



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JULY/AUGUST 2018

From the Interim Pastor -

Today is June 21, the Summer Solstice. If you were standing, at precisely 6:07 a.m. our time, inside the circle of boulders, facing the gap between the middle two of four vertical boulders, you would have witnessed what many believe Stonehenge was built to witness. Looking through this gap you would have seen the sun sitting directly at the top of the Heel Stone, a smaller boulder some distance outside the circle. You can easily identify which gap you should be looking through because there's only one section of the monument with four huge upright boulders in a row supporting three similar boulders laying horizontally on top of them. You would be looking through the gap beneath the middle of the three horizontal stones.

Many feel this is the purpose of the monument itself, although the religious or spiritual meaning of it all is not historically known. It's easy for us to look down upon and dismiss pre-Christian peoples we are quick to label as sun-worshippers. However, it's also easy for us to lose sight of the fact that virtually all of the energy we have access to here on Earth comes from the sun of our solar system. In fact, all of the planets of our solar system, including Earth, were spawned from our sun, even though, of course, all of Creation – including all the galaxies - was created by God.

So perhaps it's not so silly that early humans tended to hold the sun in such high regard. Indeed, in the early Egyptian Civilization that built the pyramids, their religious system included many gods. However, the highest of these was called Ra - the sun god. Like the Hindus, who also had many gods, the Egyptian priests did not literally consider Ra (and certainly not the sun itself) to be what we call God, but rather Ra, like all the "gods," represented different aspects of God's power and activity. God was beyond even having a name. But they were aware of the central role the sun played in life here on Earth, and how dependent life was on it.

I began to reflect on all of this because of the summer solstice, perhaps because it seems almost ironic to me that so many of us these days – especially here in the Hamptons - could still be considered "sun-worshippers" of a sort, especially as we organize our days and weeks around time spent at the beach or around the pool.

Hopefully, we will also take time to reflect on the ultimate source of all we hold dear, God the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. So whether I see you this summer in the Quogue Chapel or the Church Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, I hope to see you on a regular basis. And, I wish you good health and safety in all of your summer travels.

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

- Pastor John



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent: Diane Perry, Home; Betty Donohue; Lorraine Cheeseman, Stonybrook Hospital; Bob Baum; John Comba, Westhampton Care Center; Marge Beckwith; Sarajane Giere (recovering from surgery); Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Chip Williford (friend of Gale Seidler); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Pat Skates (friend of Karen Derryberry); Kay Kidde; Jim Bachman, home
Long Term: Daniel Levitt (husband of Jennean Jessup Levitt); Pat Shima, Westchester Center in Yonkers; Vernon King, Grace Haddad, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Martin Tener; Gene Hubbard, Home



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Red Door Chamber Players
 Saturday, July 28th, 7:30pm
 in the Parish Hall.

Librarian needed

The church is seeking a librarian. Please contact Marcia Koziarz for more information: mkoziarz@icloud.com

A big thank you to Margretta Anderson for making the beautiful banners that hang in our sanctuary.



ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The Treasure Sale on July 14th has been **postponed** until the Spring of 2019. Please be sure to check your upcoming Tidings and bulletin announcements for further dates and details.



**Saving the Planet
 One Piece of Metal
 at a Time**

Scrap Metal Drive

Save your scrap metal! This year's scrap metal drive is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 29th. We are accepting all types of metal, steel, copper, aluminum, old appliances, cars, etc. Clean out your garage and your basement and help balance the church budget. Bring your scrap metal to the church parking lot from 9AM to 3PM. If you have large items that have to be picked up, contact Tom Rogers or the church office.

Church Family News

Christian Sympathy

June 18- We express our deepest sympathy to Mark & Lynne Jones and their entire extended family on the death of his mother Elaine Jones.



Congratulations to our High School graduate Griffin Wagner!!

Congratulations to our College graduate Taylor Wagner!!

Griffin Wagner will be attending VA Tech in the fall majoring in Architecture.

Taylor Wagner graduated in May from Rochester Institute of Technology with a BFA in Illustration.



**The World Is
 Yours To Conquer**

Westhampton Garden Club Invites You House and Garden Tour Friday, July 13

Westhampton Garden Club's biennial self-guided House and Garden tour of beautiful homes and gardens in Quogue, Westhampton and Remsenburg from 10am to 3pm. Tour tickets are \$75 each; the luncheon at Westhampton Country Club is \$40. For tickets and information, visit westhamptongardenclub.org Tickets can also be purchased at Lynne's Cards & Gifts and also the day of the tour at the Quogue Library.



Memorial Scholarship Awards

Emily Bak: Hobart and William Smith College

Keaton Campbell: SUNY Canton

Madeline Campbell: SUNY Plattsburgh

Andrew Hempel: SUNY Stony Brook

Daniel Qua: University of New Hampshire

Leland Qua: University of New Hampshire

Griffin Wagner: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State U.

Hannah Wagner: Rochester Institute of Technology

The memorial scholarship fund is proud to be able to offer scholarships to eight of our members. We asked them, as part of their application to describe their service activities. They all wrote movingly of the impact the church has had on them and of the dedication to service that they are carrying forward. I would like to share some of their accomplishments:

Griffin Wagner is our only graduating senior and first time recipient. He has served our church as a youth deacon and youth trustee and participated in REACH workcamps. He is an Eagle Scout, which is in itself a huge accomplishment and in that capacity he designed and built a sandbox here in our playground which our little ones enjoy daily. Thank you, Griffin and good luck in your college adventures!

Emily Bak who also participated in youth group service projects, has taken her dedication to service to college and worked as a volunteer in The Ontario County Youth Court providing restorative programs to young offenders.

Keaton Campbell taught in our children's summer program, our vacation bible school and served as a youth elder. He works hard each year to transform our fellowship hall into a themed space for Vacation Bible School.

Madeline Campbell taught in our summer programs as well as during the year in Sunday School. At college she serves her community actively through fund raising projects. Madeline is running our summer bible school again this year and we appreciate that tremendously.

Andrew Hempel sang in our choir, participated in all of our youth service projects, Heifer International, Maureen's Haven, Food Drives, REACH program and more. And he was kind enough to write that he loves and misses us.

Daniel Qua has been tutoring and mentoring in an orphanage in South Africa. He credits the values and morality that he learned from our church for the impact he has been able to make on the children in his charge.

Leland Qua reports that his time in our choir and his work for our various community service activities continues to have a huge impact on his life. He too feels that he carries our church with him into his college experience.

Hannah Wagner participated in all of our service programs and continues to do so at college. In particular she donates her artistic talents. She has painted murals in the Westhampton Elementary School and made a lovely picture that hangs in our church library.

So thank you to these young people who are carrying our values into the world, Thank you to the parents who raised them, the teachers who taught them and our lord who watches over them.

Youth Group

It's a wrap....schools out! Congratulations to all the youth for finishing up another year. Congratulations to Griffin Wagner who graduated from WHBHS our lone senior from Westhampton Presbyterian Youth Group. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us.

Watch for summertime activities....I have some things in the works. Make sure you're able to accept messages from: whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com. Also, subscribe to a daily devotional from www.d365.org!

When you're out in God's wondrous world; take the time to reflect on God in your life, and say thank you for all that you see.

Mark your September calendar: **BIKE RALLY SEPTEMBER 15th / ALL DAY**. Bicycle Shows USA supports our Youth Group, and it's the one day we support their Ride to Montauk.

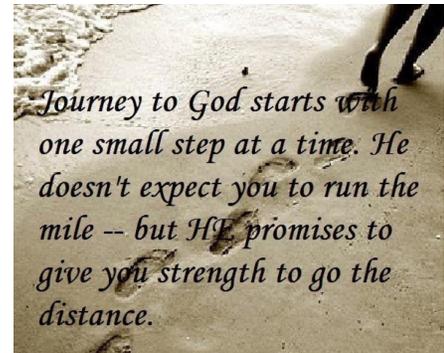


Enjoy the summer, see you soon. ~Kathy

Sunday School

Our regular Sunday School classes have ended until September. Please fill out an updated registration form that was handed out on the last day, or available on the website. I can also email one if you need it.

Once again Maddie Campbell is teaching our Summer Sunday School at the 10:15 worship service. Our new curriculum Summer Road Trip will take the kids on a different adventure every week. Make sure to ask your child where they visited.



Have a wonderful summer.....Kathy



There's no place like Holmes!

The summer staff have arrived at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center! They are spending the next week getting to know each other and Holmes, as they learn and practice the skills that will make them great camp counselors and staff. Please keep them in your prayers this week, and throughout the summer as they work and play hard with our campers and guests! If you would like to share words of encouragement, you can do so through Natasha Taylor, Summer Camp and Youth Programs Director either by email at ntaylor@holmescamp.org or by phone at 845-878-6383.

PW News

We observed the last day of summer gathered for the Strawberry Shortcake dessert meeting held on Wednesday, June 20th. Pastor John offered grace before we shared conversation and dessert. We were joined by Marjorie Ridgway after a 4-5 week bout with pneumonia, Betty Donohue with concerning news after medical tests, Joyce Reaver wearing a heart monitor, Peggy Childs continuing weekly treatments. Few of us were aware of Diane Perry now home, after being hospitalized and undergoing surgery. Our prayers are with all listed here and all unnamed but in our thoughts.

We missed Gale Seidler who is representing us at the General Assembly meeting in Kentucky. She assured us our finances are in good condition and a report will be ready for the Sept. business/luncheon meeting. We look forward to hearing about the General Assembly when you meet with us in September.

On a brighter note we received a card from Angele Kal-fayan. She looks forward to seeing us at church in July. This is good news.

Our business meeting centered around the upcoming Summer Treasure Sale. Several reasons led us to our decision to postpone. We have a general lack of volunteers for a mid-summer event, fewer attendees over the last two sales and fewer donations for the sales. The pros and cons were considered with the cons outweighing the pros. We agreed to postpone the Treasure Sale until a Spring date TBD in 2019. The exact date will be determined when an open date is confirmed. We will not have a 2019 Spring Rummage Sale. We will have a Fall Rummage Sale in 2019. We look forward to the 2019 Spring Sale having a new face, a new name and a new appeal for the committee and the shoppers.

Thank you all who helped serve the short cake. It led me to reflect on Joyce Reaver's comment about Toni Stevens' delicious biscuits. I have no idea whether she baked some or all. I do remember the number of ladies who followed Dottie Otis' directions to a farm on the North Shore where they picked strawberries. Then prepared them and whipped cream to be served to a LARGE group. It has been a tradition for many years. I wonder how many years?...

We wish everyone a safe, refreshing summer, until we meet again in September.

Congratulations to our graduates.

Fundraising Committee



Come join us for a Pampered Chef Fundraiser Show! Sample a tasty recipe and get easy cooking tips while supporting our church! Up to 15% of our total sales will go towards this fundraiser – plus an extra \$3 for every show booked from the event! And feel free to bring a friend – the more the merrier. Can't wait to see you there! The date is July 27; the place is the home of Lynne Jones; the address is 3 Farm Lane, Westhampton; the time is 7pm.

Can't make the party? Order online at <https://www.pamperedchef.com/go/wpcjuly27>

*all credit cards will be charged and orders will ship after the party date (July 27) but feel free to put in your order early!

Another upcoming fundraising event to get onto your calendar is the Cocktail/Dinner party at Vern's on Sept. 15 from 4 to 8pm. Tickets will be \$35 for adults, \$10 for children over 10 years of age, children under 10 are free. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. You know it will be a good time with lots of good eats!

The scrap metal drive is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th from 9am-3pm. Start gathering up those unused items to add to the pile. Any questions see Tom Rogers. And remember to see Lynne Jones for your grocery cards. She continues to sell them in the fellowship hall all summer long.

The fundraising committee continues to look for ways to keep the fun in fundraising while helping to support the budget of our beloved church.

Enjoy summer,
Nancy Winters



From the Church Library



In 1974 a donation was given to the church by Rosalie B. Parker to create the Geer Memorial Library in memory of her parents, Edward French Geer and Blanche Bryant Geer.

If you haven't been in the library lately, stop in and browse.

When you enter, on the right you will see a new section on "Grief". Books have been pulled from the shelves to fill this section, but we don't have much on this subject.

If you would like to donate any books (hard cover or paperback) for this section or donate to help order new books, please feel free to do so.

Make sure you note that the donation is for LIBRARY-GRIEF SECTION.

I am now retired and living permanently in Florida. I am looking for someone to replace me as librarian. I have loved this position for many years, but also love the beauty and warmth of my new home in Florida.

It only takes about an hour each week to tidy up and catalogue the new religious books that come in. I usually did this after each Sunday service.

I can be reached by email: mkoziarz@icloud.com

Fondly,

Marcia Koziarz, Church Librarian

From the Church and Spiritual Life Committee

Another fantastic church picnic in the books! We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to either set-up, work the grill, or break everything down. It could not have been possible without all of your help. Enjoy the summer!

(Photos taken by Vern Hackworth)





HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

1 Allyson Downs
 1 Susan Hitzler
 1 Henry Neubauer
 3 Grace Haddad
 3 Christian Charles
 4 Kyle Miller
 4 Jeanne and Bob Baum
 5 Gale Seidler
 5 Charlotte Gillin
 6 Harold Williams
 7 Gil Frevert
 7 Ashley Jade Harvey
 8 Gavin Bailey
 9 Frank Jessup
 9 Grenville "G" Gooder
 10 Millie Cary
 11 Cheryl Van Tuyle
 11 Grant Frevert
 12 John Kloepfer
 14 Suzanne and Frank Jessup
 16 Kathy Tilley
 16 Linda Howard-Kloepfer
 16 Lucy Cary
 17 Stephanie Oakland
 19 Corey Williams
 19 Tim Shea
 20 Betty Failing
 22 Helen Fitzsimmons
 23 Jennean Jessup Levitt
 23 Sophie Cline
 24 Jackie Moore
 24 Lauren Babis
 26 Jane Cary
 27 Pat Speed
 28 Brian A. Danowski
 29 Scott Frevert
 29 Kathy and Bob Johnson
 30 Daniel Qua
 30 Leland Qua
 31 Mary and John Hoch
 31 Deborah Busking

August

1 Kathy and Warren Frevert
 2 Jeannean Jessup and Dan Levitt
 2 John Sartorius
 4 Tom Rogers
 5 Peggy Childs
 5 Gini Wagner
 6 Chelsey Carter
 6 Wes Winters
 7 Natalie Fox
 10 Warren Frevert
 10 Cynthia Drayton
 11 Victoria and Dennis Kingwell
 13 Susan Rogers
 14 Stephanie Miller
 15 Owen Williams
 16 Judy and John Sprague
 16 Brendan Speer
 18 Randy Dayton
 19 Ed Shea
 20 Timmy Dayton
 21 Betsy and Bob Fox
 23 Rico Johnson, Jr.
 23 Sandy and Ed Sorgan
 23 Kathy and Bob Tureski
 23 Christopher Otis Miller
 24 Ava Lundborg
 24 Judy and John Sartorius
 25 Rob Tureski
 25 Edmund Carey
 26 Elise Barravechia
 27 Caroline Oakland
 27 Skye Lily Charles
 28 Piper Heath
 28 Mac Gooder
 29 Kathy Walker
 30 Kay Kidde
 30 Mara Terchunian
 30 Gianna Aiello
 31 Dick Anderson
 31 Pat and Dick Lutz
 31 Jane and Tom Otis
 31 Anderson Hipp
 31 Eloise Fox
 31 Edward T. Otis, V



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sunshine

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion	2 12:30pm Bridge	3	4 Independence Day Office closed 	5 7:30pm Spanish Ministry	6 12:30pm Bridge	7
8 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 12:30pm Bridge	10	11 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff	12 7:30pm Spanish Ministry	13 12:30pm Bridge	14 Treasure Sale <i>(postponed until Spring 2019)</i>
15 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16 12:30pm Bridge 6:30pm WH Library Book Club-Conf. Rm.	17	18	19 7:30pm Spanish Ministry	20 12:30pm Bridge	21
22 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 12:30pm Bridge	24	25 2:30pm-8pm EEH Pre-Camp meeting-Parish Hall, Sanctuary, Kitchen	26 7:30pm Spanish Ministry	27 12:30pm Bridge 7pm Fundraising Pampered Chef party-Lynne Jones' house	28 7:30pm Red Door Chamber Players-Parish Hall
29 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30 12:30pm Bridge	31		<u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am (Bailey Hall) Sun. 12pm (conference room) Sun. 6pm, Wed. 7:30pm		

August 2018

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	AA: Sat. 10am (Bailey Hall) Sun. 12pm (conference room) Sun. 6pm, Wed. 7:30pm (Bailey Hall)			7:30pm Spanish Ministry	12:30pm Bridge	
5 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion	6 12:30pm Bridge	7	8 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff	9	10 12:30pm Bridge	11
				7:30pm Spanish Ministry		
12 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13 12:30pm Bridge	14	15	16	17 12:30pm Bridge	18 4pm-6pm Quiogue Assoc.
				7:30pm Spanish Ministry		
19 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20 12:30pm Bridge 6:30pm WH Library Book Club-Conf. Rm.	21	22	23	24 12:30pm Bridge	25
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26 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	27 12:30pm Bridge	28	29	30	31 12:30pm Bridge	
				7:30pm Spanish Ministry		

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