



# November 2019 Tidings

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## A Word from your Pastor

Friends, we are often reminded that Jesus calls us to care for our neighbor, not just our physical neighbor, but also all those in the family of Christ. This coming January, I will have the pleasure of traveling to Honduras as part of a medical mission team. The trip will be January 2, 2020 to January 9. I am traveling with Rev. Richard Graugh from the Presbyterian church in Port Jefferson as well as one of his elders. Rev. Richard originally sent out a notice to the Presbytery asking for more volunteers and was very gracious about educating me about the program and inviting me to come along!

We are going as part of the Key Humanitarian Initiative to Southern Honduras (also known as KHISH). We will be flying into Honduras' capital, Tegucigalpa, and from there heading to Moropocay, a mountaintop community in the far south of Honduras. Each day doctors, nurses, and volunteers go out to the villages of this community and examine hundreds of residents. Each day is a visit for a different village with a makeshift clinic often set up in the local school or church. The people who come to these clinics may have walked for hours and often also wait long periods just to be seen. They give their name to a registering volunteer, have their vitals taken by a nurse and are examined by a doctor who may work with an English/Spanish translator when needed. Prescriptions are filled immediately at a pharmacy located at the clinic. The goal is to provide enough medication, worm medicine and vitamins to last until the next time they can make it to a clinic.

In addition to the medical clinics which is where I will be doing my work, a team of ophthalmologists and eye specialists will also be heading to Honduras to do much needed eye care and surgery. A new initiative that KHISH is taking on is to provide sunglasses to kids to prevent many of the eye issues that are presenting in adults. Being closer to the equator means that the sun's rays are much stronger and as the average Honduran spends most of their time outside working, they are often incredibly prone to eye damage.

So, if you're asking yourself, "What could I do to support this effort?" Fear not! There are many ways to help. First, I will be undertaking a collection of sunglasses. These do not need to be polarized or any certain strength. Children's sizes are preferred, but adult sunglasses are also accepted. There will soon be a bin in the parish hall labeled for this purpose for you to put donations into. KHISH is also collecting onesies for the many babies that are in the local hospital. Babies effected by the ZIKA virus are still very present in Honduras and the healthcare providers at KHISH note that these children are often entirely without clothes or desperately in need of some. Finally, I will be carrying these donated items as my checked baggage. Unfortunately, you cannot ship things into the country without them walking off. This means you are also invited to "sponsor a suitcase" to cover the cost the airline charges to bring checked bags full of donations. I am looking at about \$300.00 to bring 3 checked bags.

The congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Port Jefferson has a relationship with this organization and also the people of this area. It is my hope to also connect with the Honduran people and to have an ongoing relationship with them at our church. There is much we can learn from one another.

If you have any questions for me about this trip, about KHISH, or about donations, please feel free to get in touch with me. I also encourage you to check out KHISH's website: <http://www.khishprojectvision.com/> I look forward to sharing the experience of this trip when I return in January.

Many Blessings,  
Pastor Vanessa

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Recent:** Nancy Hamma (Nov. 12th knee surgery); Mary Brennan; Sally Hoge; Deborah Agar (sister-in-law of Alix McKenzie); Paul & Ellen Pfaff; Brady Munn; **The Sagendorf family;** Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dana Barrett (friend of Nancy Miller); Bob Baum, home; Linda Howard-Kloepfer; Emily Yervasi (daughter of Vinnie & Marie Yervasi); Jim Bachman; John Comba, Home; Creighton Berry; George Burns, home; David O'Shea; Jay Sears; Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Rev. John Kloepfer  
**Long Term:** Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard, Home

## Church Family News

### DEATHS

Oct.: Our deepest sympathy to Creighton & Claire Berry and their entire extended family on the death of their daughter Andrea.

Oct. 24: Doris Towers, a memorial service was held at Westhampton Presbyterian Church, on Nov. 1 at 10am. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Presbyterian Women of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church.

### BAPTISMS

Oct. 13th:  
 Serafima Droznik  
 Talia Stevens  
 Seth Stevens

### WEDDINGS

Nov. 9: Congratulations to Kristina Carter & Micah Bennett!



**NOTICE:**  
**PW Luncheon date changed from Nov.**

**13th to Wednesday, November 6th at noon.**



**Harvest Dinner Thursday, November 14th @ 6pm**

Come share great Food, Fellowship & Fun!

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

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

Would you like a meal but can't make dinner? Just call to be put on the list and we will deliver your meal to you!

### WPC Treasurer:

For all church finance related inquiries, please email:  
[wpctreas@gmail.com](mailto:wpctreas@gmail.com)

### Save the Dates!

**Christmas Wreath Making and Pizza Party ~**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 6PM**

**Christmas Tea and Bazaar**  
**Saturday, December 7th from 1-3:30 PM**



*If you would like to bake for the bake sale, please call Eloise Carter 631-903-*

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*Or if you would like to assist at the bazaar, call Christine Haddad 631-834-4669.*

### Will You Give 1 Night A Year?

**WPC is a host site for Maureen's Haven homeless program on the 2nd Monday of the month from November -April. To continue this mission, Gale & Pete Seidler are seeking 2 overnight helpers per month. Dinner AND breakfast are provided for you. To find out more information and to volunteer, please contact Pete Seidler at 631-902-6458 or sign up in the Parish Hall.**

**\*Note: our first hosted evening will be Monday, Nov. 11th.**

### Session

The Session calls a Congregational/ Corporation Meeting immediately following worship on **Sunday, November 17** to elect new officers and to review the proposed budget for 2020.

Approved:  
 Session elected Elder David Glover as Commissioner to the October 26 Presbytery Meeting at Elmont, NY.

## FROM THE DEACONS

John & Meryle King and the Kitchen Crew will provide turkey, dressing and dessert for our annual **Harvest Dinner** on **November 14th at 6pm**. Please sign up to bring a side dish to share!

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 to the local food pantry.

If you would like to enjoy the meal but are unable to attend, the Deacons would be glad to deliver to you. Just call the church and have your name put on the delivery list. We usually deliver around 5:30pm. If you would like to come, but don't have a ride to the church, call the church and we will have someone to pick you up. This is a very popular event, so do sign up if you plan to attend.



### Check out the Member Portal and Online Directory!

Dear Members and Friends,

We want to ensure as much communication as possible with all of our congregation near and far, because each and every one of you has a special place here. Please contact Erika in the church office at admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org or 631-288-2576 if you need assistance. Or just stop in the office!

**The Member Portal:** Use the link below to update your own contact information and add a photo too! You will create your own unique password for privacy purposes.  
<https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/westhampton-presbyterian-church>

**Online Directory:** You can view this anytime from your device or home computer! Just use the following link and password:

<https://servantkeeper.com/directory/westhampton-presbyterian-church>

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### Postponed: Progressive Dinner

Our November 2nd Progressive Dinner has been postponed until after the holiday season. More information to follow at a later date. Thank you for your understanding.

### Adopt A Family

The Adopt a Family minute for mission will be on Sunday, November 24th. There 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!



## 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 13th and 20th at 5:15 p.m. in the choir room. All children are welcome.

For the past 38 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 22nd. We depend on donations from the congregation to fund the guild. Please contribute so that this beautiful tradition can continue this year.

## Annual CROP Walk 2019

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, twenty of us joined 800 other walks in the country to raise money for hunger. Nationwide this effort will raise over eight million dollars, and 25 percent of what we raised here will be returned to the food pantry at the Immaculate Conception Church locally. The Mission Committee is very proud of this annual effort.

This year's walk toured the construction site where Main Street used to be, and it will be remembered years from now for how unbelievably different everything looked. Perhaps the only other so memorable a CROP Walk was the one Creighton Berry led when it rained so hard the walk was simply around and around the Sanctuary.

When we were all back at the church we had fellowship over a six foot hero. The feeling was of satisfaction at completing a worthwhile project.

It is still possible to contribute, by going online to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) and finding the Westhampton Presbyterian walk . It is a shame that the ones who contribute tend to be the people who happen to be in church the Sunday of the walk. Many members and friends are left out.

## Nominating Committee

We are still looking for one member from the congregation for the Nominating Committee. It is a one year term and we work from mid-August on until all the positions are filled. If you are interested, please see Mimi Wood or any other member of the Committee: Bill Hirsch, Pam Chance, Holly Hubbard, Cathy Holiday, Bruce Qua, Marge Qua, or Eric Wooten. Thank you.



## A Note from the P.W.

Rev. Vanessa Winters led us in prayer before we were seated for lunch.

The weather definitely did not make it inviting to come out on a day of mixed clouds, gusts of wind and rain.

Our treasurer, Gale Seidler, presented the report as of Oct. 9, 2019. Included on the monthly reports, when applicable, show sale results from the prior 5 or 6 years. The most recent rummage sale was the highest net profit, \$1,885.42, since 2014. Well done. Thank you all, workers, donors and shoppers!

We discussed a couple of things needing consideration before future sales. New price signs are recommended for the cashiers as well as the shoppers. This can be accomplished without delay and expense.

No decisions were reached due to so few attending the meeting. In all fairness any in depth planning should be deferred until we outline our 2020 calendar on Jan. 8, 2020.

Looking ahead to November and a full calendar of events it is necessary to change the date for our luncheon meting from Nov. 13th to Nov. 6, 2019 at noon. The menu will remain unchanged. Erika will serve chili, accompanied by corn-bread baked by Cheryl and chicken noodle soup. Dessert and beverages will accompany the above. Bring your appetite and a brief Thanksgiving memory.



## Presbyterian Women Christmas Wreath Order Form

Please mail or bring this form to the church office.

Make checks payable to:

**Presbyterian Women**

Westhampton Presbyterian Church  
90 Meeting House Road  
Westhampton Beach NY 11978

***The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 1st.  
Pick-up is on Friday, December 6th at 10 am.***

Number of wreaths at \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving reminds us of our Thank Offerings. The Thank Offering Box banks are available in the church office. Adding a few cents regularly when you have experienced something special is an easy way to add a thank you. Nov. 24th we will observe Thank Offering Sunday when we dedicate our donations. This offering has its roots in Springfield, Ohio in 1888 and has grown over the years to support missionary movements.

Preparation for the Christmas Bazaar and Tea is gaining momentum. The Crafters are busy, wreath making/pizza party is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6pm. It is time to consider baking cookies for the always popular Cookie Walk and/or Tea table. There are many ways we can contribute to the success of the Tea and Bazaar and another way of saying Thank You for all we are blessed with at this time of year.

Enjoy the pleasures that come with the Holiday season. The pleasures that add lasting meaning to our lives. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

\*For your convenience, we have added a Christmas wreath order form right here in Tidings! Mail in or place in the offering plate no later than Sunday, December 1.

## Fundraising Committee



Don't forget the **Pampered Chef** party on **Nov. 8** at 7 pm at the home of Lynne Jones, 3 Farm Lane, Westhampton. Come taste and learn new recipes and about new products. Last year's party was a lot of fun. Can't make the party? Place an order at <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/whp110819>

15% of all sales are donated to the church and your order will arrive in time to use for your Thanksgiving feast.

It's hard to believe it's time to be thinking about the holidays already but it is. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming Fundraising events in December. It's such a busy time of year and you won't want to miss the fun:

**Saturday, December 14** from 5 to 8 pm is the **Christmas Cocktail Party** at the home of Korey and Donna Williams, 23 Jennifers Path in Westhampton Beach. Come enjoy some Christmas Cheer and fellowship in their lovely home. Ticket sales will be limited so be sure to buy them early. Recommended donation is \$30. Can't make it? Consider buying a ticket and give as a gift.

**Sunday, December 22** following worship and the LI Brass Guild concert is the **Santa Brunch**. Jane Otis and her merry

elves will once again be preparing delicious food for our enjoyment. Back by popular demand is the raffling of lottery tickets and gift cards. Don't forget to take pictures with Santa and his Mrs. The recommended donation is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children with a cap of \$40 per family.

Tickets will be on sale for both events during the coffee hour, in the church office and at Lynne's Cards and Gifts later in the month. Watch for the announcement in the bulletin.

The fundraising committee endeavors to not only raise funds to help support our church but to also provide fellowship opportunities for all. Come be part of the fun and know that you are helping to support our church and its mission.



## We Need Prayer

About a week prior to this writing, the Budget & Finance Committee met to prepare the proposed 2020 budget for our church. It was not easy work; it never is, really; and the committee worked for several hours that day.

Two days later, during worship, Elder David Glover lifted up the committee for the congregation's prayers. Quietly in my mind, I also lifted up the Stewardship Committee. But actually these two committees are only a portion of the whole picture. It is so easy to look at the new budget numbers, the stewardship letter, and even the end of the year reports as a unit, a task to be done. And when January closes, and the Annual Meeting is in the rear view mirror, we breathe a sigh of relief that the task is accomplished, at least for another ten months or so.

We then put it out of our minds. The stewardship letter. The request that we pledge, or at least indicate what we anticipate giving in the new year. The call for prayer for our committees. It is all done until the following fall.

But that is not the church. Not the church following Jesus. Not the church loving our neighbor, and reaching out to help. Not the church fighting against injustices, and seeking reconciliation. Not the church actively listening for God's guidance and the Holy Spirit's discernment.

Consider what we can do and have done with God guiding us. We promise to care for and teach our baptized children to know and trust Jesus. Our church school classes help us keep that promise. The disciples asked Jesus when they had given him food or water. We walked during the CROP Walk so that others have food. Our mission committee has given funds to Living Waters of the World so that many villages have safe, clean water to drink. We give to HUGS and to Urban Promise to provide education and care for our teens. We give to Wings as Eagles Ministries and invite the Lakota youth to come talk to us, so that we might understand these neighbors and help ease their unjust situations.

We gather to worship together, to hear the Good News, to have our spirits lifted through music. Our support of the Music & Worship Committee's work makes this possible in many, many ways. Our Communications Committee keeps our audio-visual equipment working so that all in the sanctuary can hear, and so that we can serve our shut-ins and the community-at-large through worship via the live webcam.

These are only a few of the things we have accomplished; God has more for us to do.

We need prayer; we need God's abiding presence to be made known to us, to be real. The apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

Come and join us in prayer. See what God has done and shall do for and with us.



-Diane F. Perry, Financial Secretary

## Youth Group

We had fun in October! We kicked off the month with a trip to Hanks Pumpkin farm. Upon arrival we ventured into the Corn Maze. Ryan, Kaitlynn, Isabella and Kayla were eager to go, took a map and off they went leaving me behind. I ventured through the course hoping to run into them but that did not happen. I thought maybe they would be waiting for me at the end, but when I arrived they were nowhere in sight. I texted them and told them I was out and would be waiting at the end for them. Modern technology had to intervene (Find your Friend on the iphone) and they soon found the exit! We spent the day apple picking, choosing pumpkins, and eating apple cider donuts...yummy.

We also did some mission work this month. We gathered to make chili for the World Communion Sunday brunch. After making the chili and baking cookies we went to dinner at Tonino's . Abby and Kaitlynn amused us during dinner and their laughter was contagious. Sunday during the luncheon we served the meal to all in attendance.

Unfortunately, with everyone's busy schedule we had no kids for this years Crop Walk. We have one more meeting in October to review and firm up the rest of 2019's plans. It will be here before we know it!

Dates to remember in November:

WHBHS Fall Play is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>. 7:30 performance on Friday & Saturday and 2:00 pm on Sunday.

Saturday Nov. 16: Youth Group will be doing a food drive for the Deacons Thanksgiving Baskets at King Kullen in Hampton Bays. We will be there from 10am-12pm. If you can't make it, we will also have a box set up the first couple weeks of November in the Parish Hall. "Thanksgiving" items can be dropped in there. If you would like to purchase a grocery card (fresh produce...yummy!) please give it to Kathy Tureski, and she will make sure the Deacons get it for their baskets.

Sunday, Nov. 24: The youth will also help with the Advent Festival. Check out the Christian Education for more details about that....we're planning something new!

Until next month.... "It is not Happy people who are Thankful, it is thankful people who are Happy"

Kathy

## Christian Education

Sunday School is in full swing. November has a mission project for Sunday School again, and an Advent "Luncheon" Festival at the end of the month, besides our regular schedule.

First off Youth Group and Sunday School will be collecting "Thanksgiving" food items for the Deacons "Thanksgiving Baskets" that they make for families in the area. Please consider donating food that's served at Thanksgiving. Maybe even purchase a grocery card (from Lynne Jones during coffee hour) that can be given so the families can purchase "fresh" items opposed to all canned goods.

We are still looking for Ushers for the following dates: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our Advent Festival will be a little different this year, it's a family potluck luncheon! We will start the festival after coffee hour on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will do the crafts first, then when the crafts are done Rev. Winters will take the children and tell them The Christmas Story while we clean up and get ready to share a "potluck family luncheon". Watch for an email with a sign-up sheet as to what your family can bring.



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Calling all children who are interested in participating in the “Christmas Pageant” this year. We need to know how many will be participating before we actually “pick” our program. Ms. Kimet our director has a few in mind, but we really need to know who is going to participate. It will be held on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>, with a few rehearsals (dates to follow). Everyone remembers Emoji Christmas from last year, right? It was a huge success and we can’t wait to bring you another unique and great production of The Christmas Story!

Looks like we might have enough children to start a Pre-K Sunday School class,! Looking for a teacher who might like to teach it though. Please contact me: [whpresbyterianss@gmail.com](mailto:whpresbyterianss@gmail.com) if you’re interested in any of the events above.

There is always something for which to be THANKFUL.....What are YOU Thankful for? Until next month....

Kathy



*Wishing you a Happy Birthday and a  
Happy Anniversary...*

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

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><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</p>				<p><i>I All Saints Day 10am Memorial service for Doris Towers 4:30pm Team Training-Parish Hall</i></p>	<p>2 9:30am Mem. &amp; Endowment meeting 7:30pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
3 <i>Communion 21st Sunday after Pentecost</i>  <i>Daylight savings time ends 3pm Garden Club setup</i>	4 <i>WH Garden Club 8:30-4pm</i>	5 <i>Election Day 7pm Deacons</i>	6 <i>9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW Luncheon Mtg.</i>	7 <i>3:30-5pm East End Hospice Bereavement Group-Class Rm.</i>	8 <i>7pm Pampered Chef party @ Lynne Jones' home</i>	<p>9 3:30pm Carter/Bennett Wedding 7:30pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
10 <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	11 <i>Veterans Day Office Closed 5pm Maureen's Haven</i>	12 <i>5:15 M&amp;W 6pm Session</i>	13	14 <i>3:30-5pm East End Hospice Bereavement Group-Class Rm. 6pm Harvest Dinner</i>	15 <i>Tidings Deadline</i>	<p>16 7:30pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
17 <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	18	19 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	20	21 <i>3:30-5pm East End Hospice Bereavement Group-Class Rm.</i>	22	<p>23 7:30pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
24 <i>Christ the King PW Thank Offering Advent Festival w/ luncheon</i>	25	26	27 <i>12pm Sunshine Academy Thanksgiving Feast</i>	28 <i>Thanksgiving Office Closed</i>	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	<p>30 7:30pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>

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***Your issue of the November Tidings***



*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*