



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2019

## A Word from the Pastor



If you've been to church in the past couple of weeks, you'll have noticed that I haven't been alone up on the chancel, but have been accompanied by a furry friend, Ginger. There have been lots of questions about Ginger so I thought I would take this opportunity to try to answer some of those and to introduce her properly.

Ginger comes to me from an organization called NEADS which stands for National Education for Assistance Dogs Services. She was trained from the time she was 6 weeks old until she was 18 months which was when she was matched with me and we started training together. Ginger was a puppy that was bred for the organization Guiding Eyes for the Blind, but was deemed too small to be a seeing eye dog so she arrived soon after at NEADS. NEADS is a wonderful organization that trains dogs for folks with disabilities as well as dogs for classrooms, therapy, and ministry. If you are interested in learning more about them, their website is [www.neads.org](http://www.neads.org).

Ginger is now 5 years old and is a pure-bred yellow Labrador retriever. You'll notice that when she is working, she wears a couple pieces of equipment. The first is her vest or cape which identifies her as a working dog as well as tells you she was trained by NEADS. It also has pockets which is where I carry her necessary paperwork. She also wears a head collar or gentle leader around her nose and neck. It is not a muzzle as she can still open her mouth completely with it on.

Instead it is a way that we can communicate together without words in noisy situations. I can gently turn her in the right direction or tug down or up for her to sit or stand. She has been wearing it since she was very little and though she often tries to paw it off, she is very comfortable and used to it.

Ginger is a special type of working dog in that she works with me but not because I have a disability. She has been trained to work with me as a pastor to visit people, offer comfort and support, and to provide education about working dogs. You are absolutely allowed to pet and interact with Ginger which is different than many working dogs. If you see a dog identified as a working dog, you should ALWAYS ask the handler whether it is okay to approach them. Please don't be offended if they say no or don't respond. They may be busy working or may have a disability that doesn't allow them to communicate with you.

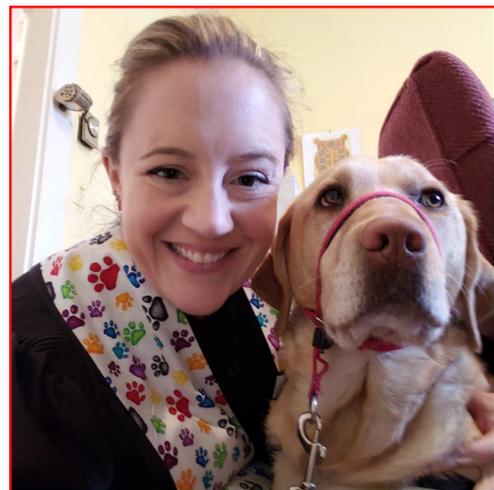
In our time together, Ginger and I have attended church services, offered comfort during crisis situations, and done lots and lots of visits. Ginger will be attending church with me and is usually in my office during those hours. If you are not a dog person or are allergic, don't worry! She does not approach anyone unless I tell her it is okay, and will immediately return to me if she is making you uncomfortable.

Above all, she is an ambassador to the congregation and the community. Multiple times I have had people approach me because I have a dog and made connections. I've also had people attend church because they felt that a church that accepts dogs would accept them also.

Ginger and I look forward to a great ministry together with you. If you haven't met her yet, she is looking forward to meeting you! I am also happy to answer any other questions you may have about her and I working together and how she shares in my ministry.

Blessings to all,

Rev. Vanessa and Ginger



**\*Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent:** Theonie Kalogiannis (friend of Mimi Wood); Joyce Reaver, John Comba, Home; Don Griffin; Creighton Berry; Brittany Howerton; Alix McKenzie; George Burns, Stonybrook Hospital; Gale Seidler; Peggy Childs; David O'Shea; Barry McGrath (Karen Derryberry's brother-in-law); Bill Kramer (friend of Karen Derryberry); Jay Sears; Bob Baum; Lorraine Cheeseman, home; Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Jim Bachman; Rev. John Kloepfer

**Long Term:** Pat Shima, Westchester Center in Yonkers; Vernon King, Grace Haddad, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard, Home

**WPC Easter Service Schedule**

Sunday, April 21st, we will have a sunrise service at the Swordfish Beach Club on Dune Road, 6am with hot crossed buns, hot chocolate and coffee!

9am service in the sanctuary followed by our Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

11am service featuring the LI Brass Guild

\*Please fill out a form located in the sanctuary by April 14th if you would like to order flowers or make a donation to offset the cost of the LI Brass Guild for Easter Sunday.

**Church Family News****Baptisms**

April 7th—Lochan Francis Miller

**Births**

Feb. 21— Rebecca Joan Nemeth to parents Joseph & Rachel Nemeth, and proud grandparents Carol & Joe Nemeth.

Feb. 27— Jionni Gabriel Vigorito to parents Jonathan & Amber Vigorito, and proud grandparents Nancy & Gabe Vigorito.

**SAVE THE DATE!  
SPRING TREASURES SALE!!**

The Presbyterian Women will hold its Spring Treasures Sale on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2 pm. We will be collecting donations of **clean, unused or very gently used items** appropriate for the spring/summer. This is not a rummage sale! We will be selling jewelry, linens, Twice Nice items like dishes, furniture, books, art work and baked goods. We will have a children's section with games and toys if we get the right donations.

If you have anything to contribute, bring it to the church at the end of April and into May before the sale, Monday through Friday during the morning hours. If you have furniture that needs some attention ie paint let Cheryl Van Tuyle or Christine Haddad know in advance so we can give it some TLC.

Volunteers and new ideas are welcome! See Christine Haddad. There will be more information coming in the future.

**Attention Presbyterian Walkers/Hikers**

Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> will be the next hike at the Cranberry Bog Preserve in Riverhead. It is an easy mile walk around Sweezy Pond. Parking space is limited so meet at 8:15 am at the church parking lot to carpool. Wear light color pants and tuck them in your socks. Also, wear comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Any questions contact Janet Hann at H# 631-288-6884, C#631-871-7240 or see me at church. Rain cancels.



**The Trustee Sponsored Spring Cleanup Day is set for April 28th after worship. Help make the church sparkle and shine by donating an hour or so of your time! Light lunch provided.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Our annual Lenten Festival was held on March 10th. We had approximately 18 children attending and helping out. We had stations with a variety of crafts for the children to do. We also served bagels and juice! Fun was had by all.

In addition to our March calendar, they have been preparing for Youth Sunday which is March 31st. In preparation for they kids viewed a movie "Wayward, The Prodigal Son" to help them understand the message they will be delivering on the 31st. We hope that you can join us.

We are looking forward to a trip to "The Escape Room" the first week of April, its something we've been waiting to go to.

We can't wait for warming weather ....summer is coming!

God's Peace,  
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

# Lenten Festival 2019



# *Happy 103rd Birthday to John Comba!*

## *From all your friends and family at WPC!*



**John Comba, Doren & Phil Van Saun**



**Left to right: Chic Hedberg, Jim Bachman, John Comba, Peter Cuthbert**



## Session Report

At its March Meeting, the Session did the following:

1. Authorized repairs to the church organ in the amount of \$4,740. The organ has 5 reservoirs which supply wind pressure to the pipe organ in need of repair. If ignored will eventually cause the organ to not play properly.
2. Authorized a replacement boiler and hot water heater for the Manse at the price of \$7,500.

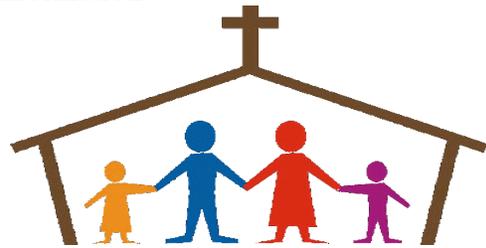
In reference to the above items, if anyone wishes to make a donation to Capital Projects to assist with the paying for the repairs to our church's wonderful organ or towards the replacement boiler and water heater for the Manse it would be appreciated as both these items are unbudgeted items for 2019.

3. Received the report of the Memorial Scholarship Committee which reported that applications for this years scholarships are being readied and will be out soon.
4. Received the report of the Worship Committee which reported the Long Island Brass will only be performing this Easter at the 11:00 AM worship service.
5. Approved the 2019 Mission Budget in the amount of \$20,000.
6. Approved a baptism request for Lochan Miller for April 7, 2019.



## Deacons Message:

Do you like saying, “**Hello**” and “**Good Morning**” to members of your church family? Would you **welcome a newcomer** to our beautiful church? **Then sign up to usher on a Sunday morning!** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board on the left wall as you enter the parish hall from the sanctuary. We look for 4 ushers each week. It is a great way to work with members of our church and to meet some new faces. As an added benefit, as you help with pouring coffee and tea, you might get first choice of a sweet baked good that is offered during coffee hour. Our ushers are some of the friendliest members of our church, so please join them. Ask one of our Deacons if you would like more information.



## Mission Committee News

One of our Mission Committee members, John David, has brought to our attention a very dynamic and successful program for nurturing youth at risk. Urban Promise started in 1988 in Camden, New Jersey and is now worldwide. They serve children through Christian schools, after school and summer camps, leadership and job training, and an experimental program that takes children camping, hiking, and even boat building. Our committee is hosting a luncheon on Sunday April 7, 2019 after service in the Parish Hall, where we will serve soup and sandwiches, and where representatives from Urban Promise will give a presentation. Please plan to attend and sign up in the Parish Hall.

Also, please plan to attend church on Sunday May 5, 2019 to see how we can help with the opiate crisis on Long Island. That Sunday Drew Scott, former news 12 anchor, whose granddaughter died from opiate addiction, will give a minute for mission. He is co-chair of the Southampton Town Opiate Addiction Task Force. They are establishing a recovery center called THRIVE in Riverside. Come hear what he has to say.

Christina Ravenhall

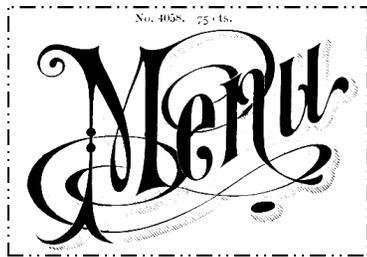
## PW Spring News

The skirling tones from bag pipes has left the air, most of the parades honoring St. Patrick are pictures in our memories or to be enjoyed over and again on our screens. A festive time for many. This year we were jolted back to reality by tragedy in the air and in 2 mosques in ChristChurch, New Zealand.

The Lenten Season; the first day of Spring, the awakening of gardens and the wonder of Easter now fill our minds. It is a busy time for all but allow yourself time to reflect on the beauty surrounding us, and the meaning of Easter.

The “Theme Luncheon,” March 13th, was exciting. None of our home grown chefs would have been at risk if they had competed before a panel of food critics. As dessert was being enjoyed Rev. Vanessa challenged us with 10 Irish Trivia questions. A request for peelers led to a second challenge—a potato peeling contest judged by speed and a lack of peelings on the floor. Not as easy as it sounds but so much fun!

Thank you around the tables to all who planned, executed and attended the annual March luncheon. Any suggestions for March 2019? Cathy Holliday, camera in hand. Thank you for picture histories of many church activities. They are memories in the making. All is in place for the “Ladies Dutch-Treat” outing on May 8, 2019. We will meet at 78 Foster (behind Tully’s Fish Market) in Hampton Bays at noon.



### 78 FOSTER

*\$24 per person, tip included.*

*The menu being offered will be:*

*Filet of Salmon BLT*

*Fried Flounder*

*Burger with cheese*

*Grilled Chicken BLT*

*All sandwiches will be served with your choice of sidewinder fries, sweet potatoes fries or coleslaw.*

*Drinks: Coffee, Tea or soda (Cash bar available.)*

*Dessert: Cheesecake or Apple Pie*

Do not be misled by “sandwich” - The platters are generous and delicious. You do not have to make your selection now. There will be a menu at each place setting as we are seated. Your reservation will be confirmed by cash or check in the amount of \$24—payable to Presbyterian Women, on or before Sunday, May 5, 2019. A sing-up sheet is posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

Before we meet again for sandwich and salad on April 10th please keep in mind the Spring Treasures Sale on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00am-2:00pm. More news to come as the date draw near.

Happy Spring Time and a Joyous Easter to all near and far.



#### **P.W. March St. Patty’s Day Luncheon 3-13-19**

**Front row: Diane F. Perry, Phyllis Styrzo, Ellen & Bill Brenner, Pete & Gale Seidler. Second row: Cathy Holliday, Rev. Vanessa Winters, Janet Hann, Marge Ridgway, Linda Perritt, Tom Rogers, Marge Beckwith, Stu & Mimi Wood, David Glover, Christine Haddad, John David & Karen Andrews. On Stage: Pam Chance-Herzing & Cheryl Van Tuyle. Missing: Rich Schneider, Leon Ringot, Chris Winters & Linda Howard-Kloepfer.**



## Unexpected Repairs

Every homeowner knows about the unexpected repairs that seem to come "out of the blue," and probably pessimistically expects it to be major, meaning big bucks. However, like it or not, it is a responsibility that he or she must face and address.

The Session, at its recent meeting, was faced with the report of not one but two such unexpected repairs. First was the report from our Director of Music, Linda Howard-Kloepfer. She had received a report from the company who services our organ. While tuning the instrument in December, John had noticed that the leather of one of the air reservoirs was cracking. This results in extra stress on the blower motor, a change in volume, and eventually a break in the leather and a complete loss of controlled air flow to the pipes connected to that reservoir.

She told us that most organs have one or two air reservoirs; replacing this leather bellows-like part can cost \$1200 to \$2000 each. And yes, when one goes, the other(s), being the same age, would likely fail soon too. Interestingly enough, our organ has five smaller reservoirs, and their recommended replacement was estimated at \$948 each, making a total cost of about \$4700.

Our organ is already over 40 years old. One elder said she thought it was installed in 1972, or thereabouts. A quick look at Dottie Lindgren and Mabel Anderson's *The History of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church 1742 to 1976* does reveal that this magnificent gift of Mrs. William Gill in memory of her husband had indeed already taken place, although the actual year of the gift was not recorded there. The organ is a vital part of our worship and ministry of music, so the Session shouldered their responsibility and authorized the recommended repairs.

Next was a report from the Trustees. The Rev. Winters's family had unexpectedly found water in the manse basement; the water heater was leaking. The Trustees responded immediately, and the servicemen were prompt. In their words, the c1982 water heater is "toast," rusted out. Also, the boiler does not look very good either. Estimates were obtained from a couple of firms, and the Trustees presented their recommendation: replace both now at a cost of \$7,500 from East Moriches Fuel. This quote is for top-of-the line equipment and should also provide a 20-30% re-

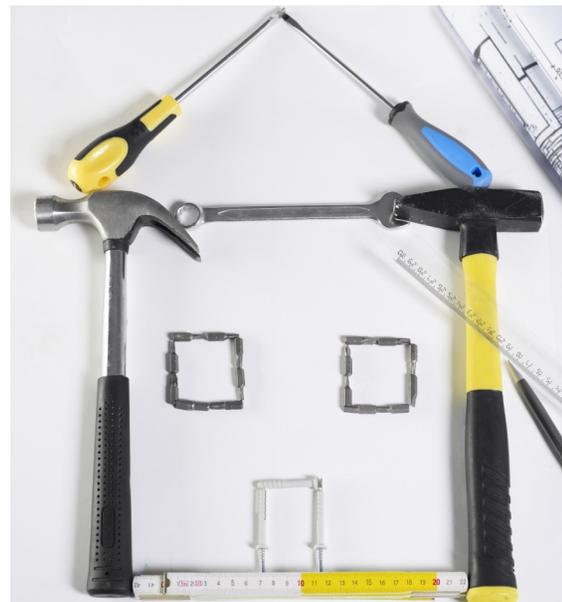
duction in fuel consumption. Again, the Session approved and authorized the recommended action.

Naturally the next question was - how do we pay for it? Where does the money come from? Fortunately, we do have some funds set aside for capital projects. The Session voted to have these three repairs/replacements (organ, manse water heater, and manse boiler) be paid for from the WPC Capital Projects Fund.

In 2018, some \$15,000 was liquidated from the invested Capital Projects Fund for preparing the manse for a new pastor. These funds were transferred to the Special Funds checking account and added to the ten thousand plus already there. (see page 27 of the 2018 Annual Report). There one sees that \$24,031 was spent in 2018. The Session has now authorized \$12,500. This sum of \$36,531 is over 69% of the \$52,197 that was available on 1/1/2018. (pages 4 and 27 of above)

Looking at 2019 alone, the authorized \$12,500 is 46% of the current balance on hand. There is no question that these improvements and repairs have needed to be made. The church is responsible for upkeep of its facilities and equipment and the provision of a manse in good working order for its minister and family. But, as your Financial Secretary, it behooves me to point out that we have badly depleted our Capital Projects Fund. Donations to replenish it would be gratefully appreciated and would be signs of good stewardship. Thank you.

Diane F. Perry



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1	Sean Jones	25	Robbie Doyle
1	Dave LeBleu	26	Tom Moore
6	Mary Beth Lundborg	26	Brady Munn
8	Linda Perritt	26	Sean Dayton
8	Cindy Schneider	26	Dick Lutz
10	Matthew Sulzinski	26	Lynne Jones
10	Joyce Reaver	27	Andrew Lynch
11	Brian Danowski	29	Elizabeth Moore
13	Amee Mazurkiewicz	30	Dorette and Maik Jornitz
14	Jack Shiu		
15	Karen Andrews		
15	Heather Martin		
16	Eloise Carter		
16	Karen and Dave Derryberry		
17	Meryle King		
17	Chris Ravenhall		
18	Randi DeMayo		
19	Hanne Manker		
19	Sara Lohneiss		
20	Wendy Hornick		
21	Siri Howard		
22	Marge Beckwith		

# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *9:30am Yoga	2 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group 7pm Deacons	3 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff *12pm Tai Chi 5:15pm Jr. Choir *6pm Writers Kitchen	4 *6pm Basic Spanish	5 *9:30am Senior Fitness 12:30pm Bridge	6 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
7 Communion 5th Sunday in Lent	8 *9:30am Yoga	9 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge 5:15pm M&W *6pm Writers Group *6pm exercise *6:30pm Basic English	10 12pm PW Luncheon Mtg.	11 *6pm Basic Spanish	12 *9:30am Senior Fitness 12:30pm Bridge	13 9:30am M&E *9:30am Zumba 10am E.E.H. Meeting 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
14 Palm Sunday (Holy Week Begins)	15 Monday of Holy Week *9:30am Yoga  5pm Maureen's Haven Tidings Deadline	16 Tuesday of Holy Week *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm exercise *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English 7pm Trustees	17 Wednesday of Holy Week *12pm Tai Chi 5:15pm Jr. Choir *6pm Writers Kitchen	18 Maundy Thursday  *6pm Basic Spanish 7pm Service at the Chapel	19 Good Friday Office Closed *9:30am Senior Fitness 12-3pm Ecumenical service Beach Methodist 12:30pm Bridge	20 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
21 Easter-OGHS 6am Sunrise Service @ Swordfish Beach Club 9am service followed by Children's Easter Egg Hunt 11am service with LI Brass	22 *9:30am Yoga  Earth Day	23 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group 6pm Session *6:30pm Basic English	24 *12pm Tai Chi	25 *6pm Basic Spanish	26 *9:30am Senior Fitness 12:30pm Bridge	27 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
28 2nd Sunday of Easter  Trustees Spring Clean up Day after worship	29 *9:30am Yoga	30 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English		<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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