



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2019

## A Post from the Pastor

Extravagant welcome. This is one of the things that Jesus most clearly models for us in his ministry. Jesus doesn't say to the tax collectors they are only welcome after they square up with the IRS. He doesn't tell the man with the unclean spirit to get mental health treatment before he'll heal him. And he certainly doesn't require that children be clean and dirt free before allowing them to come to him. Jesus welcomes us all as we are, always. There is no background check, no registration, no dress code. Jesus welcomes us anyway.

Now that may be comforting to hear, but not as meaningful to you unless you've ever felt very unwelcomed somewhere. Where people turn to stare at you or give you a side long glance as you walk in. You might even hear a few whispers directed to friends near you. Have you ever been in this situation? I hope not. But if you have, you know how truly awful it feels. Not only does Jesus model extravagant welcoming and hospitality for us, it is what he hopes for us as well. This is particularly important in places of worship such as a church where we come to celebrate all that Jesus has done and to worship God.

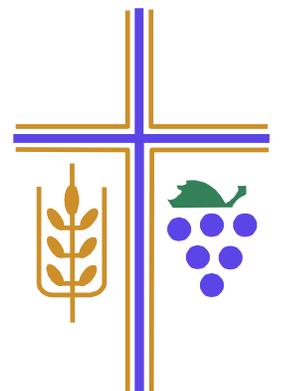
Each member of the church has an important role to play in that welcome. Whether it is greeting someone new as they come into the sanctuary and inviting them to sit with you (perhaps on EITHER the Quogue or Westhampton side no matter where they are from, gasp!) Maybe it is going up to someone in coffee hour and striking up a conversation. Maybe it is inviting someone to church and then actually picking them up and bringing them.

Maybe you're thinking to yourself that you're not very outgoing and this type of connecting with people isn't your cup of tea. But you should remember that Jesus took regular people, both introverts and extroverts as his disciples and asked them to do the same. This type of welcoming goes beyond "being nice," it's about showing God's love for other people, something that stands at the very heart of our faith.

Many people in our communities today don't attend church. And there are a whole host of reasons why. Often they're worried that their kids will be too noisy, that they don't have the right clothes, and most commonly—that they won't know anyone once they get there. We have the opportunity to prove them wrong, to show them that this church is different. It should be exciting for us to realize that we have the opportunity to change the way that people think about church and to welcome them into our church community with open arms.

In my last church people often couldn't make it every Sunday due to their work schedules. Often fishermen would come still in their waders and grundens because they were coming off the water and headed right back out after church. People didn't always have a lot to put in the offering plate, sometimes nothing at all. And every service I would begin by saying: "No matter who you are, no matter where you're coming from or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." This church too has the same welcoming spirit. It has the same people of God who are ready and waiting to bring those on the outside into a safe and welcoming place. It will take all of us but we are capable to offering an extravagant welcome to all.

Blessings,  
Rev. Vanessa Winters



**\*Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent:** Joyce Reaver, John Comba, Westhampton Care Center; Don Griffin; Creighton Berry; Brit-tany Howerton; Alix McKenzie; George Burns, Stonybrook Hospital; Gale Seidler; Peggy Childs; David O'Shea; Barry McGrath (Karen Derryberry's brother-in-law); Bill Kramer (friend of Karen Derry-berry); Jay Sears; Bob Baum; Lorraine Cheeseman, home; Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Jim Bachman; Rev. John Kloepfer  
**Long Term:** Pat Shima, Westchester Center in Yonkers; Vernon King, Grace Haddad, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard, Home

**Sunday School Lenten Festival  
 Sunday, March 10 from 10:15am-12pm in Bailey Hall!**

**Communion Servers**

Stop into the church office and sign up to serve the elements, set up or clean up for Communion Sunday.



Visit the church website to view Sunday worship services streaming live each week. [www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org](http://www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org)

Just click the  icon.

**Church Family News**

*Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*

**Christian Sympathy**

February 6-

We give our deepest Christian sympathy to Jeanne Jessup Levitt, her 3 children, and the entire extended family on the death of her beloved husband, Daniel Levitt.

**World Day of Prayer  
 service at St. Mark's Episcopal  
 Church on Main Street at 12:00 pm.**

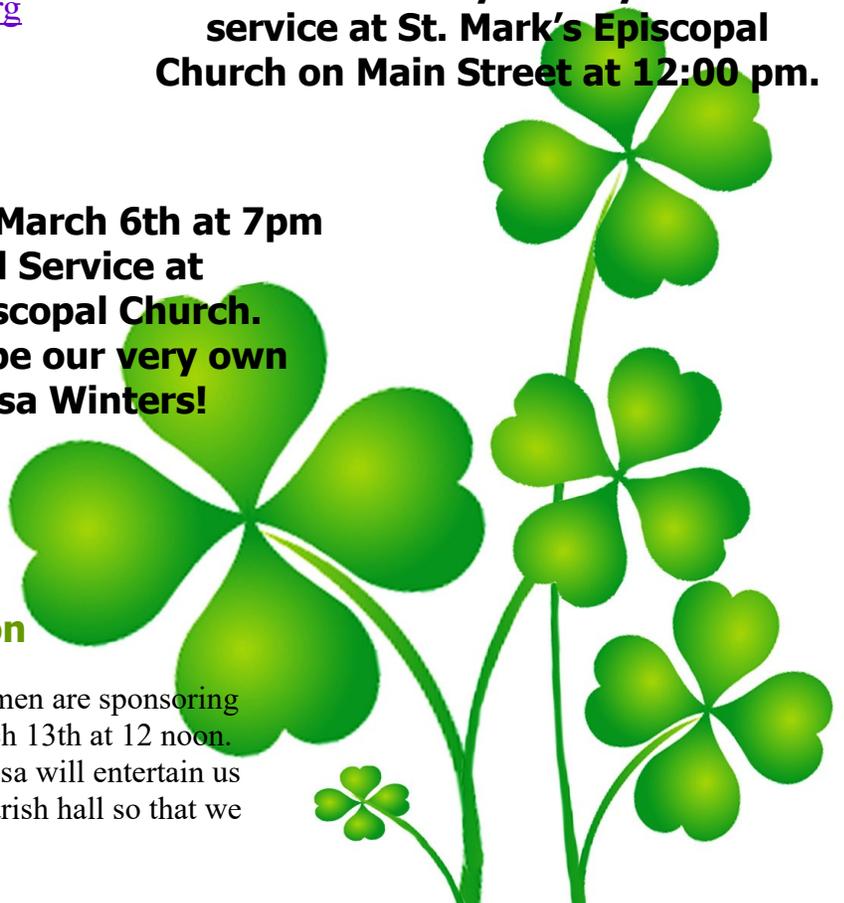


**Ash Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm  
 Ecumenical Service at  
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church.  
 Preaching will be our very own  
 Rev. Vanessa Winters!**



**P.W. "St. Patrick's Day" Luncheon**

Calling all Leprechauns! The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a Shepherd's Pie luncheon on Wednesday March 13th at 12 noon. Both women and men are welcome. Rev Vanessa will entertain us with Irish trivia games. Please sign up in the Parish hall so that we may prepare accordingly.



## Session Report

At its February Session Meeting, the Session did the following:

Discussed a request from the Sunshine Academy to utilize more of the church property to upgrade its program during its work week. The Session decided it wanted opinions from the Trustees and the Deacons on this proposal and scheduled a follow up meeting at the church on Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Discussed a proposed change of terms to Rev. Winters' call to WPC. This change was to be presented to the Congregation on Sunday February 24, 2019 at a Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following worship.

Approved the 2018 Church Statistical Report.

## Walkers/Hikers

Let's celebrate Spring with a walk at Sears Bellows County Park on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 carpool no later than 8:30 am if you do not have a Green Key Pass for Suffolk County Parks.

**Second choice:** If you have a Green Key Pass, meet at the parking lot straight in from the park entrance at 8:45 am.

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, We'll 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.

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

## Youth Group

Oh the days are getting longer and I feel Spring is just around the corner. But deep down I know it usually snows in March.....and Spring will most likely arrive in April if we're lucky!

A BIG shout out to the congregation for supporting our Souper Bowl for Caring Event. We had four families help with our soup making along with the kids. Thank you to the Mosher's for the Chili, Winters'-Gillin's for the Chicken Fajita, the Wright's for the Italian Wedding, and the Lundborg's for the Split Pea. Nationally, Souper bowl of Caring has collected \$8,242,703 so far with 3,647 groups participating. We collected \$575.00 dollars which we purchased grocery cards. We gave \$225.00 in grocery cards to our Deacons to help people in our congregation, and \$250.00 in grocery cards went over to Immaculate Conception's Food pantry.

Six of the kids ventured out to Flight Fit N Fun for a night of bouncing, dodging and jumping! Fun was had by all. We're looking forward to our next adventure to "The Escape Room" in Riverhead at the end of March.

The Lenten Festival will take place on Sunday March, 10<sup>th</sup> in Bailey Hall from 10:15 to 12.

Mark your calendar for the High School Musical, *Nine To Five*, and keep an eye out for some of the youth in our church. Show times are Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2PM.

We also recognized 18 scouts on Scout Sunday.

Lastly, Youth Sunday will be on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

We will be busy in March.....

Kathy

## Presbyterian Women

Wintery weather always makes planning luncheon meetings questionable. Rev. Winters apologized for missing the February 13 gathering due to an important meeting of area clergy, in preparation for Lent and Easter.

Gale Seidler led us in grace before sharing the "entrée" offerings. Mixed greens salad accompanied spinach quiche and reuben casserole, followed by cherry-lemon refrigerator dessert.

The Treasurer's report was brief and accepted. All is well with our financial statements. Thank you Gale.

It is only a beginning, at least three of the lower kitchen cabinets have been emptied, scrubbed, organized and ready for use. We ask that all items be returned, as they were after use for church functions. One cabinet has been secured with lock, for storage of coffee, tea, sugar and incidentals used for coffee hour. Thank you Cheryl Van Tuyle for lending more than a hand to this project now off the "to-do-list."

Thank you too go to Pete and Gale when they volunteered to stay overnight on Mondays with attendees from Maureen's Haven. I mention this because they too have tidied-up more than one out-of-sight storage place in the kitchen.

We agreed to offer for purchase at the May 18th Spring Treasures Sale or the Fall Rummage Sale, approximately 45 sets of cups/dessert plates. No one knows exactly when they were purchased or when they were used last. Removal of the plates and cups has freed up needed shelf space in our kitchen.

Words of thank you have been received from Jeanette Smith following her hospitalization. She appreciated the get-well wishes and prayers sent from friends here at WPC.

A thank you card from P.W. was mailed to Alix McKenzie. Her donation provided us with a more efficient appliance for tea to be served during coffee hour. Alix looks forward to being back with us.

The March luncheon business meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13 at 12 pm. Please read more about it in another item in this issue of Tidings.

"Ladies Who Dine" is in the final planning stage. Details will be ready for the April Tidings.

Christine Haddad has prepared a separate item for Tidings about the May 18th Spring Treasures Sale. She has outlined details about the sale. Please read and help make this fundraiser a success.

Progress has been made toward making us, our members and friends, more aware of the environment. You will read more about it as we "Go Green!"

Welcome Spring March 20, 2019.



## Deacons Meal Ministry

To those who may not know, a meal ministry program is available by the deacon's committee to anyone in our congregation who may be in need.

Each meal also comes with a visit from a friendly face of someone in our congregation.

Please let anyone on deacons know of someone who may need this service or if you would like to help make a meal and a visit, contact:

Vern Hackworth, Meal Ministry Coordinator: Home (631)776-2218, Cell (516)375-8891

## CHURCH AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Committee is looking for Church members who would be interested in hosting a covered dish gathering for small groups of members and inquirers in their home. This is a good way to share and build upon faith. Suggestions always welcomed and members who are willing to host such a gathering, please sign up. Dates to be determined, and please indicate a comfortable size for your gathering. We are also considering a Saint Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage hosted at our Church, suggestions and support welcomed. You can also leave a message on my cell at 631-816-3543.

-David Glover



## SPRING TREASURES SALE!!

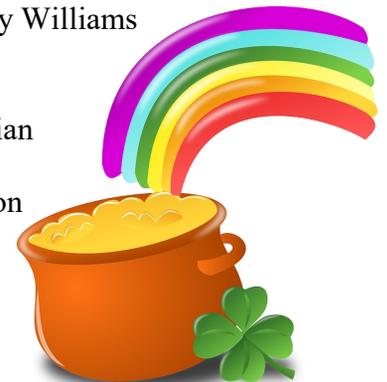
The Presbyterian Women will hold its Spring Treasures Sale on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2 pm. We will be collecting donations of **clean, unused or very gently used items** appropriate for the spring/summer. This is not a rummage sale! We will be selling jewelry, linens, Twice Nice items like dishes, furniture, books, art work and baked goods. We will have a children's section with games and toys if we get the right donations.

If you have anything to contribute, bring it to the church at the end of April and into May before the sale, Monday through Friday during the morning hours. If you have furniture that needs some attention ie paint let Cheryl Van Tuyle or Christine Haddad know in advance so we can give it some TLC.

Volunteers and new ideas are welcome! See Christine Haddad. There will be more information coming in the future.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Tova Keblish	16	Marie and Vincent Yervasi
1	Barbara and Anthony Danowski	16	Stephanie and Ed Shea
4	Pete Seidler	17	Tom Zaloga
6	Pat Barile	18	John Comba
7	Meg Baird	21	Betsy Fox
7	Gavin Jessup	22	Kimet Speed
8	Abbygail Lappin	23	Pam Chance Herzing
8	Ruth Duvall	23	Justin Shiu
9	Kristina Carter	24	Casey Pitcher
9	Carol Nemeth	24	Mary Beth and Taf Lundborg
10	Erika Lukert	25	Lily Burns
11	Brad Ravenhall	27	Jim Sperber
11	Georgia Gooder	30	Donna & Korey Williams
12	Jennifer Gillin	31	Bill Manker
12	Kelly Martin	31	Spencer Baird
12	George Amorose	31	Aram Terchunian
13	Bunker Seyfert	31	Lisa Gooder
14	Kathy Tureski	31	Carter Howerton
15	Adam Shea		
16	Quinn Pitcher		
16	Daniel Staniford		



# March 2018

During the month of March, WH Library programs are available, please contact the library for program details.

**\*indicates library program**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer 12pm Service at St. Mark's 12:30pm Bridge	2 10am E.E. Hospice meeting  7:30pm Spanish Ministry
3 Communion Transfiguration of the Lord	4	5  *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group  *6:30pm Basic English  7pm Deacons	6 Ash Wednesday 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff  *5:30pm exercise *6pm Writers Kitchen 7pm Ecumenical Service at St. Mark's	7  *6pm Basic Spanish	8  *9:30am Senior Fitness 12:30pm Bridge	9 *9:30am Zumba  7:30pm Spanish Ministry
10 1st Sunday in Lent  Lenten Festival	11 *9:30am Yoga  5pm Maureen's Haven	12 *12:30pm Bridge  5:15pm M&W 6pm Session *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English	13 12pm PW "Theme" luncheon Mtg. 5:15pm Jr. Choir *5:30pm Health/exercise	14  *6pm Basic Spanish	15 *9:30am Senior Fitness  12:30pm Bridge Tidings Deadline	16 *9:30am Zumba  7:30pm Spanish Ministry
17 2nd Sunday in Lent	18 *9:30am Yoga	19 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English 7pm Trustees	20 *12pm Tai Chi *5:30pm exercise  *6pm Writers Kitchen	21  *6pm Basic Spanish	22 *9:30am Senior Fitness  12:30pm Bridge	23 *9:30am Zumba  7:30pm Spanish Ministry
24 3rd Sunday in Lent	25 *9:30am Yoga	26 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6pm exercise *6:30pm Basic English	27 *12pm Tai Chi  5:15pm Jr. Choir  *5:30pm exercise	28  *6pm Basic Spanish	29 *9:30am Senior Fitness  12:30pm Bridge	30 *9:30am Zumba  7:30pm Spanish Ministry
31 4th Sunday in Lent  Youth Sunday					<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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***Your issue of the March Tidings***

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