



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 2019

From your new minister, Rev. Vanessa Winters

Dear Friends,

A warm hello to all of you, both those who I have met and seen, and all those who I have yet to meet! My family and I are delighted to be joining you all here in Westhampton for a New Year and a new chapter in our lives. We have been living up in Midcoast Maine for the past five years and look forward to experiencing a new community with all that it has to offer.

I thought I would take this month's newsletter space to introduce myself and my family a bit more as we are all getting to know one another. I am one of five children (I have two sisters and two brothers) and was raised in southern Maine. Both of my parents (divorced and both remarried) still reside in Maine. Once I graduated from high school I went on to college at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. I was there for a year and a half and found that it wasn't really what I expected. At the advice of my parents, I decided to take a year abroad to study at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. While there, I absolutely fell in love with the school and the people and decided to stay there to complete my degree. Following my graduation from Trinity, I returned to the states for seminary and moved a little closer to home— at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA.

It was in seminary that I reconnected with my now husband, Chris, who actually grew up in the adjoining town to me in Maine. We had known each other through mutual friends and decided to have dinner together. Seven years later we're married with a son, Wesley, who just passed the year and a half mark and have found parenthood to be challenging, but also immensely rewarding.

Chris works in IT for Camden National Bank up in Maine and will continue working for them remotely for the time being. Wesley mostly enjoys dancing to his favorite songs and playing with balls of any kind. He is looking forward to starting daycare and making lots of new friends.

We also have two dogs—Tyson and Ginger, a Boston terrier and yellow lab respectively. Ginger has been trained through an organization called NEADS (formerly known as Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans) to work with me in my ministry. This mostly includes visiting with folks and helping me make connections. Who can resist going up to ask some questions when they see you walking around with a dog?! Hopefully Ginger will be with me in the church office at times as I know she is looking forward to meeting all of you!

My ministry up to this point has been community centered and I look forward to continuing that work in and amongst all of you. My biggest priority as I start here is to get to know all of you, your traditions and stories.

Now that you know a bit more about me and my family, I look forward to learning more about you!

Blessings,
Pastor Vanessa



***Prayer Concerns:**

Recent: Creighton Berry, Riverhead; Charlie Payntar (friend of Tony Thompson/Bob Kreiger); Joyce Reaver, home; Brittany Howerton; Gene May; Don Griffin, Westhampton Care Center; Alix McKenzie; George Burns, Stonybrook Hospital; Gale Seidler; Peggy Childs; David O’Shea; Barry McGrath (Karen Derryberry’s brother-in-law); Jay Sears; Bob Baum; Lorraine Cheeseman, home; John Comba; Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Jim Bachman; Rev. John Kloepfer

Long Term: Brian Radigan, (Jennifer Neubauer’s father); Daniel Levitt (husband of Jennean Jessup Levitt) Hospice; Pat Shima, Westchester Center in Yonkers; Vernon King, Grace Haddad, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard, Home

Church Family News

Christian Sympathy

To Nancy & Wes Winters on the death of her beloved sister, Anita Romano.

Dec. 13: To Jean Van Hoesen Cuthbert and her entire extended family on the death of her brother, Richard “Pipper” Henry.

Dec. 18: To Elizabeth Moccorea and her entire extended family on the death of her mother Betty Failing.

Notes from the Organ Loft

A special thank you to the choirs for enriching our services of worship this past year and particularly during the Christmas season.

Thank you to those who donated for the L.I. Brass Guild. Their presence enhances our special services at Easter and Christmas.

Happy New Year!

*Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given;
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth.
-Martin Luther*



**Martin Luther King , Jr.
Birthday Anniversary Service**

Please stay tuned for date of service.

USHERS

Don’t forget to sign up to usher in January!
Meet and greet members, friends and visitors! It is a great way to become more involved! If you need more assistance, please contact one of our Deacons.

Annual Reports are due

Please remember to email your Annual Reports by January 11th to admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org.

*Remember to submit your Tidings articles on the 15th each month so that it can be displayed in the next newsletter. Lets stay connected!

PW News

December 12, 2018, a special day for Presbyterian Women. Rev. John Kloepfer opened and closed our time together with prayers. John can not attend future PW events due to church rulings. Not fair!

Our prayers go with you wherever your plans take you. God bless and watch over you always.

Traditionally, the December meeting is a time to enjoy conversation, put aside monthly business reports and share selections from the Tea Table.

Gale brought us up to date with the nett proceeds from the Bazaar, \$3400. We are thankful for member and friends of the congregation who help make this possible.

In the holiday spirit, letters from two of our adopted children were read. It is eye-opening to read their thank you letters for gifts we send for Christmas and birthdays. Each letter telling how they have bought something to share as well as something for themselves. Please see their letters posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

On Jan. 9, 2019 we will meet at noon for a sandwich, soup, dessert and tea meeting. Suggestions will be welcome as the calendar for 2019 is prepared. More details will be printed in the church Sunday bulletins.

As we greet the New Year we will be extending hands of welcome to Rev. Vanessa Winters, her husband Chris and young son Wesley.

God Bless the Winters family as they become a part of our church family.

Christmas is a time of treasured memories, the love of family, the comfort and joy of church services and the company of good friends.

Merry Christmas to all near and far.

Marge Beckwith



PW: Bazaar Recap

A big thanks to all who helped make our annual Christmas Bazaar a success. This year we had a few foibles. The Canadian snow hindered our easy access to the blank wreaths but some negotiating by Hanne Manker and the willingness of the local florists in the community got us the needed product. Along the way we had one sad and untimely death which caused one of our creative masters to take time to grieve. The church grieved right along with Karen Andrews and her husband but one of our other talented workers stepped right in to make the Twice Nice look terrific. Thank you Nancy Vigorito. A late running hospice meeting and an unwanted injury prevented a few of our volunteers from participating but those who were there enthusiastically volunteered to fill in. An excited little boy literally tossed his cookies. Meryle King jumped right in and cleaned up the floor in the middle of the rush in the tea room. We had to work around others who are using the building and we had one incident of missing ornaments but thanks to all who continued to work right along, everything turned out well.

Eloise Carter headed up the pizza party which was a fun event and produced many beautifully decorated wreaths. She headed up the baked goods sections and many satisfied customers walked away with holiday sweets. Thanks to Barbara Danowski and crew for heading up the kitchen. The crafters: Cheryl VanTuyle, Donna Goebel Williams and Gini Wagner and crew amazed me with their holiday crafts. They always come up with something new and clever. Jane Otis decorated the head table and the tree with Hanne and Margretta Anderson. Louise Smith and crew kept the Twice Nice going. Peggy Childs provided us with our posters. Janet Hann with Cathy Holiday and Pete Seidler sold wreaths with greens by Donn Larson and Marge Beckwith and bows by Donna Goebel Williams. Thanks also for those people who baked, help set up and clean up.

In spite of all the incidents, it is great to see how members of the church step right up, roll up their sleeves and pitch right it in. It makes me proud to be a member of this church.

Christine Haddad Chair



Youth Group

I can't believe we're saying good-bye to another year. Where does time go? The youth stayed busy in December.

We held multiple practices for our production of the Christmas story told by Dave and his phone full of Emoji's. It was an Emoji Christmas Program that's for sure! A big round of applause to Ryan, Mya, Kaitlyn, Collin, Carson, Tucker, Philip, Samantha, Cameron, Delany, Anderson and Tyler who unfortunately was unable to perform on pageant day due to the stomach bug. We couldn't of done it without our super director, Kimet Speed, the parents, and our organist Linda. "Go tell it on the Twitter, Facebook, Reddit, and Instagram, Go Tell it on the Twitter That Jesus Christ is Born"very addictive song.

Our Sunday School adopted a person from the Deacons adopt-a-family as well as the Youth Groups. A collection of gifts were brought for a young boy and girl hoping to spread the gift of Christmas to all.

Julia and Abby were our Maureen's Haven lunch makers this year They made 17 lunches for our guests in December. They were also very busy helping out at the fundraising dinner. Thank you for giving back so much of your time. Also, a big hand to the youth that assisted with the Santa Brunch! I saw a few kids helping with the set up, serving and clean up. It's nice to see them sharing their time and talents with the church.

As we roll into the New Year, we're excited for our new Pastor, Vanessa Winters to arrive. We look forward to turning the page and starting a new chapter at Westhampton Presbyterian Church with her.

A New Year, renewed hope, new opportunities, new adventures, new ways to give and love. May this be your best year ever!

Happy New Year!

Kathy

Session Report

At its December 11, 2018 meeting the Session approved the following:

Set the following dates for Communion during worship in 2019:

January 6

February 10

March 3

April 7

April 18 (Chapel)

May 5

June 2

July 7

August 4

September 8 (Reunion Sunday)

October 6 (World Communion Sunday)

November 3

December 1

The Session also approved January 5, 2020 for Communion during worship.

The hiring of Leon Ringot as Sexton on Sunday mornings from 8:30 am through worship until 12:30 pm.

Elder Nalda Rothe as chair of the Audit Committee.

January 13 as date for officers to be installed and January 27 as date for Annual Congregation and Corporate Meetings.

The Session also met with the incoming members of Session and Deacons as well as the Audit Committee.

HAPPY ★ NEW YEAR

Children's Pageant "Emoji Christmas"



More History of Westhampton Presbyterian Church from Marcia Koziarz

Second addition made to WPC

Needing more space, in 1957 a Sunday School wing was built. Creating this wing caused the loss of the nursery - the room at stage right. The room at stage left was the kindergarten room. These classes were overseen for years by Dotty Otis (Mrs. E. T. Otis, Jr.) and Dottie McMeekan (Mrs. David McMeekan), respectively. The nursery became a connecting room or foyer with the outside door to the west removed. To the east were the steps and entry to the stage; to the south lay the large room; to the west was the new hall running the length of the wing; and to the north was the connecting foyer to the stairs with a new exterior door opening to its east. One set of stairs went into the basement, and the other upstairs to three more classrooms on the north and a storage area on the south under the eaves with five double door entrances. At the west end of the second floor was a door exiting onto a small platform atop the porch over the lower entrance. Perhaps at the time, but more likely a few years later, a ladder was mounted against the exterior wall of the building to be used in the case of emergencies. It was a couple of decades later that the exterior stairs were constructed for safe access to that second level.

On the main floor of this new west wing lay four rooms providing six classrooms. Flexibility and multi-use was an important aspect of the structure. The door at the west end of the wing was the afore-mentioned main entrance with a covered porch. On the north side of the hall lay the nursery and the kindergarten classrooms. The kindergarten room was split into two with an accordion folding wall; this provided for two separate classrooms. K1 was for the 4-5 year-olds who were not yet in public school; K2 was the class for children in public school Kindergarten. The space between the nursery and kindergarten room(s) contained a closet for each room, a public bathroom opening to the hall, and a bathroom for the nursery. This bathroom was of particular note and was often shown to visitors, for it was truly cute. It was a bathroom for toddlers with miniature fixtures explicitly for them.

Across the hall, along the south side of the wing, was another room with a folding dividing wall. This room was often referred to as the Conference Room as at different times over the years it was used for many types of committee and board meetings. As for additional multi-use, this classroom also provided work space for the women over the years. In the early days, the Sewing Circle gathered there to cut and roll strips of fabric for the creation of the rag rugs that were a popular draw to the summer fairs and sales. Later two sewing machines were obtained, and the women regularly made rag dolls and strawberry potholders for sale. These weekly gatherings for fellowship and needlework continued through the decades, and eventually included various types of crafts and the production of ornaments and other decorative items. This room was also used for Circle meetings as well as other gatherings. The Women's Circles continued for decades through various organizations of the church women, including the Women's Association, the UPW or United Presbyterian Women, and the current PW. At one time there were four such circles for Bible study, fellowship, and mission. Each Circle accepted the responsibility of hosting one of the four regular covered dish suppers during the year, setting up, cleaning up, and providing the dessert and beverages for the evening.

To accommodate such social gatherings, the Conference Room was constructed with a kitchenette area behind folding, slatted wood French doors. Complete with its own set of dishes, silverware, sink, stove, and little refrigerator, this workspace made possible refreshments for many social times without trips across the big room to the main kitchen. The Conference Room has two more French doors, with panes of glass rather than slats; one connects it to the original Parish Hall; the other opens to the south and provides an exit to the outside.

To the west of this room, and across from the nursery, was a classroom that was decorated in the mid-1970s with Winnie-the-Pooh murals painted by Bebe and Lise Freilinghaus. This Pooh Room became so beloved, that with the rearrangement of room-use decades later, Lise similarly decorated what now is the current nursery with Pooh murals.

One might think that this wing of the building and its nine classrooms would be sufficient, but it was not. Some of the stricture was because of the renting of the upstairs rooms to a week-day nursery school. (Keeping the attention of older students on their lessons while in a room filled with pictures and toys could be very challenging, so multi-use upstairs was not easy.) In addition to these rooms, the minister's study, the kitchen, and even the stage were also used for Sunday morning class-time.

Eventually it was decided to employ a church secretary. To provide space for her, the old kindergarten room (stage left) was fitted out with a desk, file cabinet, mimeograph, and typewriter. However, this space later also proved to be inadequate. Thus, in the mid '60s, the choir was moved "temporarily" to the space at the head of the stairs, and the original robing room became the church office. This "temporary" situation remained in place for nearly 20 years.

Stay tuned for the Third Addition in the February Tidings.



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

1	Scott Campbell	15	Claire Berry
2	Paul Pfaff	15	SuZanne Jessup
2	Oliver Bradley	18	Steve Ravenhall
2	Crawford Jackson IV	20	Christian Carter
3	Mia Victoria Tortorella	23	Brian Mosher
5	Lilly Wagner	23	Tabitha Heath
5	Marjorie Ridgway	23	Jenn Greiner
6	Diane Perry	24	Benjamin Otis Miller
7	Jared Jessup	25	Cathy Holliday
9	Mason Gragg	26	Eric Wootten
11	Ralph Hubbard	26	Kearney Staniford
11	George Burns	29	Lynda Confessore
12	Jessie Deihl	30	Maik Jornitz
13	Karen Neubauer	30	David Rowe
14	Seamus Naughton	31	Ralph Downs
15	Bob Busking	31	Sophie Rouhandeh
15	Derik Herzing	31	Josephine Levitt

January 2019

During the month of January, WH Library programs are available, please contact the library for program details.

***indicates library program**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2	3 *6pm Basic Spanish	4 12:30pm Bridge	5 9:30am Budget 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
6 Epiphany of the Lord Communion	7	8 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English 7pm Deacons	9 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW Luncheon *12pm Tai Chi *6pm meditation *6pm Writers Kitchen	10 *6pm Basic Spanish	11 *9:30am Senior Fitness 12:30pm Bridge <i>Annual Reports due by end of day.</i>	12 9:30am Audit *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
13 Baptism of the Lord New Officers installed	14 *9:30am Yoga 5pm Maureen's Haven	15 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group 6pm Session *6:30pm Basic English	16 *12pm Tai Chi *6pm meditation	17 *6pm Basic Spanish	18 *9:30am Senior Fitness 12:30pm Bridge	19 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 *9:30am Yoga	22 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English 7pm Trustees	23 *12pm Tai Chi *1pm Think Outside the Book Club *6pm Writers Kitchen *6pm meditation	24 *6pm Basic Spanish	25 *9:30am Senior Fitness 12:30pm Bridge	26 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
27 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11am Annual Congregation Meeting	28 *9:30am Yoga	29 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English	30 *12pm Tai Chi *6pm meditation	31 *6pm Basic Spanish	<u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am – Bailey Hall Sun. 12pm – Conf. Rm. Sun. 6pm – Bailey Hall Wed. 7:30pm – Bailey Hall Boy Scouts meet each Tues. 6pm	

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Year!*

