



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2019

A Word from your Pastor

As some of you may know (mainly members of the Session), I have recently finished a Presbyterian polity course. Polity is how we describe the operational and governance structure of the church. It talks about how churches function internally as well as the relationships between churches. Because I was ordained in the United Church of Christ, I needed to brush up on Presbyterian polity and learn a bit more about it. Even though the UCC and PCUSA share a great deal of content, there are some important differences. Being a member or affiliated with Westhampton Presbyterian Church means that you too share in its polity so I thought I'd take this opportunity to share a bit about what I've learned. It's possible that you might learn something too!

Let's start with basics: Presbyterianism began with the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century (that's when the Protestants split from the Roman Catholic church). It all began with a French lawyer named John Calvin who created much of the theology and church structure which we have inherited today. Calvin's colleague, John Knox, studied with him in Geneva and took what he learned back to Scotland where Presbyterianism flourished. Immigrants from Scotland brought their faith with them to America as early as 1640. King George actually called the American Revolution the "Presbyterian Revolution" because so many Presbyterian ministers were part of American independence. At least eleven of the fifty six people who signed the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterians.

This participation of Presbyterians in government has continued. Woodrow Wilson, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Ronald Reagan are only a few of the ten Presbyterian presidents of the United States. Although Abraham Lincoln never formally joined any particular church, he regularly attended the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington during his presidency.

Other famous Presbyterians include John Wayne, Jimmy Stuart, David Letterman, author Mark Twain, and astronaut John Glenn. Fred Rogers who created the much beloved television program "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" was an ordained Presbyterian minister.

Presbyterianism gets its name from the word "presbyter" which roughly translates to "elder" in Greek and referred to a leader of a local Christian congregation. It refers to the way the Presbyterian Church is structured through the election of "presbyters" to make decisions. For example, the congregation elects elders to serve on the Session to help make decisions for the congregation.

Presbyterians also have a history of being active in social justice issues. Many were active in the abolition of slavery and were at the forefront of the Civil Rights movement. As early as 1946, the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) adopted the concept of "non segregated church in a non segregated society." The Presbyterian denomination is also known for its commitment to education. There are over eighty colleges in the US with ties to the Presbyterian church. Part of the core mission of the church is to continue to offer education to its members as set forth in the Presbyterian Book of Order.

Perhaps the best part of Presbyterian polity is that it relies on the concept of being a "connectional church." That means that the people at the very highest levels don't get to make a decision for everyone, each congregation and each of its members are represented right up through to the General Assembly, the largest decision making body of the PCUSA. This means that we live in covenant with one another, as fellow church members, as presbyteries, and as a church whole.

Being Presbyterian is something in which to take pride. By participating in the life of this church, you are taking part in the legacy of a rich and faith filled community of Christ. Next time you want to invite a friend to come to church, let them know what makes this church unique, share with them some of the fun facts that make the PCUSA special!

Many Blessings,
Rev. Vanessa Winters

Prayer Concerns:

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Recent: Betsy Doyle; Phyllis Styrzo (recovering from fall); Emily Yervasi (daughter of Vinnie & Marie Yervasi); Jim Bachman; Theonie Kalogiannis (friend of Mimi Wood); John Comba, Home; Creighton Berry; Alix McKenzie; George Burns; Gale Seidler; David O'Shea; Barry McGrath (Karen Derryberry's brother-in-law); Bill Kramer (friend of Karen Derryberry); Jay Sears; Bob Baum; Jean Williams (friend of Vern Hackworth); Frank Jessup; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Rev. John Kloepfer

Long Term: Vernon King, Doris Towers, Westhampton Care Center; Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard, Home

Church Family News

June 9: Annual Church Picnic following worship!

Sign up to bring a side dish to compliment our spread!

Births

May 23—Emma Walpuski, granddaughter of Karen & Dave Derryberry

Baptisms

June 23—Ryan Napolitano

Deaths

April 28—Patricia Barker Shima
May 10—Grace Haddad



GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE

Bruce Qua

I'M RIDING THIS JUNE TO FIGHT KIDS' CANCER!

MY GOAL IS TO RIDE: **100 mi**

MY GOAL IS TO RAISE: **\$500**

PLEASE SPONSOR MY RIDE VIA MY PAGE:
<https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/BruceQua>

Children's Cancer Research Fund

USHERS NEEDED FOR JUNE



*Sunday, June 16th 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!*

CJ Andrews Golf Scholarship

CJ Andrews Golf Scholarship Fundraiser July 13 @ Mill Road Roadhouse from 7pm-11pm... looking for any raffle items for the Chinese & Silent auction. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Karen Andrews
917-355-5566

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The WPC Adult Crafting Group will be meeting this summer. Our crafts are sold during the WPC Christmas Tea in December. Contact Donna Goebel (631.838.2984) or Gini Wagner (631.680.0114) if interested in joining us for fun, laughs, fellowship, and crafting.

Adult Bible Study will recess for the Summer.



Summer Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. from 8:30AM to 12PM beginning June 25th and ending September 3rd. You may still contact the office after these hours for assistance.

Phone: 631-288-2576

Email:

admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org

Reminder: the next issue of Tidings is the July/August issue. Please have your submissions in by June 15th.

Presbyterian Women's News

We tried to fool Mother Nature by serving Strawberry Shortcake at the May dessert-business meeting, a month too early for juicy berries. Our spirits were not to be dampened. Good to see Joyce Reaver, out and about, after health challenges.

No matter the date there will be conflicts, making our numbers fluctuate. The business meeting was brief. Gale Seidler presented the Treasurer's report as of May 8th, 2019. She also summarized letters received from two adopted children, one residing in India, the other from Mexico, before passing the letters around the table. All information about the Spring Treasures Sale, publicity (radio, newspaper and posters) and communities are in progress.

Once more we are offering our sincere sympathy and prayers on the passing of long-time member of Presbyterian Women, Grace K. Haddad. Many of us remember Grace in leadership roles when we had three "circles" who met monthly. Grace was a part of many church groups, including the choir, an officer of Presbyterian Women, to mention only a sampling of hats she wore.

Coffee Hour has taken on a new look. Many "thank you's" to Brady Munn for surprising us with the generous gift of a new Proctor-Silex coffee urn. We will enjoy coffee at many Coffee Hours in the future, thank you again.

We look forward to meeting at 78 Foster in Hampton Bays for the annual "Ladies Who Dine" on June 12th at noon. Please make your reservations soon.

Looking ahead we will meet on September 11, 2019 at noon for a luncheon-business meeting after summer recess. Happy, Healthy, safe vacation time to all!

It's That Time of Year Again!!



Save the date for our annual church picnic on Sunday June 9th, 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, fruit bowl 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 Elder David Glover if you would like to help in any way. Thank you in advance and we hope to see you all there!!

An evening in POSITANO
TO BENEFIT EAST END HOSPICE
SUMMER GALA 2019
SATURDAY, JUNE 29
7-11 PM
40 SECOND NECK LANE
QUOGUE, NY

COCKTAILS • DINNER • DANCING • CASINO GAMING • SILENT AUCTION

HONORARY CHAIRPERSON:
Sally Richardson

20TH ANNUAL DOROTHY P SAVAGE GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD RECIPIENTS:
Cristina & David Kepner

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:
Lucas Hunt

MUSIC BY ASK BAND • DINNER BY ROBBINS WOLFE EVENTEURS

FARMER'S ORGANIC GIN, OHS, BNB

For more information, to make a donation, or purchase tickets please contact East End Hospice at 631-288-7080 or www.eeh.org

June 29-Saturday is the annual East End Hospice Gala which will be held in Quogue. Additional detail can be found on the Hospice website, www.eeh.org or by calling Theresa Murphy, Gala Benefit Coordinator, at 631 288 7080. Contributions and/or Silent Auction donations would be appreciated.

Mary I. Hull
646-251-9931

Memorial Scholarship

I wonder if any of you, like I, have been mesmerized by the college admission bribery scandal that has been unfolding over the past couple of months. More than 30 parents were caught paying huge bribes through a tutoring company that would misrepresent their children's grades, test scores and extracurricular activities in order to get them admitted to the prestigious colleges of their choice.

This was so disturbing and saddening to me, not just because of the staggering breadth of the deception or even because of the deserving students who were displaced by these crimes, but much more because of what the crimes seem to represent in the lives of the families who committed them. I feel very sorry for the young people whose parents were so disconnected from them and so disdainful of their true selves as to massively misrepresent them to college admissions departments. And I wonder what inner strength will they have to call upon when life gets tough.

I speak of this as a way of introducing and highlighting the value and benefits of WPC's Memorial Scholarships. Some very generous members and friends of our church have endowed these scholarships, and they represent one of the many ways that our church endeavors to foster a different kind of parenting and a different way of growth for our young people.

We only ask three things of our applicants: that they be members in good standing of our church, that they be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning and that they write a short note telling us about the place that the church has had in their lives. We don't choose amongst our applicants, as long as those three conditions are met, everybody shares the available funds. Last year we were able to give \$1000 to each of eight wonderful young people.

Last year was my first time to serve on the Scholarship committee. I was delighted, in receiving the applications, to read about the contributions the young people had made to our church and continue for the most part to make in their college communities. These kids sang in our choir, taught in our Sunday School, contributed their art to our walls walked for charity, cleaned up our beaches and so much more. And they wrote movingly about the strength they gained from being a part of this church.

We all know that nobody walks a smooth path to adulthood; there are always mis-steps and stumbles along the way. It can be hard for parents to clarify and sustain their values amidst all the conflicting cultural influences that bombard our kids and us. That's why this church can be so helpful. Here we have so many opportunities for your kids to get involved to meet needs in our community, to learn what they are capable of and what kind of impact they can have on the world.

And we have money for them as well.

At the end of the month we will give out this year's scholarships, as we will for many years to come. If you have a young child, please think about the scholarship program as an eventual benefit of your child's participation in Sunday School, youth programs and Confirmation. We hope that they will experience the scholarship not just as a financial reward, but also as an affirmation of their character and their commitment to our church.

Nalda Rothe
Chair, scholarship committee



Youth Group

The weather has finally gotten warmer and the kids are definitely ready for school to be over with and SUMMER... to arrive. Me too!

The youth were challenged in May with lots of activities and plus their busy schedules trying to fit everything in. We had Miriam & Griffin show to help with Trustee's clean up day at the beginning of the month.

The following week-end almost the entire youth group plus a few friends headed over to Indian Island Park to help Maureen's Haven run their Family Fun day. Overall the turnout was low for them, but our kids surely had a great time!

Up next is the placement of flags at Calverton National Cemetery, look for photos in next month's Tidings.

Our Sunday School is wrapping up (June 9th) and getting ready for our summer schedule. Maddie Campbell once again will be teaching.

"As the year comes to an end, don't look back on yesterday's disappointments. Look ahead to God's promises yet to unfold." By Beky Ojelabi

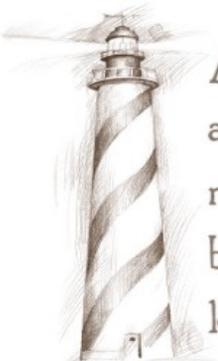
Kathy



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.

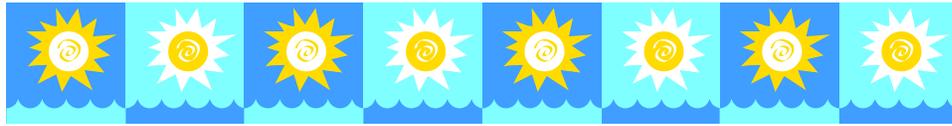
The best hours to donate and/or borrow items are between 9-12 noon Monday thru Friday. You may call the church office @ 631-288-2576.



A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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



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

JUNE 2019

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

*indicates library program

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9-4pm E.E. Hospice Training Art Interns Good Grief 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
2 Communion 7th Sunday of Easter	3 *9:30am Yoga	4 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English 7pm Deacons	5 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff *12pm Tai Chi 5:15pm Jr. Choir	6 *6pm Basic Spanish	7 *9:30am Senior Fitness	8 11am memorial service for Grace Haddad 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
9 Day of Pentecost Pentecost Offering Church Picnic	10 *9:30am Yoga	11 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge 5:15 M&W 6pm Session *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English	12 *12pm Tai Chi 12pm PW "Ladies Who Dine Out" *6pm Wonderful Wed. w. Tim *6pm Writers Kitchen/Master	13 *6pm Basic Spanish	14 *9:30am Senior Fitness	15 Tidings Deadline *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
16 Trinity Sunday Fathers Day Summer Services: 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary	17 *9:30am Yoga	18 *9:30am Zumba Gold *12:30pm Bridge *6pm Writers Group *6:30pm Basic English 7pm Trustees	19 *12pm Tai Chi	20 *6pm Basic Spanish	21 *9:30am Senior Fitness	22 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
23 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Summer Services: 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary Baptism 2pm WH Garden Club set up	24 7:30am-5pm WH Garden Club Show	25 7:30am -5pm WH Garden Club Show	26 12pm Preschool Graduation Ceremony (P.H.)	27 *6pm Basic Spanish	28 *9:30am Senior Fitness	29 *9:30am Zumba 7:30pm Spanish Ministry
30 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Summer Services: 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary				AA: 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 June Tidings



Faithfully Friendly For All—Always
Welcome . Include . Involve