



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2020

A Message from your Pastor

What is Lent? Most people know that it has something to do with the time before Easter, maybe they know that it starts on Ash Wednesday. Maybe you even know that Lent lasts for 40 days. But do you know why? What is the purpose of Lent? What are its traditions?

Lent comes from the Middle English word “lente” which means springtime. Depending on when Easter may fall that year, Lent may begin very very early in the season of Spring! Though it may seem like Easter is on a random Sunday each year, the dates have actually been selected and set for thousands of years. It all has to do with the full moon of the Pashal, or Passover, full moon. Easter falls between March 22nd and April 25th. There are mathematical formulas to determine where Easter will fall on any given year, though most of us now rely on Google to tell us when it will be.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is February 26th this year, observed by imposing ashes onto the foreheads of the faithful to remember that God created us from the dust but we shall also return to dust after we die. These ashes are created by burning the palms from the previous Palm Sunday. We do this to remember that unlike God, we are limited by our time on Earth. Lent lasts for forty days from Ash Wednesday until Maundy Thursday to represent the forty days in which Jesus wandered the desert and was tempted by the devil. The number forty also shows up several others times in the Bible. In Genesis, the earth is flooded for forty days and forty nights as Noah and his menagerie wait it out on the ark. The Hebrew people wander the desert for forty years before they reach the Promised land. Moses also fasts for forty days before receiving the ten commandments on Mt. Sinai. Does it seem like Lent lasts longer than forty days? That’s because it does! The forty days of Lent does not include Sundays so if you’re counting, it technically lasts for forty-six days. Lent serves as a time of preparation and reflection before the celebration of Easter, similar to Advent in the time leading up to Christmas.

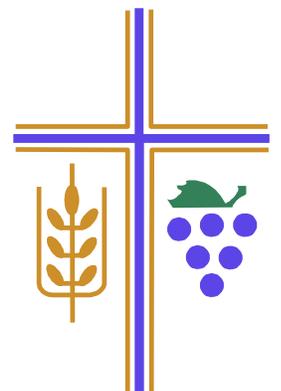
Violet or purple is the official color of Lent which is why you will see pastor’s wearing a stole of purple during this season. This color represents mourning due to Jesus dying on the cross, but also signifies the royalty of Jesus despite this humiliation.

What are the practices of Lent? Many people know the common practice of giving up something for Lent. Nationally, chocolate is the most common choice. In the Roman Catholic Church, parishioners are asked to abstain from meat on Fridays which often leads to a run on the Fish Filet sandwich at McDonalds on Fridays! Less well known is the practice of donating to charity during this season as an act of faithfulness and sacrifice. Catholics come out ahead in this practice, donating \$250 million dollars during the season to the less fortunate, often to organizations that help feed the hungry.

So what does Lent mean to you? Do you have any traditions that you observe? Many people love to eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Some like to have a meal with their family every Friday without meat. Maybe you’d like to give up something to remind you of the sacrifices that Jesus made on our behalf. Whatever you decide, take some time to appreciate the season. Lent is the perfect time to make a practice of reading a scripture verse every day. Maybe take some time for prayer or meditation. Just by reading this article you’ve taken the first step of learning a bit more about this liturgical season!

Lenten Blessings to you all, I hope to see you at the many opportunities for celebration and prayer that we have during this season.

Pastor Vanessa



***Prayer Concerns:**

Recent: Walter Johnson, brother-in-law of Mimi Wood; **Sally Hoge; Paul & Ellen Pfaff; The Sagendorf family; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller; **Bob Baum**, home; **Emily Yervasi**, daughter of Vinnie & Marie Yervasi; **John Comba**, Home; **George Burns**, home; **Jay Sears; Rev. Kate Jones-Calone; Kay Kidde; Rev. John Kloepfer**

Long Term: Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; **Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard**, Home

Sunday School Lenten Festival
Sunday, March 1 from 10:15am-11am 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.



World Day of Prayer
service at St. Mark's Episcopal
Church on Main Street
Friday, March 6th at 12 pm.



Family Movie Night!

Youth ministry is hosting a family movie night right here at WPC! Friday, March 13 at 6:30pm. Bring your sleeping bag or chair and join us to watch Pixar's Coco! All ages welcome. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend!

Session, Deacons and Trustees:

Reminder: All Boards "Potluck" Meeting
Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00pm.

Please remember to bring a dish to share.

Church Family News

Weddings

Feb. 29– *Congratulations to Warren G. Frevert IV & Brianna Sherbitsky on your wedding!*



"Ashes To Go"
Rev. Vanessa Winters and Rev. Canon Lesley Hay of St. Mark's, outside the 7-11 in Westhampton Beach offering the imposition of ashes to the public.

We Are Live!

Visit the church website to view Sunday worship services streaming live every Sunday.

www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org

Click on **"Live Church WebCam"** in the right hand corner of the homepage.

Christian Ed & Youth Group

Another month has come and gone.... Winter is drawing to an end (really hasn't been winter this year, I hope I didn't speak too soon!) and Springtime is right around the corner.

Youth Group kicked off the month with our annual Souper Bowl for Caring mission project where we make, or have made soup to sell to benefit the food pantry & our Deacons. We gathered to make chicken vegetable soup and bake some cookies, and had families volunteer to make some delicious soup...THANK YOU we couldn't have done it without you. We collected 58 items of food and made \$432. To purchase \$425 Grocery cards to give to the food pantry and our Deacons. A round of applause for those who made a purchase or donation to our Souper Bowl mission project!

The Lenten Festival will take place on March 1st during regular scheduled Sunday School time down in Bailey Hall concluding at 11:00. We hope you can join us.

Scout Sunday (both Girl & Boy) is March 8th. We will recognize our scouts and have them usher during the service. Patches will be available to those who participate.

The confirmation group is set to head to Holmes Camp on March 6th-7th for our confirmation retreat. We look forward to the retreat and meeting other confirmands.

Friday, March 13th there will be a family movie night, showing "Coco". A head count would be nice, please sign up on the bulletin board. Wear your PJ's, bring your lawn chair, blankets, pillows, etc. whatever makes you comfortable!

As we start to plan and work on Youth Sunday on April 26th, we are looking for youth who would like to share their talent: singing, instrument/piano, special poem/reading. This Service is run by the kids (all ages) from ushering, to giving a message. Please shoot me an email if your child has a talent to share or would like to participate.

westhamptonpresbyterianss@gmail.com

We're still looking for members of the youth group if your interested in a trip to Thunder Ridge on the 21st to ski for the day. Email or speak with the Campbell's or me for more info. whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com

Don't forget to stop by Westhampton Beach High School the weekend of the 27th - 29th to see "Legally Blonde" under the direction of Rosemary Cline, and to see a few of

our youth perform. Show times are Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday @ 2pm.

Upcoming events for the Youth Group:

February 29th: Meeting @ 1PM to set up for the Lenten Festival and discuss March activities.

March 1st: help with Lenten Festival (Sunday School time)

March 8th: Make lunches for Maureen's Haven 11:30AM

March 13th: Help with Family Movie night "Coco" 6PM

March 21st: Ski trip to Thunder Ridge All Day

March 22nd: Meeting @ 1PM

Lastly don't forget to Spring forward on the 8th.....

Kathy

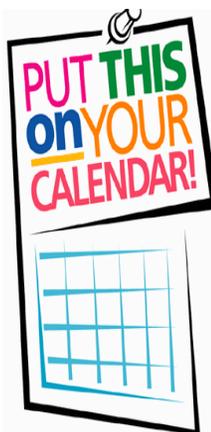
Deacons Meal Ministry

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.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!!



Start thinking about your Spring Cleaning! The Presbyterian Women will hold its Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, May 22nd from 9am-3pm and Saturday, May 23rd from 9am-12:30pm. If you have items to contribute, please bring to the church during the month of April and into May before the sale. Drop off times are: Monday through Friday 9am-12pm.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Beneficiary of Gifts

Over the past 40 years, the Westhampton Presbyterian Church has been the beneficiary of gifts given in the memory of members and friends of the Church. Today, those gifts represent a significant asset of the Church and provide financial support for both the near-term and long-term aspirations of the Church.

The assets are overseen by the Church's Memorial and Endowment Committee (the M&E Committee). As of December 31, 2019, the assets totaled approximately \$1.770 million. Of the \$1.770 million, approximately \$580,000 is held in accounts where the use of the funds is restricted according to the wishes of the donor. The most significant of these restricted funds are for: (1) Scholarships; (2) the Memorial Garden; and (3) the Quogue Chapel. The remaining balance of approximately \$1.190 million is held in a "general" or unrestricted account and those moneys are used to help support the general operations of the Church. For both the restricted and general accounts, any initial gifts that total \$1,000 or more are held in "named" accounts. For example, within the Scholarship Fund there is the John and Ella Comba account, within the Music Fund there is the Linda Howard Kloeffer account and as part of the General Fund there are approximately 80 named accounts, including accounts named for Christine Ehlers, Eleanor Griffith, Genevieve Lanyon and Elsie Plainver (A complete list of the funds and accounts is printed in the Annual Report).

In their oversight role, the M&E Committee is guided by the Investment Policy Statement. The two key points covered in the Policy are: (1) the spending policy and (2) the asset allocation policy. In establishing the spending policy, it is critical to recognize that the Church's life is perpetual and that the endowment is here to support the Church for decades to come. The spending policy thus states that annual spending from the unrestricted account should, as a general rule, be no greater than 5% of the prior year-end endowment value. With respect to the asset allocation for the investment portfolio, the Policy provides for a target allocation of 60% to equities and 40% to cash and fixed income.

In the Church's current budget for 2020, the draw from the Endowment is anticipated to be approximately \$65,000 or 16% of total revenue. By any measure, the Endowment represents a very significant component of the Church's revenue stream. To help maintain the endowment there are several things that each of us can consider. First, add to an existing account within the Endowment that was established for a family member or friend. Second, possibly include the Church in your estate plan. Finally, (and most importantly) maintain your financial support for the Church throughout the year so that the draw from the Endowment can remain at or below the 5% spending target.

The M&E Committee is pleased to provide this update and the members and representatives are happy to answer any questions.

John Hull, Chair

Vern Hackworth

Robert Hatch

Susan Lipp

Joe Nemeth

Tom Rogers

Mimi Wood, Session Representative

Louise Smith, Trustee Representative

Online Giving

We offer an easy Online giving opportunity through our website! Go to www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org and click on the **Donate** button in the right hand corner of the homepage. It will take you directly to our PayPal link. You will be prompted through step by step instructions. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

It could be money towards your per capita, 2020 pledge, a mission, grocery cards or any donation you would like.

Please note what type of donation you are making to the church so that we may direct it accordingly.

Presbyterian Women

We met informally around the church kitchen table for the luncheon-business meeting on February 12, 2020. Gale led us in prayer before we served soup to enjoy with our sandwiches. Cheryl baked Valentine sugar cookies to have with coffee and tea.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

We received a letter from Rupchon, a 17 year old young boy from India who, until recently, we have sponsored through Child Care International. He wrote to thank us for a \$20 gift. He also wrote he is no longer a student due to a poor grade on tests. He is currently working with his father learning the masonry trade.

We have not received up to date information about the girl who will be our next "adopted" child.

We discussed additional ways to help decrease the amount of recyclable material adding to the over loaded landfill areas as well as transfer stations. More than one of us said we have excessive paper records. Cheryl did some research and brought copies to share regarding record keeping and how long personal documents should be retained.

(This information is posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board for you to view, please see Erika, in the church office, if you would like a copy)

Disposal is not always easy, especially if you have several years of records to be considered. I have often thought I should bundle papers and take them to be shredded. That is more then I can do. One company on the north shore offers this service. We discussed making this something along the idea of the original scrap metal drive, one day for a set number of hours at a cost to us based on an hourly rate.

We can not begin to set a day or fee per "shredding" until we have permission from Session to pursue this project. We will also need in-pu from the friends and members of the church. Bringing this together is time consuming.

Joyce Reaver joined us today after missing some meetings. Good to have you back. Tidings has kept her in touch in more then one way. The photos included have brought smiles and memories. The photo of the first Board of Deacons was a surprise for Joyce. Who was there in the front row? Joyce! The pictures of the choirs were also special to her.

Be sure to check page 6 for some surprise photos of PW ladies taken around the annual fair in the 1950's and 1960's. You probably know a few or all!

Before adjourning we offered our sympathy and prayers to Sarajane Giere and family on the sudden death of her son Paul. We remember Sarajane as a caring, devoted member of P.W. and a loving mother.

Please leave time in March to join us for a St. Patty's Day luncheon on Wednesday, March 11th at noon. More details in the Sunday bulletin.

Marge E. Beckwith



Presbyterian Hikers

Our next hike will be Friday March 13th at Calverton Ponds Preserve in Calverton. It is a 350 acre preserve cooperatively owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy and Suffolk County Parks. It is located in the Central Pine Barrens Region where pitch pine and oak trees grow along with scrub oak, huckleberry and blueberry bushes. We will view three coastal ponds on our 2.24 mile easy flat terrain hike.

Meet at 9:00 am in the church parking lot to car pool. Wear comfortable walking shoes or hiking boots and dress according to the weather. Bring binoculars and or camera. Rain cancels. For information contact Janet Hann 631-288-6884 or see in coffee hour.



Section II

July 30, 1959



Mrs. John S. Hejinian, Mrs. Edward T. Otis, Jr., Mrs. Thomas H. Stevens, Jr., Mrs. C. C. Merritt, Mrs. James N. Schultz and Mrs. Alanson N. Rogers are members of the committee for the Presbyterian Fair which was held Tuesday. Westhampton Studio

AUGUST 3, 1967



The annual fair at the Westhampton Presbyterian Church will be held next Wednesday, August 9. Committee members for this large undertaking are shown above (left to right) Mrs. Vernon Hann, Mrs. Richard

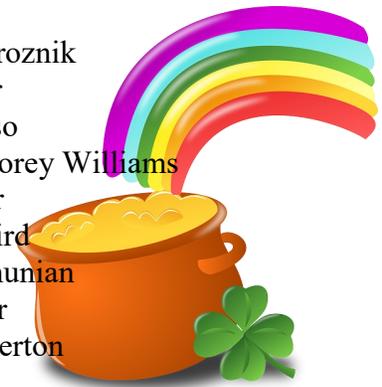
Beckwith, Mrs. Donald Griffin, Mrs. George Davison, Mrs. Floyd Rinne, Mrs. George Haddad, Mrs. James Bachman, Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. James Schultz and Mrs. Richard Meyer.

Westhampton Photo Studio

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Sharon Conway
- 1 Tova Keblish
- 1 Barbara and Anthony Danowski
- 4 Pete Seidler
- 6 Pat Barile
- 7 Meg Baird
- 7 Gavin Jessup
- 8 Ruth Duvall
- 9 Kristina Carter Bennett
- 9 Carol Nemeth
- 10 Erika Lukert
- 11 Brad Ravenhall
- 11 Georgia Gooder
- 12 Jennifer Gillin
- 12 Kelly Martin
- 12 George Amorose
- 13 Bunker Seyfert
- 14 Kathy Tureski
- 16 Quinn Pitcher
- 16 Daniel Staniford
- 16 Marie and Vincent Yervasi

- 17 Tom Zaloga
- 18 Delaney Campbell
- 18 John Comba
- 21 Betsy Fox
- 22 Kimet Speed
- 23 Pam Chance Herzing
- 23 Justin Shiu
- 24 Casey Pitcher
- 24 Mary Beth and Taf Lundborg
- 25 Lily Burns
- 27 Serafima Droznik
- 27 Jim Sperber
- 28 Fina DiBiaso
- 30 Donna & Korey Williams
- 31 Bill Manker
- 31 Spencer Baird
- 31 Aram Terchunian
- 31 Lisa Gooder
- 31 Carter Howerton



Easter Service

Sunday, April 12th, 6am sunrise service at the Swordfish Beach Club on Dune Road. There will be hot chocolate, coffee and hot crossed buns!

10am Easter Service in the sanctuary accompanied by the LI Brass Guild

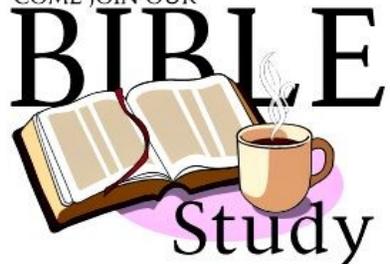
11am Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Adult Bible Study:

Sunday's at 11:15am, bring your coffee and join us!

COME JOIN OUR



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>10:15am Lenten Festival</p> <p>11:30am Confirmation Class</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>7pm Deacons</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>12pm World Day of Prayer service at St. Mark's Episcopal Church</p> <p>Youth Retreat to Holmes Camp</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9-12pm East End Session minutes reading</p> <p>7:00pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
<p>8 2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Scout Sunday</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5pm Maureen's Haven</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:15pm Music & Worship 6pm Session</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12pm PW Luncheon</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm Family Movie Night @ WPC! "Coco"</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30-10:30am East End Hospice meeting-conf. rm.</p> <p>7:00pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
<p>15 3rd Sunday in Lent</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>7pm Trustees</p>	18	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>8am-5pm Marriage Conference Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
<p>22 4th Sunday in Lent</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>6pm All Boards "Potluck" meeting</p>	25	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>7:00pm Iglesia Jesus El Camino Worship Service</p>
<p>29 5th Sunday in Lent</p>	30	31			<p><u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am –Bailey Hall Sun. 12pm-Conf. Rm. Sun. 6pm– Bailey Hall Wed. 7:30pm– Bailey Hall</p> <p>Boy Scouts meet each Tues. 6pm</p>	

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