



# October 2020 TIDINGS



*Faithfully Friendly For All – Always  
Welcome . Include . Involve*

## A Word from your Pastor

It's finally fall, and we're starting to enjoy all the benefits. The cooler weather, the falling acorns, and of course my favorite—all the fall foods. Here, as well as in Maine, the apples are ripening on the trees and so delicious to eat! I don't know what it is, but there's something about fall that puts me in the mood for baking, especially with all the delicious locally grown foods.

"Now what does food have to do with church?" you might be asking yourself. And if you've ever been to a church function, you'll know that food and feeding people is pretty much inseparable from church life. Church folks LOVE to feed people. We have coffee hour treats, pot luck dinners, bake sales, even fresh bread for communion. Food is about more than just giving your body nourishment, it gives us an opportunity to gather together for something we all have in common, the need to eat. It also allows people to do something for someone else, to lovingly prepare a dish for someone other than themselves. I know that I always love to make something I know someone else enjoys rather than just make it for myself.

When I began at my last church, the first gift I was given was a recipe book filled with all the favorites of church members. Most of the congregants being of Finnish descent, there were a lot of recipes I'd never seen before. And after griping about the overabundance of fresh rhubarb growing next to the manse meant at least 15 recipes using rhubarb were shoved into my church mailbox. And of course, I was gifted the Westhampton Presbyterian cookbook upon my arrival here, full of wisdom and good food.

In this time of Covid-19 it can be frustrating because so many things have been canceled or postponed. But nature has not stopped. The apples and pumpkins are still growing and ready to be picked. The weather is still growing colder and the smell of fall recipes coming from my kitchen smell just as good. What is your favorite recipe, fall or otherwise? Maybe you have a special family secret recipe (those are the best kind) you'd like to share

with me or the congregation! Maybe call someone up, see what they're making and baking. Share your favorites with them.

As I was flipping through that WPC cookbook, I noticed that before all the recipes there was a little wisdom offered too. One was a poem written by our beloved Kay Kidde that so perfectly captures the essence of food in relation to our life of faith together.

"Here's to the Ladies"

The ladies, the ladies, the ladies of the church  
We hold them all in our heart's core.  
They give and give  
And then give more.  
Among their welcome gifts  
Are luncheons, suppers, teas;  
We have felt these many treats  
To be subtle mysteries.  
So now we are most grateful  
That in this book  
They're revealing at last  
Just how much they cook!  
Here's to the ladies, the ladies of this book  
And the secrets within of how they cook!  
-Kay Kidde

So for the wonderful women of the church who have been feeding us for decades, for the friends and family who gather around our tables, enjoy the good food that the Lord provides for us this fall.

Many Blessings,  
Rev. Vanessa



**\*Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent:** Nancy Bowmen, friend of Vern Hackworth; **Stu Wood**, recovery of knee surgery; **Robyn DeLorenzo**, Ruth Duvall's granddaughter; **Brendan Clavin**, Nancy Hamma's son; **Bobbie Olsen**, cousin of Linda Howard; **Karen Haley**, former Music Director of the Orient Church; **Patrick J Knight**, PLI Treasurer; **John Lowe & Roberta Williams**, friends of Vern Hackworth; **Susan Sullivan**, friend of Mary & John Hull; **Dorothy Evans**, Home; **Sally Hoge**; **Paul & Ellen Pfaff**; **Kimberly Rogers Mrawski**; **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller; **Bob Baum**, home; **George Burns**, home; **Jay Sears**; **Rev. John Kloepfer**  
**Long Term:** **Chelsey Carter Collins**, Southampton Care Center; **Russell Deihl**; **Brad Carbone**; **Gene Hubbard**; **Kay Kidde**; **John Comba**, Home

**Gale Seidler's Minute for Mission**

Creighton Berry's enormous size fourteen feet led off our CROP Walk from the church parking lot for decades. His passion for mission was contagious and in spite of his death last December continues to inspire me.

I will be participating in the CROP Walk on October 18 to honor Creighton's memory as I raise funds for our stressed local food pantry (25%) and the 75% balance helping to reduce hunger far and wide. It is easier than ever for you to participate this year since you can pick your own time, place and distance. Pete and I will be walking the trails at Quogue Wildlife Refuge. I hope that you will also be stepping out to make a difference or sponsor a walker. -Gale Seidler

\*\*The best way to donate is to go to the CWS website for our church, which is at [www.crophungerwalk.org/westhamptonny](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/westhamptonny) and use a credit card. You can also mail a check to CWS, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 . Make it out to CWS and specify our church.

**PRESBYTERIAN WALKERS**

Let's get back to nature and sign up for a walk in Flanders to Penny Pond on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a 2 ½ mile walk in the woods on the Paumanok Path to the Southampton Trails Blue Owl Trail which circumvents Penny Pond. It is an easy flat walk approximately 2 hours. We will start at 9 am at the Paumanok Path entrance along Red Creek Road in Flanders. It is a little ways north from the gated entrance to Hubbard County Park on Red Creek Road.

Wear light color pants and tuck them in your socks, comfortable shoes or hiking boots, hat, sunglasses and sun screen. Bring water, masks are required. Rain will cancel. To sign up and info or questions call Janet Hann at H# 631-288-6884 or C#631-871-7240.

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS****Sympathy**

August 31, 2020- *We give our deepest Christian sympathy to the Qua family on the passing of Polly Qua, mother to Bruce Qua.*

Sept. 18, 2020– *We give our deepest Christian sympathy to the Speed family on the passing of Richard Speed, father to Kimet and Tracy Speed; former husband of Pat Speed.*

**Pampered Chef Fundraiser!**

Westhampton Presbyterian Church is hosting a Pampered Chef Fundraiser! 10 -15% of sales will be donated to the church! We will be holding a party on facebook the week of Oct 19 (details will be sent in an email prior to the party) but you can order ANYTIME starting now! Orders will process the same day they are placed, so you don't have to wait until October! Think fall cooking, entertaining, holiday shopping!! Order here - <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/wpc2020>

Any questions, reach out to Jenny Gillin! 631-682-0265 [spinny1@aol.com](mailto:spinny1@aol.com)



## **Important Information on In-Person Worship Services**

### **Here are the guidelines for attending church in person:**

1. You must wear a mask the entire duration of the service.
2. Everyone must enter through the Westhampton side sanctuary door where an usher will guide you to your seat. You must remain in your seat for the duration of the service. At the end of the service, the usher will indicate when you are able to leave and you will exit through the same sanctuary door. If you have accessibility concerns, we will accommodate you by having you enter using the wheelchair ramp through the Quogue sanctuary door. Please let the church office know ahead of time if you need assistance.
3. Offering plates will be placed at entrance and exit of the sanctuary, please place your offering in the plate as you enter or exit.
4. There will be no congregational singing. A soloist will be present to sing hymns and responses.
5. The church bathrooms will not be available for use.

### **Here's how the signup/registration process works:**

1. You must sign up for a service by the Wednesday previous. For the October 11th service, this would be by Wednesday Oct. 7th.
2. At this time we are still evaluating how many people will be attending. Please select one service on the church website ([www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org](http://www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org)) and if there is additional space, we will let people know and you may be able to attend others.
3. As confirmation you are able to attend the service you selected, you will be sent a form prior to Sunday which you must review and sign and bring with you to the service. If you do not have a printer or access to one, we will have a limited supply of forms available at the church.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

September 9, 2020 ten ladies answered the invitation from Quogue Wildlife Refuge to come and enjoy a small sampling of 305 acres of nature preserve. This was our second gathering of Presbyterian Women since quarantine due to Covid-19.

In keeping with social distancing and masks we first met with Gale Seidler in August for a long overdue Strawberry dessert meeting. We plan to continue in that way with the following meeting dates:

Oct. 14, 2020—Noon—New Moon Restaurant in East Quogue

November 11, 2020—Noon—Christina Ravenhall's home

December 9, 2020—Noon—Marge Beckwith's home

Join us for our October Lunch Meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at Noon at New Moon in East Quogue. The cost will be \$10.00 per person which will include lunch, beverage, and tip.

The menu is: Brisket grilled cheese with sauteed onions

Chicken Burrito Bowl

Fish and Chips

Burger

Nancy Miller will need a head count, please call Erika in the church office to RSVP by Friday October 9th at noon.

Thank you Quogue Wildlife staff and volunteers for welcoming us. You made us comforted, even providing a water fowl chorus from the pond on our arrival.

Marge Beckwith, on behalf of the Presbyterian Women



## Youth Group/Sunday School News

Woo Hoo! Good news the confirmation Class of 2020 has resumed and we hope to have them confirmed at our service on October 18th (rain date will be November 1st)!

We are so excited to see you, and can't wait to resume our confirmation group. Please don't hesitate to contact Rev. Vanessa or myself with any questions. Please let us know if you are unable to attend.

Our Sunday School is still delayed from returning, please fill out the registration forms if you haven't done so already. It's very important that we have an accurate head count for when that happens. Also, have any of you been doing the online Sunday School lessons that I've forwarded in emails? How do you like them? The Go! series is no longer free but if people are using it, I'd be happy to purchase the subscription! As for Parent Cue, it's available and has a better range of ages/classes to pick from. Or, if you found something else and would like me to take a look at it I'd be happy.

"Rise from a kneeling place, Embrace God's call to put others first today. Resist the urge to find a spotlight. Allow the light of God's love to shine brightly, even bodily, through you."

Finally, October is Hunger awareness at our church as we host a Crop Walk to help Stamp Out Hunger. The confirmands and Youth Group are signed up to participate in a virtual walk this year. I've created a link that you can use to send out to get donations then you can participate in a virtual walk with your family or friends! Keep track of your hours for that Community Service sign off too!!!!

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/westhamptonny/Team/View/139278/Youth-Group-Confirmands>

Until we meet again..... Kathy



## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

During this time of uncertainty, we have to think outside the box to accomplish what would normally be a regular task of the Committee.

Bill Hirsch, who is serving his second time on the Committee, suggested that we extend the terms of those going off the Boards by one year. We think it would be more equitable to ask those who are going off IF they would like to serve an additional one year term, whether they have already served one term (3 years) or two terms (6 years).

In this vein, we will be seeking a temporary suspension of the ByLaws to accommodate this action at our annual meeting in November, prior to electing this Class. This requires a 2/3 vote of the congregation.

So, if you've never served or would like to serve again, please speak with me or Bruce Qua, so we can bring your name forth at our next Committee meeting. We will then contact you to formalize your serving.

This is your chance to see how your Church operates and how you can serve your Church! Now's your chance - it's only for one year!

The SESSION is the governing body of the Church. Each Session member heads up a Committee to report on their activities/ actions each month: Budget & Finance, Music & Worship, Christian Ed, Youth, Church & Spiritual Life, Memorial Scholarships, Personnel, Fundraising, Memorial & Endowment, Nominations, and Communications & Technology.

The TRUSTEES are responsible for keeping our buildings in good repair, our grounds tidy, and approving Church use.

The DEACONS are the caregivers of the Church. They keep in touch with the Congregation, helping those that would like some help such as meal delivery or just someone to give you a cheery hello by phone or by mail.

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## WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO....



1	Chelsey [Carter] and Daniel Collins	20	Judy Sprague
1	Joey and Jason Cole	21	Mary Hoch
2	Ryan Campbell	21	Inda Styrzo-Lawson
3	Judy Sartorius	22	Cynthia and Scott
4	Alexandra Carrick	23	Campbell
6	Eleanor Hoyt	23	Grace Jackson
6	Abigail Levitt	23	[Neubauer]
6	Katrina Hering	24	Jenny and John Gillin
7	Amee and Frank Mazurkiewicz	24	Jane and Bob Busking
8	Eloise and Keith Carter	24	Paul Sulzinski
8	Thomas Speer III	26	Andrew Schultze
9	Andrea Lohneiss	26	Christian Tureski
10	Christin Niebanck Heath	26	Rich Schneider
10	Gale and Pete Seidler	27	Oliver Fiore
11	Ashton Lundborg	27	Heather Wootten
12	Alyssa Klepper	28	Lena Mae Fox
12	Joanna [Howard] & Alan Feuer	28	Melanie Bass
12	Gabriella Mazariegos	29	Joe Nemeth
12	Mimi Wood	29	Cory Doyle
12	Meredith Imber	30	Jennifer Schultze
13	Sarajane Giere	30	Jim and Sissy Sperber
15	Lynn Frielinghaus and Steve Rouhandeh	30	Bobby Patterson
15	Tyler Chattaway	31	Rev. Jeanne Baum
17	Terri Bauer	31	Jack Quinlan
17	Emily Bak		
17	Dottie Evans		
19	Alison and Geoffrey Strong		
20	Phillip Jornitz		
20	Wes Winters Jr.		



*Hello  
Fall*



# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 18th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday  10am Drive-In Worship Service	5	6 7pm Deacons	7 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff	8	9	10
11 19th Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Appreciation Day!  10am In-Person Worship— You must register online— 30 congregants allowed in sanctuary	12 Columbus Day Office Closed 	13 5:15pm M&W 6pm Session	14 12pm PW Lunch Meeting @ New Moon in East Quogue	15	16	17
18 20th Sunday after Pentecost  10am Drive-In Worship Service	19	20 7pm Trustees	21	22	23	24
25 21st Sunday after Pentecost  Reformation Sunday 10am In-Person Worship— You must register online— 30 congregants allowed in sanctuary	26	27	28	29	30	31 

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