create a Christmas wreath and enjoy a pizza party! See our wreath order form on page 8. Orders are due by Sunday, November 26th.

NOVEMBER UPDATE ON NEXT PASTOR

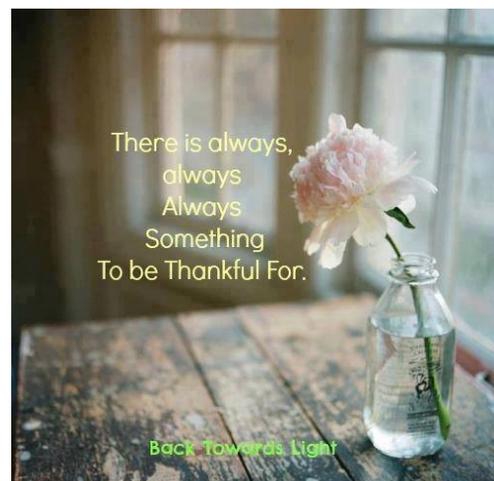
The Plumb Line committee tallied the results of the twenty question surveys plus the smaller surveys given to church organizations, and they have produced the manuscript that Presbytery requires, showing our strengths and weaknesses. The next step is for the Session to evaluate and approve the document at their November meeting.

Then in December the Committee on Ministry will have to approve it, following which the Pastor Nominating Committee can be formed and start working. In other words, we are right on schedule, going as fast as possible. There will be updates every month to keep you informed. -Stu Wood, for the committee

FROM THE DEACONS

John & Meryl King and the Kitchen Crew will provide turkey, dressing and dessert for our annual **Harvest Dinner on November 2nd at 6pm.**

Donations of non-perishables and grocery cards are appreciated for the 10 Thanksgiving food baskets the Deacons put together for local families in need. Donations may also be brought to church on Sundays. Our youth group will be doing a food drive as well. Any surplus will go directly over to the local food pantry.



WH Beach High School Fall Show! Directed by Rosemary Cline (WHB High School Auditorium)

Almost, Maine by John Cariani
A splendidly, unpredictable
romantic comedy.

Admission is Free!!!

Show Times:
Friday, 11/3 at 7:30pm
Saturday, 11/4 at 7:30pm
Sunday, 11/5 at 2:00pm

MUSIC NOTES

We are so blessed at WPC to have such an excellent and dedicated choir. It is a thrill and an honor to work with them. They inspire me every week.

The Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, November 1st at 5:45 p.m. in the choir room. All children are welcome.

For the past 36 years we have been fortunate to have the Long Island Brass Guild take part in our Christmas and Easter celebrations. They truly enhance the worship experience. This year the choir and brass are planning to present a special Christmas music celebration during the service of worship on Sunday, December 17th. We depend on donations from the congregation to fund the guild. Please contribute so that this beautiful tradition can continue this year.

Adopt A Family

The Adopt a Family minute for mission will be on Sunday November 19th and you will be able to select a person to give Christmas gifts to that day after the service. Please open your hearts this season. Shop and give generously to someone who may not have any other packages to open at Christmas.

Everyone deserves a Merry Christmas!



PRESCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER SUNSHINE ACADEMY

Director: Theresa Caponi

631-684-9677

Email: theresacaponi@gmail.com

Miss Theresa & Miss Katie have been very busy with another school year at Sunshine Academy! If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact the director.

Sunshine Academy October 23, 2017

Peek of the Week

This week, in our active learning environment, we will be

exploring the letter 'a'.

Monday: Apple Stamping

Tuesday: Acorn Counting

Wednesday: Introducing Journals

Thursday: Apple Sort

Friday: Acorn Hand Painting

Announcements

If you have any unwanted magazines, please send them to school with your child.

Thank you!

Music for the Week

1. The Airplane Song
2. Apples
3. Alice the Camel
4. Alphabet Song

Home Connection

Have your child help you put away the groceries from the store. Talk to your child throughout the process. For example, "We need to put the ice-cream in the freezer so that it doesn't melt. If he/she can reach the spot where the item belongs, let them put it away."



Presbyterian Women Christmas Wreath Order Form

Please mail or bring this form to the church office.

Make check payable to:

PW Wreath Committee

Westhampton Presbyterian Church
90 Meeting House Road
Westhampton Beach NY 11978

The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 26th.

Pick-up is on Friday, December 1st at 10 am.

Number of wreaths at \$30 each _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Save the Dates!

**Christmas Wreath
Making and Pizza
Party ~
Tuesday, November
28th
at 6PM**

**Christmas Tea
and Bazaar
Saturday, December
2nd from 1-3:30 PM**



*If you would like to
bake for the bake sale,
please call Eloise
Carter. If you would
like to assist at the ba-
zaar, call Christine
Haddad.*



**CALLING ALL DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS!
Advent Festival help needed!**

Sunday School is looking for someone to direct the Children's pageant on December 24th! Please contact Kathy Tureski if you or someone you know is interested. Email: whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com or call: 283-0679

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:15 Mission Comm. 5:45pm Children's Choir	2 6pm Harvest Dinner 7:30pm Spanish Ministry (Bailey Hall)	3 12pm Bridge Club	4
5 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Daylight Savings Time Ends Communion	6 Garden Club 8am-4pm	7 Election Day Deacons 7pm	8 10:30am Staff meeting 12pm PW Sandwich and Salad Luncheon	9 7:30pm Spanish Ministry (Bailey Hall)	10 Office Closed 12pm Bridge Club	11 Veteran's Day
12 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Baptism Stewardship Congregational Meeting	13 Maureen's Haven 5pm	14 Session 6pm	15 Tidings Articles Due 1pm Fundraising Committee 5:45pm Children's Choir	16 7:30pm Spanish Ministry (Bailey Hall)	17 12pm Bridge Club	18
19 24th Sunday after Pentecost Fruits of the Harvest Thank offering	20 Maureen's Haven 5pm	21 Trustees 7pm	22	23 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed 7:30pm Spanish Ministry (Bailey Hall)	24 Office Closed 12pm Bridge Club	25
26 Christ the King Fruits of the Harvest	27	28 6pm Wreath Making & pizza Party	29 5:45pm Children's Choir	30 7:30pm Spanish Ministry (Bailey Hall)	<u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am (Bailey Hall) Sun. 12pm (conference room) Sun. 6pm, Wed. 7:30pm (Bailey Hall)	

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Your issue of the November Tidings



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*
