



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2021

## A Word from your Pastor

This past Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> was Pentecost. It comes around every year right around when the weather starts to become warm and pleasant and we might find ourselves drawn to the beach more than wanting to go to church. Luckily for all of us, we are now worshipping outdoors every other week so we still get to feel the sun and breeze on our faces as we worship God.

So even though the celebration of Pentecost comes every year, what do we really know about it? Can it be celebrated, and if so—what would that look like? Let's start with a reminder of what Pentecost is. It's when the grand finale to the miracle of the resurrection happens. Christ is raised from the dead on Easter, but now he is ascending into heaven. The Holy Spirit shows up to tell us that even though Jesus has left Earth, God dwells within us. Through this gift we are made into the Church—some people consider Pentecost to be the birthday of the Christian Church.

"Building Faith" is a website created by Virginia Theological Seminary and their post on Pentecost reads: "Before that moment of Pentecost, the apostles were a group of followers who had listened to Jesus and assisted in his ministry. But without Jesus, they were aimless and confused. That all changed on Pentecost. After the Holy Spirit entered the room, and after Peter preached, the apostles no longer looked inward. Filled with the Holy Spirit—the spirit of Jesus—they looked out and forward as ministers."

That means, we're no longer spectators just watching God and Jesus work in the world, we're called to go out and do things too. Anytime we follow Jesus and show love, compassion, justice, and mercy in the world, we are a part of the ministry that Jesus started.

What are some other ways to celebrate Pentecost? One of my favorites is to hang some wind chimes outside on my porch. No one truly knows what the Holy Spirit looks like, but in Scripture it's often described as "the breath of God" and we often symbolize it with wind or breeze. So by hanging windchimes, we remember that the Holy Spirit surrounds us at all times, especially as the wind blows.

Another way to celebrate Pentecost is fast and simple—put something red on the table or wherever you spend family time. Red is the color of Pentecost, meant to symbolize the flames that appear over the heads of the disciples, which show they are being called to continue Jesus' work. I am a terrible decorator, but I like to put colored placemats on the table that match the liturgical season. It's another nice way to remember the ministry we've all been called to in a simple way.

A final (and my favorite!) way to celebrate is to make something good to eat with your family. You can make a salad that evokes the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are all important qualities that we need. I like to make a fruit salad with my family full of fresh local fruit. Another option is to make strawberry shortcake. The strawberries represent the red flame and the whiteness of the whipped cream is a nod to "White Sunday," another name for Pentecost. If you don't think you're up to making strawberry shortcake, you can always join the PW for their strawberry shortcake feast in June!

In this season of Pentecost, I hope that the Holy Spirit is blowing you in new and wonderful directions. Remember that we are also called by Jesus, as were the disciples, to not just do God's work, but to celebrate it too!

Many Blessings,  
Rev. Vanessa

## Prayer Concerns:

**Recent:** **Hillary Thompson** (recovering from surgery, niece to Mimi Wood); **Debbie** (recovering from surgery, friend of Margery Qua); **Madeline Hackworth** (recovering from fall and hip surgery. Vern Hackworth's mother); **Nancy Hamma** (knee surgery); **Dee Dee Brumsey** (sister of a close friend of Pete Seidler); **Russell Babis**, recovering from surgery; **Feitl Family**; **John & Sherry Gillin** (John Gillin's parents); **Pat Hipp** (Mother of Mike Hipp); **Dick Herzing**; **Herzing & Hoge families**; **Ketner Family**; **Janet Mafera Galea, Cancer** (friend of Mimi & Stu Wood); **Erica Fernandez**, (Hanne Manker's grandson's fiancé); **Kim Makowski**, organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Southampton; **Inda Lawson**, (Diane Perry's niece); **Kathleen Rogers** (Kimberly Rogers Murawski's mother); **Maureen Nelsen**; **Bob Wetter** (Nancy & Wes Winters brother-in-law), pancreatic cancer; **Robyn DeLorenzo**, Ruth Duvall's granddaughter; **Patrick J Knight**, PLI Treasurer; **John Lowe & Roberta Williams**, friends of Vern Hackworth; **Susan Sullivan**, friend of Mary & John Hull; **Kimberly Rogers Murawski**; **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller; **Jay Sears**

**Long Term:** **Chelsey Carter Collins**, Southampton Care Center; **Gene Hubbard**; **Dorothy Evans**; **Paul & Ellen Pfaff**; **Rev. John Kloepfer**, home

## Worship Schedule

June 6th: 10am In-Person Service  
 June 13th: 10am Drive-In Service  
 June 20th: 9am In-Person Chapel Service (15 people)  
 June 20th: 10am In-Person Sanctuary Service  
 June 27th: 9am Drive-In Service

“Save My Seat!” Registration for in person worship will be open the week before a scheduled service.

Chapel occupancy is at 15  
 Sanctuary occupancy is at 50

# Congratulations Class of 2021!



## Church Family News

### Births

May 11, 2021– Fiona Quinn Ravenhall daughter of Bradley & Sarah Ravenhall

### Memorial Service: John Comba

June 25th at 11am in the Memorial Garden followed by a reception at the WHB Fire Dept.

*Reminder: the next issue of Tidings is the July/August issue. Please have your submissions in by June 20th.*

## Memorial Scholarships

Applications are now available to eligible high school seniors and college level students who will be attending an accredited academic institution in the Fall. Applicants should be members in good standing of the WPC and provide documentation of Fall semester attendance. While last year's recipients should have received this year's application via email, they can also be requested by contacting Ellen Campbell at [ecampbell18@optonline.net](mailto:ecampbell18@optonline.net) or by calling 631-255-9307. Applications, along with documentation and personal statements, must be received at the church by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

~The church building is closed during this time, but we are still here for you. Phone calls and emails are still being answered during regular office hours, Monday-Friday; 8:30am-3:30pm.



# Come to the Bring Your Own

## Church Picnic



**SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH**

After the outdoor worship service in the picnic area

Contact the church office to RSVP

Ice Cream Truck

&

Children's Games

## Presbyterian Women

It was a beautiful day and a treat to meet at the Pulaski Street Grille in Riverhead on May 19th, 2021 for our annual Dutch treat May luncheon.

A recur of over one year, left each of us with plenty of subject matter for interesting and enjoyable conversation. Combine that with delicious food and a relaxing atmosphere. We could not ask for more.

On **Wednesday, June 9th at 1:00 pm** we will meet outside the church Library in the patio area. Parking is near by on the east side of the church. We will not use the church kitchen as we are serving strawberry short cake—fresh strawberries over biscuits topped with whipped cream, bottled water will be available.

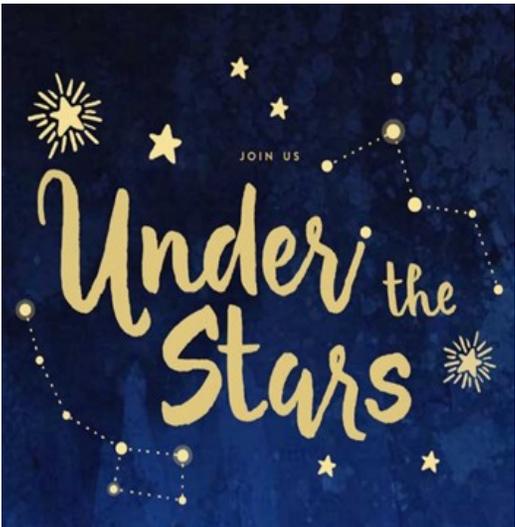
We will not meet again until September 8th, 2021 at noon. Please bring a sandwich of your choice to enjoy with dessert and beverage.

Enjoy the beauty of the summer as we continue on the path toward a return to a more healthy, peace filled environment.

Marjorie Beckwith

On behalf of Presbyterian Women

## WPC SUMMER BBQ UNDER THE STARS



The members of the fundraising committee are anxiously planning a fundraising event where we can all gather safely for good music, food, drinks and much desired fellowship. It has been a really long time since the “Big Easy” party at Susan Lipp’s in the summer of 2019 and even longer since the BBQ at Tom and Jane Otis’s in 2018.

We have been following the recommendations of the CDC and with input from our own Opening Task Force it looks like we can start planning for a summer event. Susan has graciously offered her garden again, Bill Beuhl has agreed to play music for us and we are working with Maple Tree BBQ to cater plenty of delicious food.

Even though there are a lot of good cooks in our church, NY State requires that we use a caterer who conforms to all the Covid-19 safety measures. This will increase our costs. In the past we have been blessed with sponsors who have helped us offset the expenses and we are looking for a few of those angels once again. If you are inspired to

be a sponsor, please contact Tom Rogers at 631-645-6595. Be sure to let him know if you wish to remain anonymous.

So I suggest you reserve the date, Saturday, August 14 from 5 to 8 pm for some fun under the stars. Watch for your invite in July with information on how to purchase tickets for yourself and your friends. In the meantime, stay safe.

## SCRAP METAL

Even though the church has been closed, we are continuing to collect scrap metal. If you are cleaning out your garage or basement and find anything made of metal, you can donate it to the church as scrap metal. Everything can be dropped off at the church next to the shed by the east parking area. If you need something to be picked up, please call the church office or me at 631-645-6595. I want to thank everyone who has contributed so far either with items or by helping me. We have received \$3,308 toward the church budget from scrap metal so far this year.

Thanks again,  
Tom Rogers

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



2	Henry Tamis	16	Grenville "G" and Lisa Gooder
3	Mary and John Hull	17	Abigail Ketner
3	Hunter Wootten	17	Micki Niebanck
4	Lynne & Mark Jones	18	Matt Hoge
7	Joan Larson	18	Ellen Campbell
9	Chris Winters	18	Ryan Zollweg
9	Nalda & Desider Rothe	19	Holly Haile Thompson
9	Amy and Brian Mosher	20	Greyson David
9	Peter Sulzinski	21	Betsy & David Rowe
10	Bob Johnson	23	Holly & Ralph Hubbard
10	Anne Charles	25	Samuel Charles Cary
12	Carol & Joe Nemeth	25	Bruce Qua
12	Halsey Swann	27	Cormac Douglas Ravenhall
13	Frankie DiBiasco	28	Cindy Campbell
14	Julia Ketner	28	Wendy & Lou Hornick
14	Janet Hann	29	Alvin Wintermyer
15	Meryle & John King	30	Madeline Campbell
15	Ellen & Paul Pfaff		
15	Tucker Collins		



*The monthly Tidings is a great way to spread good news, photos, events, activities, and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to share an article!*

# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	2 <i>9:15am Mission</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10am Indoor Worship (50 people)</i>	7	8 <i>5:15pm M&amp;W 6pm Session</i>	9 <i>10:30am Staff  1pm PW Outdoor Strawberry Shortcake Dessert meeting</i>	10	11	12
13 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10am Drive-In Service "B.Y.O." Church Picnic after worship!</i>	14	15 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>9am-12pm Sunshine Academy Graduation Event outdoors</i>
20 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day Summer Services Begin 9am Chapel (Indoor) 10am Sanctuary (Indoor)</i>	21	22	23	24	25 <i>11am Memorial service for John Comba in the Memorial Garden followed by a reception at the WHB Fire Dept.</i>	26
27 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost  9am Drive-In Service</i>	28	29	30			



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***Your issue of the June Tidings***



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