



TIDINGS

Faithfully Friendly For All – Always
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September Calendar of Events



FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 1	12:00PM	Bridge Club
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 3	13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
		<i>Conclusion of Summer Worship</i>	
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 4	LABOR DAY (Office Closed)	
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 5	1:00PM	Staff Meeting
		7:00PM	Deacons
WED.	SEPTEMBER 6	9:15AM	Mission Committee
		5:45PM	Children's Choir
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 8	12:00PM	Bridge Club
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 10	REUNION SUNDAY–	<i>Communion/Bagel Breakfast/Sunday</i>
		<i>School pictures/ 3rd graders receive Bibles</i>	
		7:00PM	5th-12th Grade Parent Meeting
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 12	6:00PM	Session
WED.	SEPTEMBER 13	12:00PM	PW Sandwiches & Salad Luncheon
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 15	12:00PM	Bridge Club
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 17	15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
		<i>Sunday School begins</i>	
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 18	8:30AM-4PM	WH Garden Club
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 19	7:00PM	Trustees
THURS.	SEPTEMBER 21	TIDINGS ARTICLES DUE	
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	12:00PM	Bridge Club
SUN.	SEPTEMBER 24	16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
		11:30AM	Fall Rummage Sale set up
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 25	10AM-2PM	Garden Club
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 29	9AM-3PM	Fall Rummage Sale
		12:00PM	Bridge Club-Bailey Hall
SAT.	SEPTEMBER 30	9AM-12:30PM	Fall Rummage Bag Sale
		9AM-3:30PM	Presbytery Day at Huntington Station

Prayer Concerns:

Recent: Dean Van Tassel (recuperating from heart attack); Joe Pastore (chemo for colon cancer); Jim Bachman, home; Linni Deihl, Kanas Hospice Center; Pat Shima, New Rochelle; Kimberly (Rogers) Murawski, Southampton Care Center; Daniel Levitt (husband of Jennean Jessup Levitt); Jane Post, Hospice; George Payne (Kathy Tureski's father); Marilyn Wood; Florence Ravenhall; Vernon King, Westhampton Care Center; Gene Hubbard, Home; Linda Howard-Kloepfer

Long Term: Grace Haddad, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Collins, Southampton Care Center; Peter Monsarrat; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Martin Tener



Sunshine Academy

There is still time to register little ones! To inquire about more information call Theresa Caponi 631-684-9677.



Hurricane Harvey

To support recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Harvey go to pma.pcusa.org/donate.

If you prefer to mail a check (please designate Disaster Relief—U.S. Hurricane Response, DR000169), you may send it to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone.

Church Family News

BAPTISMS

- * July 16, Lena Mae Fox, daughter of Robert Jr. and Kimberly Fox
- * Aug. 20, Alexandra Carrick, daughter of Joshua and Casandra Carrick.

WEDDINGS

- * July 29, Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Ravenhall!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- * Aug. 18, to Diane Perry, Phyllis Styrzo and their entire family and friends on the death of their sister, Cynthia Ann Perry. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Aug. 26 at WPC. Interment of ashes followed.

WELCOME

- * New church member William B. Hirsch!



Saving the Planet
One Piece of Metal
at a Time

Save your scrap metal! This year's scrap metal drive has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21st. We are accepting all types of metal: steel,

copper, aluminum, old appliances, cars, etc. Bring all items to the church parking lot from 9 AM to 3PM. If you have large items that have to be picked up, contact Tom Rogers or the church office.



Fall Rummage Sale



Friday: Sept. 23rd 9am-3pm

Saturday: Sept. 24th 9am-12:30pm

All helping hands will be welcome beginning after coffee hour, Sunday September 18th to set-up tables.

Beginning Monday morning we will sort and price all items for the sale.

From the Pastor

Two maxims that I try and live by, both from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, are the conviction that God works through all things and that all things work together for good for those who trust God.

Most of you know that my wife, Linda, was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, cancer of the plasma cells, about a year ago. She underwent surgery and radiation treatments last Fall, and has been receiving chemotherapy since the end of January. Her last infusion will be this coming Friday, September 1, and on September 13 she will enter the Bone Marrow Transplant unit at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Her Stem Cell Transplant will take place the next day.

The recovery from this procedure is in three stages. The first stage is the 2 – 3 weeks she will remain in the hospital. She'll be allowed to come home when her blood counts are in the normal range and her body has recovered from the initial shock of this treatment.

The second stage takes place at home, where for about three months she'll be in isolation from visitors and from crowds. She will begin to gain her strength back and can go outside for walks, but will need to avoid crowds and people with illness and maintain a very strict diet of foods that contain little or no bacteria or microbes.

The third stage takes about nine months and while she can resume normal activity, including being with people and returning to a normal diet, she will need to still take it easy and let her body fully recover its stamina as well as its strength.

I know she will do well during all of this, just as she has throughout her surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. She's not missed even one choir practice or Sunday, so strong is her health, faith, and determination. She watched me go through a similar routine when I had the identical disease a year before she did, so she knows exactly what to expect. And, as was true for me, she will also be relying on the prayers and loving energy that we both ask all of you to surround her with while she goes through this next period of treatment. We both feel extremely blessed to have such effective medical treatments as well as a wonderful faith community that surrounds us with love and prayers.

You have known Linda longer than I have, so you know how strong she is. You also know how deep her faith is, which is where the quotes at the top of this message come in. We know that God works in and through all things and that all healing comes from the Holy Spirit – the breath of God. We also know that our loving thoughts and prayers give added energy to God's healing spirit. Although we don't understand why people become ill the way they do, we trust that God is right there, even in the illness, working the miracles of divine love and grace, no matter what the outcome.

So while my schedule over the next weeks and months will be uncertain, Linda will be unable to play or direct the choir this Fall. She will, however, continue to work in the background, overseeing and coordinating the work of those who are taking her place in worship. We both ask your patience and forbearance as things progress. The Rev. Nancy Jennings has graciously agreed to preach and do pastoral care when I am unable to. You will learn more about this over the next few weeks.

We are well off in God, the Almighty, in God's holiness, always.

- Pastor John Kloepper



Youth Group

And so the adventure begins.....New school year. New friends. New life. New memories. Let the unexpected be expected.

Calling all 7th – 12th graders get on the email list so you know what's happening, whpresbyte-riayg@gmail.com. An informational meeting is planned on Reunion Sunday, Sept. 10 following coffee hour. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 5** as I plan to serve lunch. Bring a parent (s) with you too! I will have the parent/child release form on hand to fill out, if you haven't returned one yet.

Take a look at the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. I've added some daily devotions/reflections from d365.org . It's a great way to start your day, and only takes a few minutes to reflect upon its message. Sign up today!

Commitments YG has made so far for the fall: Make soup/serve for World Communion Sunday lunch following worship. (10/1). Crop Walk: assist with walk, raise funds for the food pantry, and lead a walk following worship (10/15). Food Drive (11/18). Annual Heifer drive 12/3-24/17. Advent Festival (TBD).

Excited for a new YG year and the adventures to be made.....Do good things and good things will come your way.

See you on the 10th.

Kathy

Notes from the Choir Loft

Thank you to all the wonderful singers who provided special music this summer! And to Kieran Anderson for his beautiful piano solo.

As many of you know, I have Multiple Myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells in the bone marrow. On September 1st I will complete my eight months of chemo treatments. The next step for me will be an autologous Stem Cell Transplant (they harvested my stem cells in May), which will take place at Columbia/New York Presbyterian on September 13th.

I will have to remain in the hospital for 2-3 weeks, followed by a recovery/isolation period at home of approximately 100 days. Rob Price will take my place as organist and adult choir director during my leave; Betsy Doyle will take over the Children's choir.

The Adult choir will be back in the choir loft for Reunion Sunday on September 10th, my final Sunday for awhile. The Children's Choir will have its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6th from 5:45-6:15. Betsy and I will both be there for that rehearsal.

Thank you for all the prayers throughout my treatments. They have been a tremendous comfort and help to me.

- Linda Howard-Kloepfer



**Thanks to our members and friends,
we have raised over \$10,000 for our
Summer Appeal "Bringing Our
Technologies to the 21st Century"!**

Presbyterian Women News

The months, weeks and days of summer, together with long-to-be-remembered vacations are memories. It is time to review our summer activities. The Summer Treasure Sale was a success thanks to the efforts of the men and women who stepped forward. It could not be done without you.

Sept. 13th, at noon, we will meet for a Sandwich and Salad luncheon/business meeting. This is a change from the original plan for the menu. Please make a note on your calendar. There are one or two important PW activities to be considered and voted on. See you on the 13th and at church on Sundays.

-Marge Beckwith

CROP Walk

I used to think that the CROP Walk in the fall was just another among many reasons to write a check to the church, an equal among many. It has been a favorite of mine over the years since almost every cent goes to help hunger relief worldwide, but I didn't realize what a big deal it is until I volunteered to chair it here a few years ago.

Church World Service is a grouping of 37 churches worldwide striving to end hunger, which raised over \$21 million last year. Our church's contribution was over \$2800, very good for a small group.

I have to admit I feel like a grade F organizer when I see what happens across this country. I have my own "handler" who emails me frequently hoping that we have a committee of people who are recruiting walkers already, and encouraging early donations online. There should be bigger and bigger things happening up to the walk day, October 15 this year. The embarrassing truth is that I am the committee, and I count on our church family to value the work that CWS does and think that walking is fun as well as useful.

October is a long way away, but please be thinking already about walking to help in a very real way to help the hungry even in our own community, and be thinking already about writing a check to support the walkers. The only real failure would be to think that the CROP Walk is just another request for money. Think of the crisp, clear air, the balloons, the good feeling. I hope to see you there. Stu Wood

World Communion Sunday

The Mission Committee is repeating a popular luncheon this year for Worldwide Communion Sunday. In the past we have had missionaries, and we have had Christians who live in places like Egypt and Syria speak to us. Last year Randy Wood, son of Stu and Marilyn, came to speak about what it was like working in Africa for ten years in very poor countries.

This year Dr. Daren Anderson, son of Dick and Margretta, is going to be our featured speaker. He told us years ago that he knew he had had special advantages in life and planned to give back someday. He is going to show how he works for community health in the Medicaid population: health care for the underserved and underinsured. He recognizes the inequities in health care in this country. He is a fine speaker; we hope you will stay after church to hear him.

The brunch will feature four kinds of homemade soup, a pocket sandwich, tossed salad, and desserts made by our ladies. The sandwiches and salad are by Eastport Deli.

The date is Sunday, October 1. Put it on your calendar.



Stu Wood

Sunday School Appeal

Our Sunday School program finds itself at a critical place in terms of teaching staff. We have made appeals in the past and have somehow managed to maintain our classes, but that time appears to be coming to a close. Our pool of teachers has steadily declined with few new teachers joining us. We are now desperately short of teachers, so much so that we may no longer be able to offer a middle school and high school program. At this point, if we do not add some teaching staff, we will only be able to run two classrooms—a Pre-K through 2nd and a 3rd through 5th. These groupings span a wide range of ages and developmental levels and are certainly not ideal. Additionally, we would like to be able to offer Sunday School to all of our children, not just the younger. So, if you are at all able to lend a hand, PLEASE let us know as soon as possible. We will try to work with whatever time you may be able to offer. Ideally we have two teachers share a class (alternating weeks/months, etc.), but are grateful for whatever time you may have available.

The teachers will be meeting again the week of August 28th to make final decisions about how our Sunday School will be configured this year. We would appreciate it if you could let us know by that week of any availability you may have. Simply call the Church Office or contact Ellen Campbell or Cindy Schneider. Again, we have truly reached a breaking point and need your help.

Plumb Line Committee

The process of finding a new pastor has seemed very slow so far, leading many to question what's been happening for seven months. The first thing that slowed us down was that the man who had been selected to be our liaison with Presbytery left his own ministry and became unavailable. A second liaison was selected, Rev. Dr. Karen Hybertsen, to help us through the newly named "Plumb Line Study," but when our committee tried to contact her we found that she was vacationing in Hawaii. Now we are past all of that. We have a nine member committee in place, charged with creating a manuscript that will show what our strengths and weaknesses are, how we fit into our community, and what we wish for in a new pastor. Our aim is to complete this study to the Presbytery's satisfaction by the end of this year so a new Pastor Search Committee can be reading resumes and interviewing candidates next spring.

The first part of our process has been to write a twenty question survey for our entire membership including friends and affiliates. It will be sent to you in the last week in August with an immediate return requested, but a deadline of Reunion Sunday, September 10. The survey is completely anonymous, and most of the questions may be answered in a single word or short list. You will be able to return it in the offering plate, by mail, or by leaving it in the church office. We are also planning smaller surveys with members of the groups of the church such as Presbyterian Women and the youth. In October there will be small meetings after the church service to let you know what we have learned, and to let you add new insights into the life and health of our church.

It may seem crazy to send out a survey during the height of vacation season in the Hamptons, but we'll bet you wish we got going with this process, and the time is now. Read the survey questions, think for a while, write your answers, and get the results back to us as soon as possible. We don't care if your paper has a little salt water and sand on it. Stu Wood for the committee: Russ Babis, Randy Dayton, Janet Hann, Robyn Hatch, Cathy Holliday, Ralph Hubbard, Lynne Jones, Kathy Tureski, and Stu Wood..

Fundraising Committee

The sound of happy chatter and spontaneous applause filled the cheerfully decorated manse on the rainy Saturday afternoon of August 12th. Guests of all ages watched a select group of women from our church "walk the catwalk" through the tables while they enjoyed delicious refreshments prepared by our deacons. Our models were: Erika Lukert, Christina Ravenhall, Kathy Dayton,

Holly Hubbard and Alex DiBiaso, daughter of Susan Lipp. Susan served as our MC. She and the models were dressed in fashion from Diana's Unique Boutique in Westhampton Beach. They were coiffed and made up by Samantha Burkard and looked fabulous. To her excitement, young Julia Ketner won the 50/50 raffle. Be sure to check out the pictures soon to be displayed on the WPC website. Thanks to all who helped make this event both fun and profitable.

Our next event was supposed to be Cocktails and Dinner at the Manse on September 9. It has come to the attention of the committee that there are a number of conflicts both within the church family and the community that would interfere with our success. Unfortunate as it is, we have decided we must cancel the event. The committee will not meet again until the fall when we will continue to plan events that both help fund the budget of WPC but also endeavor to promote fellowship during this time of transition at WPC. Remember to buy your grocery cards!

-The Fundraising Committee



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

1	Chris and Steve Ravenhall	15	Nancy and Wes Winters
1	Ralph Neubauer	15	Hanne and Bill Manker
1	Karen and Ralph Neubauer	15	Susan Lipp
1	Jessie Fox	16	Hannah Wagner
1	Keri and Wing Shiu	16	Cindy and Robert Schneider
3	Tracy Martin	16	Caroline Aslin Imber
3	Lou Hornick	17	Bonnie and Eric Wootten
4	Donna Goebel Williams	17	Lily and George Burns
4	Fred Bauer	18	Pat Shima
5	Jessica Howard	18	Gary Martin
5	Kathy Johnson	18	Mark Jones
5	Jane Otis	19	Kimet Speed and Mike Hipp
6	Jim Bachman	21	Karen and Chris Andrews
6	Jessica Howard and Seamus Naughton	22	Stuart Wood
8	David Aiello	22	Mike Hipp
8	Jennifer and Chris Tamis	24	Nancy and Harry Miller
8	Margery Gosnell-Qua	24	Nicki and Bob Schindler
9	Blake Busking	24	Christian and Jolanta Carter
11	Jane Busking	26	Holly Hubbard
11	Grant Babis	27	John Sprague
11	Jennifer and Andrew Schultze	27	Ben Cary
12	Margery and Bruce Qua	28	Dante Thomas Aiello
13	Doris Towers	28	Lucy and Abe Cary
13	Vern Hackworth	28	Traci Duke
13	Stephanie and Kyle Miller	29	Bobby Fox Jr.
13	Leif and Jenn Neubauer	29	Jeanette Smith
13	Tommy and Kimberly Otis	30	Jeff Speer
14	Kristin Lohneiss		
15	Creighton Berry		



September 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA: Sat. 10am (Bailey Hall) Sun. 12pm (conference room) Sun. 6pm, Wed. 7:30pm (Bailey Hall)					1 12pm Bridge Club	2
3 13th Sunday after Pentecost	4 Labor Day (office closed)	5 1pm Staff meeting 7pm Deacons 	6 9:15am Miss. Comm. 5:45pm Children's Choir	7 7pm Spanish Ministry	8 12pm Bridge Club	9 Lee McGrath wedding 5pm
10 Reunion Sunday Communion Bagel Brunch Sunday School picture day 7pm 5th-12th grade parent meeting	11 	12 6pm Session	13 12pm PW Luncheon	14 7pm Spanish Ministry	15 12pm Bridge Club	16
17 15th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School starts	18 8:30am-4pm Garden Club	19 7pm Trustees	20	21 Tidings 7pm Spanish Ministry	22 9AM WHP Historical Burying Ground Workshop 12pm Bridge Club	23 9AM WHP Historical Burying Ground Workshop
24 16th Sunday after Pentecost Fall Rummage set up	25 10am-2pm Garden Club	26	27	28 7pm Spanish Ministry	29 9am-3pm Fall Rummage Sale 12pm Bridge Club (Bailey Hall)	30 9-12:30pm Fall Rummage Sale

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