



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2019

## A Word from the Pastor

Now that Easter has passed and along with it much celebration and planning, we often forget that we are still in the *season* of Easter which begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the 50<sup>th</sup> day, Pentecost Sunday. We also tend to forget our brothers and sisters of the Jewish and Islamic faiths who also celebrate important holidays at this time of year.

Easter is one of the holidays that is a “moveable feast day” which means it does not fall on a fixed date like Christmas which is always December 25<sup>th</sup>. Easter does not follow the Gregorian or Julian calendar which follow the cycle of the sun, rather it is computed from the date of Passover based on the lunisolar calendar, similar to the Jewish calendar. Easter and Passover are connected by a great amount of symbolism as well as its position in the calendar. In fact, older English versions of the Bible used the term Easter as a way to translate the word ‘Passover.’

Passover or *Pesach* in Hebrew is a celebration of the story in Exodus in which the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt. Passover commences based on the lunisolar calendar and lasts for either seven or eight days. In the northern hemisphere, Passover takes place in the spring and is one of the most widely celebrated Jewish holidays. The story of Passover can be found in the Book of Exodus. The Bible tells us that God helped the Children of Israel escape from slavery in Egypt by inflicting ten plagues upon the Egyptians before Pharoah released them. The tenth and worst of the plagues was the death of all first-born sons. The Israelites were told to mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a slaughtered spring lamb so that when the Spirit of the Lord saw this it knew to *pass over* these homes. When Pharoah freed the Israelites, it is said that they left in such a hurry that they could not wait for the dough of their bread to rise and so during Passover no leavened bread is eaten. During Passover, *matzo* is eaten, a flat, unleavened bread.

Not only is Easter calculated by the arrival of Passover, but it has other connections to the Christian story as well. Jesus is often referred to as the “sacrificial lamb” similar to the one that makes an appearance in the Passover story. We also celebrated Maundy Thursday also known as the “Last Supper” Jesus had with his disciples, when he shared with us the sacrament of communion. Many have pointed out that the reason Jesus was sharing a meal with his disciples at that time was most likely because they were celebrating a Passover Seder together.

We should also be aware that the month of Ramadan begins May 5<sup>th</sup> in our season of Easertide. Ramadan is the 9<sup>th</sup> month of the Islamic calendar and is also based on the visual sighting of the crescent moon, similar to Easter and Passover which are calculated by the phase of the moon. During Ramadan, Muslims fast for 29-30 days to commemorate the first revelation of the Qu’ran to the Prophet, Muhammed.

The word Ramadan comes from the Arabic root *ramida* which means “scorching heat or dryness.” Muslims fast from dawn until sunset refraining from eating food, drinking liquids, and smoking. They also refrain from sinful behavior such as lying and fighting. This season is characterized by offering an increased number of prayers, reciting the Qu’ran and doing acts of good deeds and charity.

Being a Christian is an identity we share with one another, but we also share history, tradition and culture with our brothers and sisters of different faiths. We are interconnected in our stories, our symbols and our celebrations.

In order to live more fully into God’s world of love and compassion, it is important that we remember to respect and care for others who may have differing beliefs from our own.

It may be easy to love others who are exactly as you are, and hard to love those who are different, but this is what God calls us to do.

Being aware of the seasons and celebrations of our neighboring faith communities is one small way we live into this call.

In God’s Peace,

Rev. Vanessa Winters



## Prayer Concerns:

**Recent:** Emily Yervasi (daughter of Vinnie & Marie Yervasi); Jim Bachman; Theonie Kalogiannis (friend of Mimi Wood); Joyce Reaver, John Comba, Home; Creighton Berry; Alix McKenzie; George Burns; Gale Seidler; David O'Shea; Barry McGrath (Karen Derryberry's brother-in-law); Bill Kramer (friend of Karen Derryberry); Jay Sears; Bob Baum; Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Rev. John Kloepfer

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

## Church Family News

### Deaths:

March 31– Don Griffin  
April 8– Lorraine Cheeseman  
April 18– Margaret “Peggy” Childs  
April 28– Patricia Shima

**Sympathy may be sent to:**  
**Penny Shima**

**441 Central Park Ave, #42**  
**Scarsdale, NY 10530**

### Baptism:

April 7– Lochan Francis Miller

## Online Church Directory

Be sure to check out the Church Directory online at,  
[https://www.servantkeeper.com/directory/  
westhampton-presbyterian-church/](https://www.servantkeeper.com/directory/westhampton-presbyterian-church/)

Access code: WHPChurch90



## Member Portal

If you have not uploaded a photo for the directory, please follow this link to do so: <https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/westhampton-presbyterian-church> \*\*You will set your own password to access the member portal.

## Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

The Memorial Scholarship has been emailed to recipients who are studying post high school. Applications are also available in the church office and on our website. We encourage all of our member/scholars to apply. If you have questions, please call Nalda Rothe at 917 748 0644.



*Thank you to the Jornitz Family for donating a NEW Nest camera to the sanctuary! Better sound, better picture quality for viewing the sermons online!*

## Spring Treasures Sale

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm

Spring is here and time for spring cleaning. **Donate** your new or nearly new jewelry, housewares, furniture, books, art work, furniture, games and toys. Bring to the church before May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are feeling your Martha Stewart, **bake!** See Eloise Carter 631-903-1668

**Volunteer** to help. See Christine Haddad 631-653-4652.

Tell all your friends

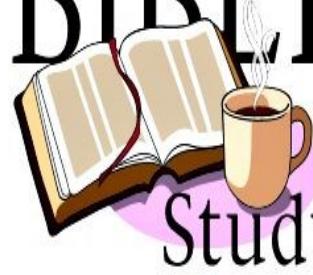
Come and **enjoy**

Have a Happy Summer!



COME JOIN OUR

**BIBLE** Adult Bible Study: Sunday's after worship at 11:20am



**Study**

## Trustees Updates

This last month we made an upgrade, when a old and broken hot water tank left a pool of water on the floor of the Manse basement. Both the hot water heater and the boiler in the Manse were over 30 years old, Purchased and installed are a new hot water heater and a new boiler.

Rev. Vanessa Winters name was added on our sign in the front of the Church.

The Church's 15 passenger bus was repaired with a new alternator, a new battery, and the back lock was fixed. Also the interior was cleaned and repaired. A big "THANK YOU" to Tom Otis for his generous gift.

Winter Brothers had damaged our portico; it is being handled by the insurance companies and will be fixed soon.



## Presbyterian Women

Rev. Vanessa Winters offered grace, a prayer of blessing before we enjoyed lunch at noon, April 10, 2019. Our tables were brightened by miniature white pails of tulips and baby's breath. A cup of jelly beans added to each place setting. Thank you for making our luncheon festive.

**\*\*OUR JUNE 12TH STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE DESSERT MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH AT NOON\*\***

**\*\*OUR "Ladies Who Dine Out" LUNCHEON to 78 Foster in Hampton Bays, HAS BEEN MOVED TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH AT NOON \*\*** The sign-up sheet is available on the Parish Hall bulletin board. Your reservation will be confirmed by signing up and receipt of your check payable to Presbyterian Women, or cash, in the amount of \$24.00.

The menu being offered at **78 FOSTER** 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*

The Spring Sale, May 18, 2019 was discussed from beginning to end. There is one missing link. We have been spoiled over the years and many PW annual projects to have Peggy Childs volunteer to plan and print the posters, 30-40 for each occasion. Peggy you are missed for so many reasons, not just the posters. Peggy was a dear friend to many and a long time member of the Presbyterian Women, God took her home to be with him on April 18. God bless you Peggy.

We have been blessed by the beauty and promises of Easter. All around us greenery appears in gardens, spring time flowers are bursting with color and school playgrounds are coming to life. Let us all give thanks to God for our blessings.

## Youth Group

A round of applause for the youth who shared their talents with us! We had youth sharing their musical talents to accomplished readers delivering the readings and message. Also, our ushers and acolyte did an outstanding job!

We had eight kids who ventured out to “The Escape Room” in Riverhead and conquered “Pharaoh’s Curse” then headed out for ice cream!

Looking ahead to our May Calendar we will be helping out at Maureen’s Haven Spring Fun Challenge! Challenge yourself or others on the family friendly obstacle course! Featured events include: Chocolate pudding Mud Puddle, Baby Gate Hurdles, Rubber Chicken limbo and The Jell-O Roll to name a few. Save the date and come support one of the outreach programs we offer at our church. It will be May 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3 pm. At Indian Island Park in Riverhead. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Also, on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> we will be placing flags at Calverton National Cemetery to pay homage to fallen heroes and their families.

God’s Peace,

Kathy

## The Escape Room



## First Quarter Finances

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### An Important Year Ahead of Us

First of all, why do we have an important year ahead of us? Because it is another year of transition. Because we believe we want to support our new reverend, our church and our new beginning as much as we can.

As we saw, last year was tough and for this year, we require your support as much! The budget the financial team submitted and you received a stretch goal compared to 2018, but not when reviewing the previous years. Our current Anticipated Giving plan is at \$235,000, last year the actual was \$218,943, a 7% increase plan from 2018 to 2019. One may think that this is really a stretch. However, when we check the past and see that the actual Anticipated Giving for 2017 which was \$241,185 and for 2016 which was \$257,960 it suddenly looks pretty achievable. But how can we achieve these goals, first by pledging and secondly by fulfilling the pledge. We all have done so in the past, so let's do so now for the greater good of our church.

Now, let's dive into the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter and see how we fare. Are we in plan or not and how do we trend?

First of all, year to date we have a net income of \$6,634, which is great, but within this income number is the pre-paid pledges, which are \$23,570. If we take these out, we would be in a negative net

income scenario. Our Giving budget plan is \$58,749 and the actual without pre-paid would be \$49,862, a deficit of \$8,887.

Right now, our expense level is at 25.4% of the annual budget and our income at 27.7% (which includes the pre-paid portion), although the quarter means both should be at 25%. We like the income being above 25%, but not necessarily the expense. Looking at the Giving trend we had a great January, due to the pre-paid portion, which is comparable to other years, but since then we are much lower than the planned Giving. Furthermore, looking at other donations and loose plate we are also behind plan in these two categories. Both should be at the 25% level, but donations are at 11.7% and loose plate at 10.7%. Right now, the most positive income source is our building use, but we cannot rely solely on this.

Our expense level has been hard hit by unforeseen expenses like the necessary manse and organ repairs. Maintenance expenses were the majorities of overruns and we need to expect those, as our buildings and utilities do not get younger.

To summarize, we have a positive net income for the quarter, but we are trending lower and our church needs all our support! We thank you for your dedication, help and support!

Sincerely,  
Your Financial Team

## Deacons

### Food Pantry Donations

If you are able please don't forget to bring in items to donate to the local food pantry. The need exists all year long. There is a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary to deposit your donation. Our Deacons collect the goods that are donated and deliver them to the Immaculate Conception Church each week.

Here is a list of common food and pantry items that are requested:

- Applesauce
- Canned Beans
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fish (Tuna & Salmon)
- Canned Meat (SPAM & Ham)
- Canned Vegetables
- Cooking Oils (Olive & Canola)
- Crackers
- Dried Herbs & Spices
- Fruit (Canned or Dried)
- Granola Bars
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Meals in a Box
- Nuts
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Shelf-stable & Powdered Milk
- Soup, Stew & Chili
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Toilet Paper





# Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

1	Griffin Neubauer	17	Terri and Fred Bauer
1	Jay Sears	17	Kristina Napolitano
1	Tony Thompson	18	Kathy Dayton
1	Madison Mosher	18	Jessica Aiello
2	Chloe Mosher	20	Claire and Creighton Berry
3	Jean Seyfert	20	Alexandra David
4	Bob Fox	21	Laura Schultz
4	Marcia Koziarz	21	Stacey and Cooper Jessup
4	Allison Worthington	22	Kathy and Randy Dayton
5	Susan Rogers and Harold Williams	23	Elizabeth Pizzarello
6	Barbara Rempe	23	Bob Bebon
6	Erin and Andrew Lynch	24	Miriam Neubauer
7	Emilee Downs	25	Kathy Frevert
7	David Glover	25	Bob Baum
7	Barbara Danowski	26	Cara Oslager
7	Verna and Ken Merkel	27	Alex Williams
8	Gini and Bryan Wagner	27	Dwight Surgan
8	Colleen McKennett	27	Brooks Surgan
8	Chrissy Barravechia	29	Joshua Carrick
9	Gene Hubbard	29	Alice Schultz
9	Cheryl Stevens	29	Elizabeth and Lou Pizzarello
10	Nancy Miller	29	Lenny Rempe
10	Anthony Danowski	29	Lynda and Ralph Confessore
12	Bob Tureski	30	Wesley Winters
14	Cameron Hipp	30	Jessica and David Aiello
14	Henry Holliday	31	Dave Derryberry
16	Griffin Wagner	31	Anjele Kalfayan
16	Joey Nemeth		



# May 2019

During the month of May, WH Library programs are available, please contact the library for program details.  
**\*indicates library program**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff	2 6-9pm East End Hospice Training	3 *9:30am Senior Fitness 10am Financial meeting	4 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
5 Communion 3rd Sunday of Easter  Church Spring Clean up Day!	6 8-4pm WH Garden Club  10am Fundraising Meeting	7 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English 7pm Deacons	8 *12pm Tai Chi 12pm PW Strawberry Shortcake *6pm Wonderful Wed. w/ Tim *6pm Writers Kitchen/Master	9 6-9pm East End Hospice Training	10 *9:30am Senior Fitness	11 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
12 4th Sunday of Easter  Mother's Day  	13 9-1pm E.E.H. Mailing	14 5:15pm M&W 6pm Session	15 Tidings Deadline	16 6-9pm East End Hospice Training (sanctuary)	17	18 10-2pm Spring Treasures Sale 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
19 5th Sunday of Easter	20 *9:30am Yoga	21 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English 7pm Trustees	22 *12pm Tai Chi *6pm Writers Kitchen/Master	23 6-9pm East End Hospice Training	24 *9:30am Senior Fitness	25 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
26 6th Sunday of Easter  Memorial Sunday w/ dedications	27 Memorial Day Office Closed  *9:30am Yoga Remember  Our Fallen	28 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English	29 *12pm Tai Chi	30 Ascension of the Lord  6-9pm East End Hospice Training	31 *9:30am Senior Fitness	

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***Your issue of the May Tidings***