



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2020

A Note from your Pastor

¡Buenos días!

As most of you know, I have recently returned from a mission trip to Honduras with the organization KHISH (Key Humanitarian Initiative in Southern Honduras). It was a trip full of learning, new friends, and blessings. For those of you unfamiliar with Honduras, it is a country that faces high levels of poverty and inequality. The extreme poverty rate which means a person is making less than \$1.90 per day is the highest in the western hemisphere after Haiti. It also has the smallest middle class in the world meaning that 90% of the population lives in either extreme poverty or high wealth. Honduras also struggles with high levels of violence with over 41 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants, one of the highest in the world. They are also subject to difficult natural events such as heavy rainfall and drought that regularly occur. Though there is economic growth in the region, the country still continues to struggle to provide basic human needs to its people.



Part of KHISH's mission is to provide continuing eye care and surgery to the people of Honduras. KHISH ophthalmologists worked daily in the hospital in San Lorenzo doing mainly cataract surgeries. The other part of our team, of which I was a part, went out to various villages in southern Honduras to provide basic medical care. Three American doctors, one Honduran doctor, three American dentists, one American nurse, 2 pastors (including me!) and one church elder ventured out every day, often traveling several hours to reach these mountainous rural villages.

We set up our clinics in the local Presbyterian church and I was able to meet the pastors of these churches. These pastors are the center of their communities and it was a gift to meet them and hear about their hopes and dreams of improving the lives of those in their congregations. Though we provided basic medical care and supplies, we were also there to provide a sense that though they may be facing difficult circumstances, they are not alone. The PCUSA is considered a connectional church, meaning that though we may all operate in various locations and under different presbyteries, we are all united in our following of Christ. We have a responsibility to one another, to care for and love one another.

The people of Honduras gave a great deal to us as well. Their continued sense of optimism and belief that things would get better was an inspiration to me, but more than that, their steadfast belief in Jesus Christ as the center of their lives was incredible.

In the most difficult of living situations, these people believe in a Savior that loved and care for the poor, showed compassion, and spread a message of love. The hospitality that was shown to us, out of the little that they had, is a testament to this concept.

I am so grateful to all of you who helped support me in this trip. Whether by donating sunglasses or suitcases, making a contribution towards baggage fees, or simply offering an encouraging word, I brought all of this to Honduras with me and feel very blessed. It is my hope to continue with the connections that I have made both with the Presbytery of Honduras as well as those within our own Presbytery. I will also be doing a presentation in the near future sharing with you all stories and pictures from my trip, so stay tuned!

Thank you to you all for this wonderful opportunity and I look forward to returning to Honduras next year!

Many Blessings, Pastor Vanessa



***Prayer Concerns:**

Recent: Madeline Hackworth , Vern Hackworth’s mother; Walter Johnson (brother-in-law of Mimi Wood); Sally Hoge; Paul & Ellen Pfaff; The Sagendorf family; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dana Barrett (friend of Nancy Miller); Bob Baum, home; Emily Yervasi (daughter of Vinnie & Marie Yervasi); John Comba, Home; George Burns, home; Jay Sears; 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

February 2: 11:15 AM "Souper Bowl of Caring" Bring a canned good, \$1 or purchase a soup from the Youth Group for \$5! 100% of the donations go to the Immaculate Conception Food Pantry.

February 16: Blanket Sunday offering

February 17: Presidents Day- Office Closed

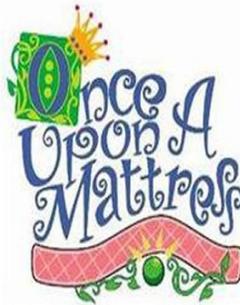


Movie Night!

Youth ministry is hosting a family movie night right here at WPC! Friday, March 13 at 6:30pm. Bring your sleeping bag or chair and join us to watch Pixar’s Coco! All ages welcome. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend!

Here ye, Here ye!

Anderson & Cameron are in a production of “Once Upon a Mattress” at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center on Feb 7, 8 & 9. There is a double cast– so Anderson is the King on Saturday night and Sunday matinee. Cameron is the same part all shows. Here is the link for tickets.
<https://whbpac.org/events/category/arts-academy/>
 Hope to see you there!



Jr. Choir will resume on Wednesdays, February 12th & 26th at 5:15pm.



We Are Live!

Visit the church website to view Sunday worship services streaming live every Sunday.
www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org
 Click on “Live Church WebCam” in the right hand corner of the homepage.

Per Capita

Please be sure to pick up your giving envelopes and include an offering of \$38.05 per church member for per capita contribution.

Thank you to everyone for the continuous support in the church office!

Youth Group

We have a confirmation group of 10 this year! Rev. Vanessa and I are leading these kids in a program called Confirm not Conform. We meet most Sundays after coffee hour for about an hour. We have a planned retreat @ Holmes Presbyterian Camp on March 6 & 7, a service project TBD at a later date, with being confirmed on Pentecost (May 31, 2020)! We're both very excited about the program, and these kids.

The youth group would like to thank all those who participated in our Heifer campaign in December. This year they bought: A goat, pig, sheep, alpaca, gift of trees, water buffalo, trio of rabbits, honeybees, flock of chicks, sent a girl to school, provided a share of Women's Empowerment and irrigation pumps for clean water.

"Souper Bowl of Caring" kicks off February 2nd at 11:15am with the kids collecting money, canned goods and selling soup & cookies! Remember to bring a bag to carry home some delicious soup! We will have different kinds of soup this year! A BIG shout out to the families that offered to make a soup. The kids will be making chicken vegetable and baking the cookies!

Thank you to the congregation for supporting all of our mission projects.

Calling all youth group kids interested in skiing! We are trying to put together a day ski trip to Thunder Ridge Ski lodge: <https://thunderridgeski.com> on March 21st. Please send me an email whpresbyteriagy@gmail.com if you are interested, more details will follow as we move forward. John & Ellen Campbell have volunteered to chaperone.

We are also planning a family movie night at 6pm on Friday the 13th in March!!!! We will be showing "Coco" wear your pj's bring a blanket, a beach chair whatever makes you comfortable. We hope you can join us.

A sign-up sheet for both events will be on the youth bulletin board. Let's hope that groundhog doesn't see his shadow....I've been loving this winter so far...not a fan of the snow.....Kathy



Vacation Bible School Training!

Join the group at Westhampton Community Church on Montauk Highway in Westhampton on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 8:30am-12:30pm.

Contact Tom Terry and Tia-Beth Elliott at 631-514-5808 for more information or register online at www.group.com/ybsfunshop

Group rates are \$20/ more than five people from the same church at least 2 weeks prior to the event date by Feb. 22nd. OR

\$25 per person at least 2 weeks prior to event by Feb. 22nd. OR \$45 per person less than 2 weeks prior to event.

Take advantage of this great rate! Join the adventure and lets get VBS on the railways to WPC!





Hike Rescheduled

The Elliston Park hike on January 25th was cancelled due to the rainy day. It has been rescheduled on February 8th 10 am – noon. Elliston Park is in Southampton and offers views of Big Fresh Pond and Wolf Swamp Preserve. It will be about a 2 ½ - 3 mile hike. Please wear appropriate foot ware and dress for the weather. To carpool meet in the church parking lot at 9:15 am. If you have questions see Janet Hann at coffee hour or call 631-288-6884.

Communion Orientation

If you've ever been curious about the preparations for serving communion every month, come join us on Saturday February 29th at 10 AM in the church kitchen. Jessica Howard will give a demonstration on how to use the special dishwasher racks for communion cup glasses, and everyone who attends can help to set up for March 1st communion. Bagels will be provided. Look for a sign up sheet in Parish Hall.



Adult Bible Study

We will resume on February 9th beginning with a new topic, again based on the work of Adam Hamilton "Making Sense of the Bible." This will be in his words, an attempt to honestly wrestle with the difficult questions often raised by thoughtful Christians and non-Christians concerning things taught in the Bible. This is a great time to consider joining the group on this biblical adventure. Diverse opinions are always welcome. DVD will be used, books will be optional.

Did You Know You Have Your Own Deacon?

The Deacons of our church each have a list of about 20 church members and families that we refer to as a Vineyard. When we have such events as the Church Picnic or the Harvest Dinner, the Deacons mail out reminders of these events to those listed on our respective Vineyard. If you do not know who *your* Deacon is, please reach out to anyone on the Deacons and we will help connect you. Please feel free to reach out to your Deacon if you have any questions or special concerns. We all hold our church members and friends in our hearts each day and want to bring joy and comfort to anyone in need. God bless!



Progressive Dinner

On Feb 29th, we will gather in a central location for cocktails before heading out to our hosts for dinner. The host family provides the meal and the guests contribute wine, salad and dessert. It will be a chance to get to know other members of our church and have an enjoyable evening! Don't forget to sign up to attend and/or volunteer to be a host. Without hosts, we cannot have a successful dinner!



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women met at noon on January 8, 2020 for lunch and business meeting. The first order of business was accepting the Treasurer's report. We applaud not only the work of Gale Seidler, Treasurer, but the support of members and friends who generate our funds. This is an excellent way to begin 2020.

Our meeting opened with prayer. Chicken pot pie was baking in the oven, inviting us to share the entrée with fresh salad, followed by decadent chocolate cake and mini puff pastry vanilla-cherry tarts.

On with the business at hand. We voted to offer one-half of one week's tuition for the 2020 Holmes Camp. We do not have any paper work yet. More information will be available upon receipt.

There were no reports for Christmas Wreath making, Christmas Tea and Bazaar or Child Fund International (adopted child) chairpersons to be read. In the case of the adopted child we have been approved but not given details as to name, age or location.

We voted to replace the counter height stools in the church kitchen before there is an accident. Before making a decision we need details including design, material and cost and it would be best to have more than one quote.

Our congregation has been blessed with members like Beecher Halsey, Jim Bachman and Creighton Berry. Do you remember Jean taking more than one piece of broken China home and returning it looking like new after Beecher worked his magic or Jim Bachman's spontaneous smile and expertise as a school administrator or Creighton's sense of color and interpretation of subject he transferred to canvas for all to enjoy? They have entered life eternal leaving us with indelible memories.

Five of our ladies have left us with remembrances of their gifts to Presbyterian Women and the life of our church. Grace Haddad wore so many hats it would be difficult to name all, suffice to point out her leadership with PW. Peggy Childs was an accomplished knitter, creator of items with Ellie Brubaker, for the children's room at the Christmas Tea and printer of posters for sales (before being asked). Doris Towers' smiles, rug

hooking for sales and hours ironing all the table clothes for the tea and long tables for Christmas Tea. Betty Lauver was an all-round church lady, long time circle leader, ready to lend a hand, always found behind the bake sale table, a true friend. Pat Shima is best described as having a contagious bubbly personality, one who had an uncanny way of knowing help was needed and just happened to be there.

Who can forget these men and women? God blessed us by sharing them with our church family.

We wish all the fulfillment of your hopes and prayers in the New Year.

~Marjorie E. Beckwith

*Please see our calendar of upcoming luncheon/meetings and events for 2020 below.

Feb. 12: Luncheon/Meeting: Soup & Sandwich, 12pm

March 11: Luncheon/Meeting: Corned Beef & Cabbage-Soda Bread, 12pm

April 8: Luncheon/Meeting: Sandwich & Salad, 12pm

May 13: Luncheon/Meeting: Mystery Lunch, 12pm

May 22: Spring Rummage Sale 9am-3pm

May 23: Spring Rummage (Bag Sale) 9am-12:30pm

June 10: Ladies Who Dine Out—Pulaski Street Grill, 12pm

July 8: Luncheon Meeting: Strawberry Short Cake Dessert, 12pm

July 11: Summer Treasure Sale 10am-2pm

Sept. 9: Luncheon/Meeting: Picnic Lunch, 12pm

Sept. 25: Fall Rummage Sale, 9am-3pm

Sept. 26: Fall Rummage Bag Sale, 9am-12:30pm

Oct. 14: Luncheon/Meeting: Lasagna, 12pm

Nov. 11: Luncheon/Meeting: Soup & Sandwich, 12pm

Dec. 1: Wreath Making/Pizza Supper, 6pm

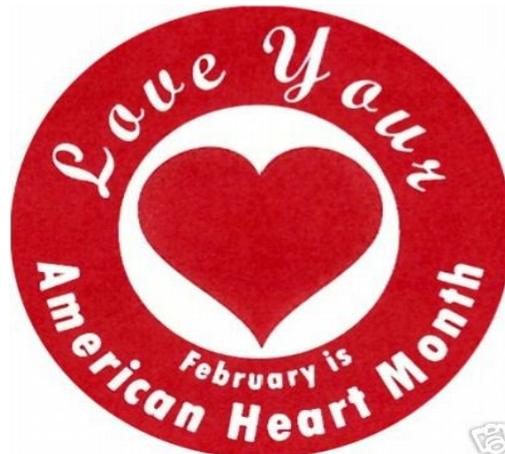
Dec. 5: Christmas Tea & Bazaar, 1-3:30pm

Dec. 9: Christmas Dessert Tea, 1pm



1 Joanna Howard Feuer
1 Madeline, Michael, and Mac Gillooley
1 John Campbell
3 Deborah and Bob Busking
4 Nancy Winters
5 Zachary Downs
7 Miles Tamis
9 Michael Baird
9 Jonn Larson
9 Donn Larson
9 Carter Cline
12 Phyllis Styrzo
12 Cassie Dayton Vigouroux
14 Taylor Wagner
15 Mary Brennan
15 Robert Van Cleef

16 Matt Ravenhall
17 Max Quinlan
18 Louise Smith
18 Sean Doyle
22 Casandra and Joshua Carrick
23 Sandy Surgan
24 Geoffrey Strong
24 Frances Burgess
25 Kimberly Rogers Murawski
27 Sally Hoge
27 Nora David
27 Jionni Vigorito
27 Marissa Schultze
28 Laurie Pitcher
28 Alison Strong
28 Patricia Kottl-Bebon



February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>AA: Sat. 10am (Bailey Hall) Sun. 12pm (conference room) Sun. 6pm, Wed. 7:30pm (Bailey Hall)</p> <p>Boy Scouts: Tues. 6pm</p>						<p>1</p> <p>7:00pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
<p>2 4th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>11:15am "Souper Bowl of Caring"</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>6pm Deacons Dinner meeting</p>	5	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>9:15am Elliston Park Hike</p> <p>7:00pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
<p>9 5th Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5pm Maureen's Haven</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>12pm PW Soup/Sandwich Luncheon</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>7:00pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
<p>16 6th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>Blanket Sunday</p>	<p>17</p> <p>President's Day Office Closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6pm Session</p>	19	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>8am-5pm Fasting Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
<p>23 Transfiguration of the Lord</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>7pm Trustees</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>Frevert wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:30pm Sherbitsky/Frevert wedding in the sanctuary</p> <p>7:00pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>

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Your issue of the February Tidings
