



October 2018 TIDINGS



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From the Interim Pastor - *Pastor Discretionary Fund*

I've been a pastor for over 40 years, and in every church I've served I've been approached, from time to time, by people with special emergency financial needs. Sometimes they're members of the congregation, but more often than not, they're either simply from the community or indigents passing through.

Their emergency can be the result of almost anything: being ejected from their home or apartment, having a utility cut off due to lack of payment, a need for an airline, train or bus ticket for some unexpected urgent purpose, or to make a payment on an automobile that is needed for employment. Sometimes, it's the need for a night spent in a motel as they're in transit from one place to another, or for an emergency automobile repair in order for them to continue their trip. The list goes on and on.

But whatever the details, the common factor is that there are no local social services that can address the need. They usually need to be responded to within 24 hours. These people come to a church seeking help when there is nowhere else for them to go. Sometimes they have actually been referred to me by social workers whose agencies have no way to provide immediate help. And, when they are members of the community or especially members of the congregation, there's the need for confidentiality.

All of the churches I've served have had some kind of special fund, often called something like the "Pastor Discretionary Fund" to handle such needs. It's normally included in the budget, based on previous usage. The Westhampton Presbyterian Church does have a fund of this kind, at least in theory. It's listed every month in the Special Funds Report, and is called "General – Pastor's." (Probably the name is cut off in the spreadsheet and more properly reads something like "Pastor's Discretionary (or Emergency) Fund.")

The problem is that it's not a budget item, and so has no normal and regular way to get funded. It has had \$18 in it since I got here over a year and a half ago, which would not go very far to meeting even one of these emergency needs. I've been told that historically there were a few families in the congregation who would put money, over and above their pledge to the church, into this fund so that it would always have sufficient money in it. Unfortunately, there are no families currently doing this.

As a matter of fact, I'm not sure many members of the church are even aware that such a fund exists. The two times I've been confronted with an emergency need, I've had to find other means within the congregation's complex financial configuration to help these families. Unlike the Deacons' Fund, which is used by the Deacons, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund is confidential and no one but the pastor and the church treasurer know the details of the help given. And since the money normally goes to an institution of some kind (auto repair shop, utility, landlord, etc.) and not to the individual him or herself, even the church treasurer doesn't really know the person or family being helped.

I'd like to see some families in our congregation willing to put money into this fund, as I believe it will be a valuable resource for the next installed pastor.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Recent: Jay Sears, Brookhaven hospital; Gene May, home; Lloyd Clendenin (friend of Mimi Johnson); Trey Smith (Betsy Doyle's nephew); Bob Baum; Lorraine Cheeseman, home; John Comba; Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Jim Bachman; Rev. John Kloepfer
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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDDINGS

September 8—Congratulations and best wishes to Alison Nemeth and David Steger on their wedding!

September 16- Congratulations and best wishes to Mimi & Stu on their wedding at the Chapel!

September 22—Congratulations and Best Wishes to Jean Van Hoesen & Peter Cuthbert on their wedding!

SYMPATHY

September 8- We give our deepest sympathy to husband Robert Donohue, daughter Erin & son Michael and their entire extended family on the death of Elizabeth "Betty" Donohue.



DEACONS

The Deacons would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the local food pantry and to continue their support. "The need is greater than you could imagine."

- Thanks Korey



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling all young singers!

Children's Choir rehearsals will begin October 3rd at 5:45pm in the choir rehearsal room. They will continue every other Wednesday throughout the fall.

Call Linda Howard-Kloepfer (631) 624-1201 if you have any questions.



A Note from the PW

Thank you to all helping hands and friendly faces before, during and after the Fall Rumage Sale! Another successful sale in the book!

The Westhampton Library will be conducted their programs at the Westhampton Presbyterian Church while they are renovating their building. Please check the October calendar and contact the Library if you would like to register.





NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee is working very hard to fill vacancies on church boards and committees. This is a very exciting time for our congregation as we anticipate welcoming a new pastor. Please consider and answer the call to serve on one of our church boards or committees:

- **Session** is responsible for church mission and ministry.
- **Deacons** serve as an extension of the pastoral care.
- **Trustees** care for the church property and grounds.

And multiple other ways to be involved, make friends and make a difference.

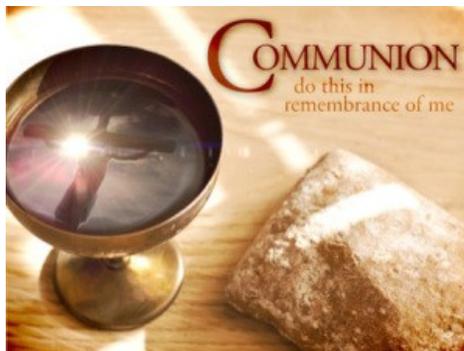
Not sure where you might best serve? Please reach out to any Nominations Committee member for more information and guidance: Kathy Dayton, Karen Neubauer, Kara Bak, Christine Haddad, Cathy Holliday, Holly Hubbard, Mimi Johnson, and Eric Wootten.

World Communion Sunday

This October 7, Sunday, the Mission Committee is again hosting a luncheon and speaker after the morning worship. You may remember Dr. Anderson speaking at a similar and very popular luncheon a year ago.

Our speaker this year is Burkhard Paetzold, World Mission Regional Liaison for Central and Western Europe. He will describe mission work at the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin, Germany. You have probably read this year about the conflict in Germany between those welcoming immigrants into the country and those seeking to keep them out.

The luncheon will feature sandwiches and soups as in the past, and a free will offering will be taken. We hope you will come.



CROP Walk

Our CROP Walk is coming up in just a few weeks, on October 14. This is one of the best places we can put our donation dollars since nearly every penny goes for hunger relief, not to pay administrators' salaries. Last year Hunger Walks supported more than 1500 food banks, homeless shelters and other organizations that fight hunger locally. CROP Walks are nearly 50 years old now. Nearly 108,000 people joined 900 walks and raised over \$9 million last year. We mustn't think of it as just another mission project—it raises more money and does more good than most anything else we do because it is so huge in scope.

Your two choices are to walk one of three routes (easy, middling and challenging) or support a walker. Please seriously plan to donate to this worthy cause, or plan to walk, or do both. You will feel good about it. Sunday, October 14.

Pastor Nominating Committee

We are sure that we have found our next minister after our struggles with finding great candidates and then losing them. The difference is simple: the first two that we were serious about both expressed initial reservations, and our new candidate has none. The one fellow had a wife who couldn't leave her job (which he had to have known) and the other had a son who was a senior in high school, and as much as he loved us, he said that he never should have looked for a job until next April (which he should have known). We have been looking for the leading of the Holy Spirit and we have found it: a candidate who meets every one of our wishes in a minister, and who is glad to be leaving one ministry to assume ours. It couldn't be better.

Of course we still have to get oversight of the Presbytery and have our congregation vote approval, but all nine of us think we have been led to success. Realistically though, the job will probably take until Christmas to start since the candidate has to give three months' notice. Stu Wood for the PNC.

Responding to Disasters

A special arm of our denomination is as ready to act immediately as any first responder you may ever know. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) staff and volunteers are indeed first responders, going wherever and whenever they are needed. In fact PDA is known to be among the very first to arrive and the very last to leave a site.

I have been active in Westhampton Presbyterian Church since my birth, and I seem to have always known about One Great Hour of Sharing. Traditionally taken during Lent, the OGHS offering is not just Presbyterian but is actually an ecumenical offering taken in churches of many denominations. It began in the wake of World War II. The goal was for everyone to give the value of one hour's work or wages to the offering so as to help meet the needs of the many whose lives were so disastrously affected by the rages of that war.

Today you are familiar with the "fish banks" handed out early in Lent during the children's sermon. These colorful flat pieces of cardboard, with careful folding and manipulation, become bulging fish-shaped boxes with a coin slot. These enable our children's participation, just as the OGHS envelopes in the pew holders remind us and enable our giving.

Back in the 1950s and 60s I too received a bank each year, but our banks were red churches, simply a pentagonal box with red walls, white painted windows and door, a black gable roof, and a protruding flat steeple on the front. Believe me, they were much easier to assemble than the fish are. *[I have also seen an earlier bank which was a light green in color with older architectural features.]* As children, we were told to put the banks on the dinner table to remind us through Lent of the needs of children and others throughout the world. We were encouraged to donate some of our allowances and to ask our family and visitors to our home also to put coins into the banks.

The reason I write of the OGHS offering is that a large portion of this annual special offering taken by Presbyterian

churches is given to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance budget. These are the PDA funds that enable the immediate response to disasters.

I have been fascinated over the decades to learn more and more about OGHS. One of my college French professors, the Rev. James Bean, told us that his very first job after college was as a physical education teacher in Europe, and that the position was paid for by OGHS. Much more recently, my college alumni magazine had an article written by an alumnus who worked with PDA. He was among the first PDA counselors that responded to the Columbine school shooting in 1999. Before reading that first-hand account, I assumed all PDA responders helped by providing immediate first-aid care and medical supplies, then cleaning up, and rebuilding. I am very impressed that our church reaches out at such times as well to help with emotional and spiritual needs.

Although we are grateful for the annual support of PDA through OGHS, and we know that it is necessary to have a strong foundation of budget and funds, throughout the year more financial support is often needed. This is why we remind you that donations to our church that are marked for Hurricane Florence relief will be sent to PDA, and we know it will reach 'ground zero.'

In years past, through PDA giving, WPC has responded directly to relief efforts following Katrina in Louisiana and neighboring states, following other hurricanes in Florida, Haiti, and elsewhere, after the tsunami in Japan and the Pacific islands, and yes, immediately after Superstorm Sandy. It was following Superstorm Sandy that we, the Presbytery of Long Island, were recipients of PDA funding and staffing, which reminds me that another portion of PDA assistance is training and guidance in organizing our own relief efforts.

I encourage you to think of others, to remember the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance programs, and to give generously in response to disasters.

Diane F. Perry

God is our refuge and strength

Therefore, we will not fear ... though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble. —Psalm 46

Consider a donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief to help those affected by Hurricane Florence.



The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000169, which supports the church's response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made [online](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

The State of the Church - from the Financial Secretary

As you open and read this issue of Tidings, your financial officers will be assembling the end-of-quarter (3rd) financial reports. Soon the Session and Trustees will study them, and perhaps worry. As of this writing, the most current information is through August 31st, two-thirds of the way through the year.

The total spent sits at 63.33% of the budgeted total. Not bad. The goal at this point is, after all, 66.67%. It is true that a couple of lines are higher, but they can be explained and do not worry your leaders.

The total of funds received is rather low, however, at only 48.96% of the budget. The goal is the same, 66.67%, or two-thirds of the budget. Yet we are not quite at the half-way mark. Once again, some can be explained; for instance several fundraising events are still ahead of us. (*Remember, this report does not include the Otis's BBQ which was in September.*) During the summer months, attendance always drops off with a resultant lower level of pledge income and loose plate offerings received. Our budgeted postpaid pledges have only totaled 30.83%; well, perhaps we were too hopeful.

We prepared a balanced budget by including as income the balance forward, available cash in the checking account. This has not been "added in" at this time. Yet even acknowledging this, if we were to include 2/3 of that amount, the grand total would still be only at 55.28%.

We will shortly be preparing and sending you the 3rd quarter statements of your giving to the church. Please take note of where you stand.

Your Treasurer is always watching the cash flow. If we do not have the money, it cannot be spent, and certain items cannot be met. Expenses come before discretionary spending. Sounds sensible, doesn't it. Unfortunately, in the church's budget the discretionary spending is mission giving.

I wrote of a couple expense lines being above the goal, but did not say what made it possible for the total to be on track. One particular line in the report is noteworthy! The Mission-Specific expenditures, funds your Mission Committee count on and have already designated for special recipients, is only 37.75% spent as of September 1st. It too should be 66.67% spent!

This is your church; it is your budget. This is your mission-giving to local organizations that reach out to persons in need. It is up to you to help make it possible.

Diane F. Perry

PRESBYTERIAN WALKERS / HIKERS

Saturday October 20th will be the June 2nd hike that was cancelled at Sears Bellows County Park in Hampton Bays on that day. We will walk 1 ½ miles from Bellows Pond to Sears Pond and return for a total of 3 miles. The terrain will be mostly flat with a few hills. Dress appropriately for hiking in the woods. Wear light color pants and tuck them in your socks, comfortable shoes or hiking boots, hat, sunglasses and sun screen. Bring water and snack. You will need a Green Key Pass.

First choice: meet at the church parking lot to car-pool no later than 8:30 am if you do not have a Green Key Pass for Suffolk County Parks.

Second choice: meet at the parking lot straight in from the park entrance.

Directions: Sunrise Hwy to Exit 65 north, follow Rte. 24 to Bellows Pond Rd. and make a left turn onto Bellows Pond Rd. Park entrance is on the left. From Montauk Hwy. turn onto Bellows Pond Rd. at the intersection of Bar Boys, Well Floor U. There is a traffic light there. Traveling from east it will be a right turn and traveling from west it will be a left turn. Continue on Bellows Pond Rd. and the park entrance will be on the left. *Rain date will be June 9th.*

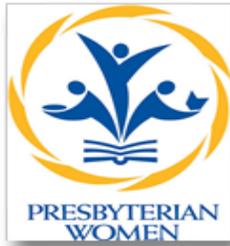
For info: contact Janet Hann 631-288-6884 or 631-871-7240.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the month of October we will be doing a mission project for Maureen's Haven. Each Sunday School (not HS) will be collecting supplies (small toiletries, socks, gloves, hats, gently used backpacks, long underwear etc.) Each classroom will have their own box and the box will be placed in the Parish Hall (for congregation to donate). They will be divided up evenly between the classes. (HS kids will divide them up!) A parishioner may give supplies directly to a classroom if they'd like. The Sunday School class with the most items at the end of month will be treated to a special surprise! We'd also like the kids to donate a zip lock baggie of their Halloween candy to them too!





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Vacations are memories now and the school year is keeping students and parents, alike, busy.

We met for a luncheon business meeting September 12, 2018 to begin the fall season. We are refreshed and ready to present the Fall Rummage Sale.

Rev. Kloepfer led us in prayer before the covered dish luncheon. It was not a usual day for PW as we attended the funeral service for Betty Donohue at 10:00am that morning. In "Betty's Way" she left a note addressed to PW to be read at the meeting saying how she has missed being with us. In "Betty's Way" she signed off by saying "no cheese cake today". Cheesecake was her signature dessert. We miss you Betty and give thanks for having shared your friendship. Thanks to Peggy Childs for making posters for the Fall Rummage Sale and to Chris Haddad for timely radio and news announcements. Plans are underway in anticipation of a busy week ahead of the 28th and 29th.

Gale Seidler prepared the monthly Treasurer's report passing out a copy for each of us. Providing we have two successful fund-raising sales before the end of our fiscal year we can look forward to supporting our designated mission projects as in prior years.

Gale Seidler spoke briefly of her trip to the General Assembly in Louisville, KY this summer. It is a learning and life changing experience, not to diminish the honor of being chosen a delegate. Let's hear more from Gale and her time at the General Assembly.

On October 10, 2018 at noon come join us for a sandwich luncheon meeting. Salad, beverage and dessert will be served to enjoy with your homemade sandwich.

Workers Without Wheels Bicycle Drive Sept. 30 – Oct. 28, 2018

Workers without Wheels will accept bicycle donations. Ideally, bikes that are somewhat functional are best, as they can be quickly rehabbed and given to a rider. Workers Without Wheels will take all gifts and use them as either complete bikes or parts for those bikes needing repair.

Donations may be delivered to the WHP Church, placed in the back under a tarp for storage, or you may send a note to Bruce Qua at quahoo2000@yahoo.com or call 631 325-2249 to arrange a donation picked up.

Youth Group Bike Rally

A Big Shout out to the volunteers at the Bike Rally rest stop today. Our early morning crew who helped set up and man the stations till the next crew arrived: Karen Neubauer, Miriam Neubauer, Grace Neubauer (if not a Neubauer she's a relative!), Yumi Hempel, Cole Hempel. Our mid day helpers Stu Wood and John David and our wrap up crew, Griffin Neubauer, his friend Nick, Julia & Abby Ketner, Chloe Mosher and Sophie & Carter Cline. And let's not forget our First Aid station Paul Sulzinski with help from his wife Sarah and son Peter. Thank you for volunteering to spend this beautiful Saturday serving the Riders from "A Ride To Montauk" from Bicycle Shows US. Riders started in NYC, Brooklyn, Babylon, and Mastic/Shirley then peddled their way to Montauk. Don't forget to bring me your community service sheets to sign off on your time. Thanks again. If you're on Facebook check out the photos on the church page. (Thank you Yumi!)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



Fall Fundraiser BBQ at the Otis's!

Thank you to Tom & Jane for hosting a spectacular event! And thank you to everyone who was able to join in the fun!



October 2018

During the month of October, WH Library programs are available, please contact the library for program details *indicates library program

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 *9:30-10:30am Yoga (P.H.) *5-6pm&6-7pm Pilates (B.H) | 2 *9:30-10:30am Zumba (P.H) *6-8:30pm Writers Group (Conf.Rm.) *6:30-8:30pm ESL (B.H) 7PM Deacons | 3 9:15am Mission *12-1pm Tai Chi (P.H.) *5:30-6:30pm Meditation (P.H) *6-8:30PM Writ- ers Kitchen (Classroom) 5:45pm Jr. Choir | 4 5-9pm E.E.H. (P.H) | 5 *9:30-10:30am Senior Fitness 12pm Bridge | 6 *9:30-10:30am Zumba (P.H) 7:30pm Spanish Ministry |
| 7 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Com- munion Brunch | 8 Columbus Day Office Closed  | 9 *9:30-10:30am Zumba (P.H) *12:30-3:30pm Bridge (P.H) *6-8:30pm Writers Group (Conf.Rm.) *6:30-8:30pm ESL (B.H) | 10 *12-1pm Tai Chi (Conf.Rm) 12pm PW Lunch- eon (P.H.) *5:30-6:30pm Meditation (P.H) | 11 5-9pm E.E.H. (P.H) *7-8pm Basic Spanish (Classroom) | 12 *9:30-10:30am Senior Fitness *12-2pm Lunch & Learn (B.H) *2-4pm Mah Jong (Conf.Rm) 12pm Bridge | 13 *9:30-10:30am Zumba (P.H) 7:30pm Spanish Ministry |
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| 28 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reformation | 29 *9:30-10:30am Yoga (P.H.) *5-6pm&6-7pm Pilates (B.H) 5-9pm E.E.H. (P.H) | 30 *9:30-10:30am Zumba (P.H) *12:30-3:30pm Bridge (P.H) *6-8:30pm Writers Group (Conf.Rm.) *6:30-8:30pm ESL (B.H) 6PM Session | 31 Happy Halloween *12-1pm Tai Chi (P.H.) *5:30-6:30pm Meditation (P.H)  | <u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am –Bailey Hall Sun. 12pm-Conf. Rm. Sun. 6pm– Bailey Hall Wed. 7:30pm– Bailey Hall Boy Scouts meet each | | Tues. 6pm |

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