



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2018

## From the Interim Pastor

When I was set to graduate from college, I remember the fear that many of my classmates experienced. At the time I didn't understand it, because I couldn't wait to finally be done once and for all (I foolishly thought at the time) with school. We'd been in school for 17 years, tied down by books to read, tests to take and papers to write – to say nothing of having to get up every morning and be in class by a certain time. I couldn't wait to finally be free from this drudgery that I perceived at the time to be a kind of forced labor.

So when I became aware that some around me were terrified of graduating, I didn't understand. Some went immediately into graduate school primarily to put off this dreaded thought of being thrust into the world on their own, no longer able to hide from the real responsibility that comes with freedom. No longer could they hide within the safe and familiar boundaries of class schedules, professors and assignments. In addition, all their lives they had their meals and their lodging all taken care of. The thought of "going it alone" seemed daunting to many and all but paralyzed a few.

However, now I think I understand at least a little bit of what it must have been like to experience mixed feelings when a transition was approaching - the end of what had grown familiar and comfortable in spite of the goal being, from the beginning, to reach this very point.

By now you all have heard the good news of the PNC – that they have selected a pastoral candidate they will nominate to be the next installed pastor of WPC at the Congregational Meeting following worship on June 10. And while I am thrilled with this news, since I'm looking forward to being retired once again; and because this has been the goal and the hope for both me and for WPC ever since I agreed to serve as your Interim Pastor; I also find myself with mixed feelings. For I have grown fond of this wonderful congregation, and have come to love each and every one of you, in spite of knowing my time in the pastoral role here was limited.

And so it is with mixed feelings that I anticipate the ending of our formal relationship. The joy and satisfaction of reaching a goal is there, of course, but while I don't experience the fear of being "set free" from a familiar structure that my college classmates experienced, I do feel a sadness mixed in with the joy and satisfaction.

I will miss the life I've shared with you these past months – the worship, the fellowship, the visitations and long conversations, the committee work and the mission and ministry of this church. I will certainly miss the children, as well as those of you I have grown close to.

Once your new pastor is in place, you won't see me in the church for quite some time, as you and the pastor will need time to settle into and put some roots down into the new pastoral relationship you will be building and growing into. So I will miss you, even as I will be thinking of you and praying for you.

I will still be here with you for some time however, as these transitions do not happen instantly. But the next weeks and months will be an exciting time, as WPC and its next pastor will be focusing on a new and hopefully long and meaningful future together, already praying for one another and looking for new ways to make WPC an even better and more special place.

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

## Prayer Concerns:

Recent: John Comba, Westhampton Care Center; Marge Beckwith, home; Sarajane Giere (recovering from surgery); Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Chip Williford (friend of Gale Seidler); Verna Merkel; Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Pat Skates (friend of Karen Derryberry); Kay Kidde; Jim Bachman, home; Gene Hubbard, Home

Long Term: Daniel Levitt (husband of Jennean Jessup Levitt); Pat Shima, Westchester Center in Yonkers; Vernon King, Peconic Bay Hospital; Grace Haddad, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Martin Tener

## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Sunday, June 3, after worship, is the Official Grand Opening of our NEW WPC Crafter's Den! Refreshments and Tea Sandwiches will be served. Come see our new spacious room located upstairs above the church office (use the stairs across from the office). We are always looking for additions to our group! No experience necessary! Looking forward to seeing you!

### Just A Reminder!

Summer office hours are Mon.-Fri. from 9AM to 1PM beginning June 25th and ending August 31st. You may still call the office for assistance after these hours.  
631-288-2576

*Adult Bible Study will recess for the Summer.*

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

## Church Family News

**June 10: Annual Church Picnic following worship!**  
**Sign up to bring a side dish to compliment our spread!**

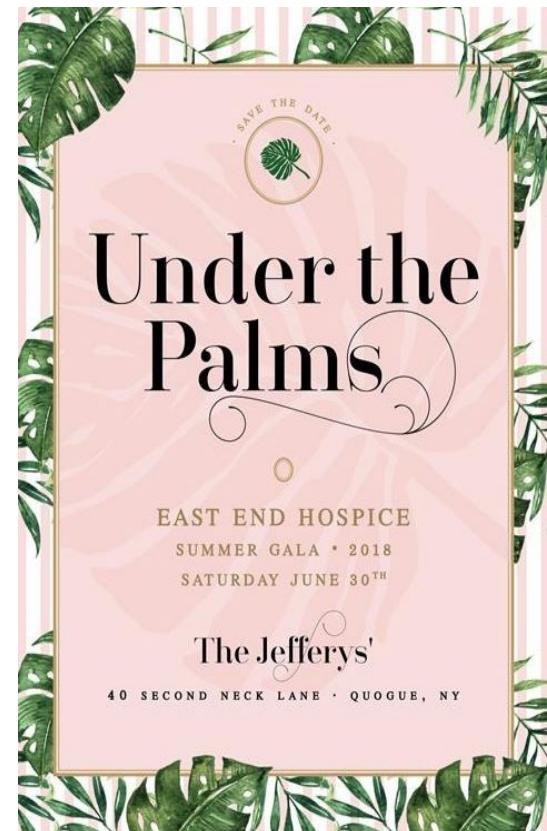
*Sunday, June 17th begins our summer Chapel worship at 9AM and 10:15AM in the Sanctuary.*

*Anyone can sign up to usher at the Chapel or in the Sanctuary!*

### USHERS NEEDED FOR JUNE



**Please sign up in the Parish Hall to usher for June. It is a great way to meet your fellow church members and provide a helping hand during and after worship.**  
**Anyone can sign up!**



## Presbyterian Women's News

Thank you to the Hostess with the mostess, Jane Otis for hosting our May Luncheon "Ladies Who Lunch" and thank you to the caterers at the Eastport Deli Catering for a delicious spread. Fun was had by all 12 ladies (and a gentleman) that attended. Marge Beckwith was greatly missed but we look forward to her joining us in June for our Strawberry Shortcake luncheon. We invite you to join us on June 13th as we gather for our annual Strawberry Shortcake luncheon where we will discuss upcoming events and to finalize the details of the Treasure Sale which is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th from 10am-2pm.

Happy Summer everyone!



## It's That Time of Year Again!!



Save the date for our annual church picnic on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship on the back field. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon as we celebrate the start of summer! We will be grilling up hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as providing cold water, soda, and juice. Sign up in the parish hall to bring a side dish or dessert to accompany our spread. Also, anyone who would like to volunteer to either set-up, work the grill, or clean-up, we'd greatly appreciate your help. People with trucks are always needed to help transport tables, chairs, buckets, and coolers to the back field. Please see Elders David Glover or Cindy Schneider if you would like to help in any way. Thank you in advance and we hope to see you all there!!

## We Have Our Pastoral Candidate!

The Pastor Nominating Committee has come to enthusiastic, unanimous agreement on the candidate for our next pastor. This person is eager to join us as well. There are still things that could go wrong—there's no contract yet—but the odds are good that we will soon be welcoming a new family here.

The PNC still has to hear a live sermon in a church near to us, the Committee On Ministry has to pass judgment in a meeting, and our church will have to vote on the candidate after preaching to us here.

The important date is June 10, which is coincidentally the last Sunday before we split for two services, and it is the day of our annual picnic. It is a happy coincidence because we are sure that you are going to be very pleased and vote favorably after the service, and then we will all go outside and eat hamburgers while passing out hugs and handshakes to our new pastor and family. Spread the word and be sure to be here on Sunday, June 10. -Stu Wood for the PNC

## Session Report

At its meeting on May 8, 2018, the Session

- Approved the participation of the church in the Pentecost Offering for 2018
- Approved summer work hours for Administrative Assistant and Sexton.
- Approved lease of new copy machine for church office.
- New need for Sunday Worship nursery coverage personnel
- Manse was professionally cleaned.

## Youth Group

WOW...Wasn't that an awesome Youth Sunday! A big round of applause to all the kids. It's not too late to bring in items or make a cash donation to our mission project for Brighter Tomorrows. The kids will be assembling the shoebox gifts on June 3rd.

Youth Group's summer schedule is kicking in...they will help with the picnic on the 10th. The rest of the summer is wide open, we have discussed things we'd like to do....ropes course, mini golf, go karts, to name a few. Maybe even a camping trip in early fall!

Remember Youth Group is open to 6th graders and up, and bringing a friend is always encouraged.

### Sunday School:

Where did the year go? We wrapped up our regular Sunday School a little early this year with a modified SS class on Memorial Day week-end, because we all want to be in church on the 10th to hear our potential new minister preach!

We have lots of new curriculum for next year, and can't wait to show it to our teachers. Speaking of teachers, would you like to teach next year? team teach? be a substitute? Please shoot me an email so I can add you to the list.

Please find the time at the Picnic to update our Sunday School records, I will have a table to fill out an updated registration form. I'll also ask Erika to put it on our website incase you miss it.

A BIG shout out to all our teachers this year, Amee Mazurkiewicz, Andrea Chattaway, Gini Wagner, Eloise Carter, Tracey Zollweg, Cindy Schneider, Cindy Campbell, and Rosemary Cline a job well done....THANK YOU for volunteering your time and nurturing our youth.

Enjoy the summer....

Kathy

## PRESBYTERIAN WALKERS /HIKERS

June 2nd hike through Sears Bellows County Park was cancelled with no rain date.

There will be a new hiking location at a later date this month. Stay tuned for more info from your trail guide Janet Hann.

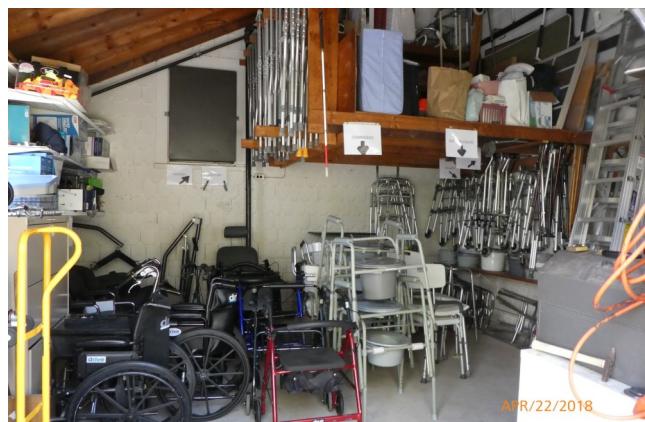
If you have questions please contact her at 631-288-6884 or 631-871-7240



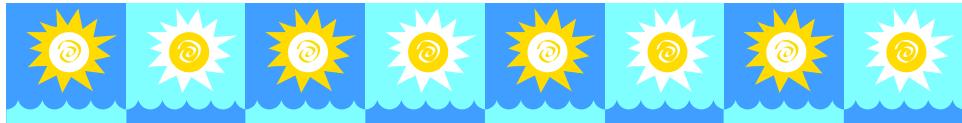
## WPC DEACONS' CLOSET

The Deacons' Closet was set up as a way of loaning free of charge medical supplies for those in our church and in the community who at different times in their lives may find themselves in need of such items. The clean and often gently used items are donated by those who no longer have a need for them and would like to see them put to further good use. Through others' generous donations we are able to offer wheelchairs, transport chairs, walkers, canes, crutches, shower chairs, commodes and other items. To borrow an item or more one just needs to call the office so it may be set aside and be ready to be signed out. When finished borrowing we ask that it be returned in clean condition and signed back in.

The best hours to donate and/or borrow items are between 9-12 noon Monday thru Friday. You may call the church office @ 631-288-2576.



# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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



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

# JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12pm Bridge-Bailey Hall	2 9am-4pm EEH Training for Art & Music intern (Bldg Used)
3 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion	4 12pm Bridge	5 7pm Deacons	6 5:45pm Jr. Choir	7 7:30pm Spanish Ministry	8 12pm Bridge	9 9am Round Dune meeting
10 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Service conducted by candidate Teacher &amp; Choir Recognition</i> 11am Church picnic	11 12pm Bridge	12 6pm Session	13 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW Strawberry Shortcake Dessert	14 7:30pm Spanish Ministry	15 12pm Bridge	16
17 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  9am-Chapel 10:15am-Sanctuary	18 12pm Bridge	19 7pm Trustees	20 5:45pm Jr. Choir	21 7:30pm Spanish Ministry	22 11am Sunshine Academy Graduation  12pm Bridge-Bailey Hall  WHB Graduation	23
24 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  Graduation Sunday 9am-Chapel 10:15am-Sanctuary	25 12pm Bridge	26	27	28 7:30pm Spanish Ministry	29 12pm Bridge	30

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



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