



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
APRIL 2021

## A Word from the Pastor

I want to take a moment this month to talk about an important topic for church members and Presbyterians—Per capita. First of all, what is it? Per capita is a set amount of money per member that congregations pay to the national denomination the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. It's kind of like a Presbyterian community fund which helps pay the expenses associated with the denomination. It is also a very old tradition, first mentioned in a letter to ministers in 1734. It helps to sustain mission at local, regional, and national levels.

Contributions to per capita have been declining for 30 years and not just due to membership numbers declining. Some are small churches that can't afford to pay it while others disagree with the spending or policies of the national church and withhold their share. As churches pull away from the denomination, the financial burden on presbyteries increases and services at all levels of the church are impacted.

Let me tell you about some specific things per capita helps to fund:

It pays for the salary of Rev. Dr. Tim Cargal who is in charge of preparation or ministry and examinations in the PCUSA. He helps the next generation of PCUSA pastors who will go on to serve Presbyterian churches. He also helps congregations to support folks considering a path to ministry in their church. Here is a quote from Rev. Cargal: "The work that I do with regard to ordination exams is funded in part through per capita as well as examination fees. The share is carried through per capita helps us to be sure we can control the amount of fees that are going to be paid by the candidates as they take exams." The average seminary student needs assistance as they go through this process and per capita is a key part of that.

Per capita also helps preserve the sacred stories of the church. The Presbyterian Historical Society based in Philadelphia, collects, preserves and shares the records of the denomination, along with personal papers that are significant to Presbyterians nationwide. Nancy Taylor, the acting executive director discusses how scholars, genealogists, and film and media crews all have used them in their projects. They even had requests from a film crew in Japan! 60% of their funding comes from per capita and without it, a lot of records could no longer be preserved.

At the local church level your per capita donations contribute towards things like finding a new pastor! It was only through the diligent work of the PNC and presbytery that I was able to come and be your pastor. Now serving on the COM, I see firsthand the work that goes into helping other churches find pastors, navigate legal problems, and find support. Recently, I have sat with PNCs who are in despair that they will never find the right person and that their beloved church will cease to exist. As I sit with them, showing them the resources available to help them, their faces lighten a little—there's a salary supplement so they can afford an installed pastor? The administrative assistant of the Presbytery will help with the paperwork? The Presbytery's benefits consultant can help with terms of call? All of a sudden, there is hope again. And who pays for that? You all do!

Paying your per capita isn't just a duty to be over and done with, it is a way of contributing to the life and faith of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Please consider paying your per capita this year in the amount of \$43.08 and continuing to support the important work that our church does. We are part of a connectional church, recognizing that no one can do all of God's work alone. It is my hope that we, as a congregation, can live into this more fully in the coming year.

Many Blessings,  
Rev. Vanessa



**\*Prayer Concerns**

**Recent:** Russell Babis; Janet Mafera Galea, Cancer (friend of Mimi & Stu Wood); Maggie, Terry and Cathy Heffernan, Covid (friends of Mimi & Stu Wood); Irene & Wolfgang Jornitz, Covid (Maik Jornitz's mother and father); Erica Fernandez, (Hanne Manker's grandson's fiancé); Kayla Reilly, Covid (Gale Seidler's son in law's niece); Kim Makowski, organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Southampton; Kathy Mades, half sister to Jess, Siri & Joanna Howard; Inda Lawson, (Diane Perry's niece); Frintzilas family (Gale Seidler's nephew's family); Kathleen Rogers (Kimberly Rogers Murawski's mother); Maureen Nelsen; Bob Wetter (Nancy & Wes Winters brother-in-law), pancreatic cancer; Robyn DeLorenzo, Ruth Duvall's granddaughter; Patrick J Knight, PLI Treasurer; John Lowe & Roberta Williams, friends of Vern Hackworth; Susan Sullivan, friend of Mary & John Hull; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller; Jay Sears

**Long Term:** Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard; Dorothy Evans; Paul & Ellen Pfaff; Rev. John Kloepfer, home

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your April Tidings!**

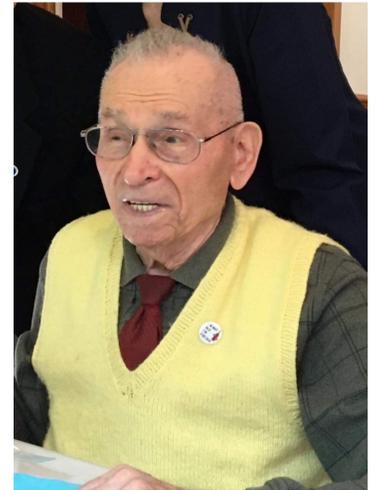
**We Are Live!**

Visit the church website to view Sunday worship services streaming live every Sunday at 10am.

[www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org](http://www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org)

**Church Family News****Deaths**

March 3, 2021—John Comba  
Donations may be made to the  
*John & Ella Comba Memorial Scholarship*

**Online Giving**

We offer an easy Online giving option through our website! Go to [www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org](http://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 account. You will be prompted through step by step instructions. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

Or you may visit [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and make your donation directly from their website. Many of our members and friends are already on board! If for any reason you are having difficulty, please contact the church office during regular hours Monday-Friday; 8:30am-3:30pm or by emailing, [admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org).

Erika is happy to assist you!

**Memorial Scholarships**

Applications are now available to eligible high school seniors and college level students who will be attending an accredited academic institution in the Fall. Applicants should be members in good standing of the WPC and provide documentation of Fall semester attendance. While last year's recipients should have received this year's application via email, they can also be requested by contacting Ellen Campbell at [ecampbell18@optonline.net](mailto:ecampbell18@optonline.net) or by calling 631-255-9307. Applications, along with documentation and personal statements, must be received at the church office by June 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: Zoom Service at 5:30 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting at 5:30pm April 1st  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84906639101>

Meeting ID: 849 0663 9101

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**Good Friday Service, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** (Please read details below)

The Hamptons Interfaith Clergy will be conducting a Good Friday Community Service, on April 2nd, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., at the Beach United Methodist Church, 41 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach, NY. The worship service will recall the events of the last day of Jesus' earthly life, including the arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial.

Participating pastors will include:

Gale Williams of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church,

Fr. Michael Bartholomew of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church,

Vanessa Winters of Westhampton Presbyterian Church,

Patricia Chuppe and Jack King of Beach United Methodist Church,

Samuel Lee of the Westhampton Community U.M. Church

Because of the pandemic seating is limited to a few masked, socially distanced, healthy and younger person.

But with a wifi computer or iPad, you can see the service LIVESTREAM at [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com), and Search for: BeachUMC@jesusisalivealways. Or at 2:00 pm it will be available on YouTube at Beach Church Westhampton NY (may have to add jesusisalivealways). For those without WiFi and computers, use your PHONE to Zoom by dialing 1- 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 971 6075 8837 Passcode: 528076.

**Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:**

\*6:30 am Sunrise Service at Rogers Beach –please remember to wear your masks; no refreshments will be provided this year due to Covid. **\*weather permitting\***

\*10:00 am Drive-In Service **\*weather permitting\***

\*11:00 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt **\*weather permitting\***

## Youth Ministry

He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

We welcome April with Easter, a time for new life. Jesus gave us a very special gift; he gave us his life so we could always ask God to forgive us when we fall short of his example.

Weather permitting, we will hold an Easter Egg Hunt after the 11 AM drive in service. We will have Easter bags for the children and pre-filled eggs for the hunt! We hope you'll be able to join us.

The collection of baby items has ended and hopefully, young group will be able to meet to package up what was so graciously given so it can be mailed. Please give a BIG round of applause for all who helped gathering the supplies.

Our time of being able to meet again is getting close I for one can't wait! What's the first thing you'd like to do? Start making the list it won't be long.....

It's that time again for WPC Scholarships; Ellen Campbell is chair of this committee this year. Look for a letter from her; check tidings or the church office for an application and deadlines. You can always email me and I will get the information to you.

We're not out of the woods yet, stay diligent wear your mask and wash your hands.

“ May you have the Spirit of Easter, which is Peace. The Gladness of Easter, which is Hope. The Heart of Easter, which is Love.”

Blessings,

Kathy



## PW Spring News

“A special thank you prayer to God for giving us a special kind of friendship.” This prayer was on a card I received and it is where I see and read it often.

The wintery weather, together with COVID-19, have provided ample time for us to let family and friends know they are thought of often.

We as a church family have had the honor and pleasure of knowing and working with John Comba. John left us just a few days before March 18th, 2021, the date he would have observed his 105th birthday. His family, church family, all those who knew him as a teacher, coach, fireman and true gentleman will join us in thanking God for sharing John and his gifts with us.

With love and sympathy to Julia and Abby Ketner on the recent passing of their father, Jason Ketner. Words do not come easily when children lose a parent, only understanding and God's love will lead to healing the hurt of sudden loss. God bless you and your loving family.

An alert for your calendar. We are setting in motion a plan for the annual May luncheon outing and our traditional Strawberry Shortcake Dessert meeting in June. Both meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month.

Spring brings bright flowers, sunshine and thoughts of greeting family and friends at Easter time.

Marjorie Beckwith

On behalf of the Presbyterian Women

## Deacons Ministry

Pandemic, pandemic, pandemic... We are all getting sick of the word. The biggest problem is lack of socialization; in other words, isolation and loneliness. The deacons are responsible for many activities which are not happening i.e. ushering, receptions, etc. The one thing, which we have been doing, is reaching out to members of the congregation. So who are the deacons now? Here is a list of the deacons for this year: **Lynne Jones, Vern Hackworth, Nancy Miller, Barbara Danowski, Jenny Gillin, Pat Speed, Sharon Conway, Janet Hann, Pam Chance, Marge Qua, Carol Lee Nespole, Abby Ketner and myself, Christine Haddad.** If you have a need to talk, reach out to your deacon or a deacon who you might feel more comfortable with. Maybe you do not feel like speaking on the phone, but would like to communicate by email? Erika has the phone numbers and emails if you have misplaced or do not have a specific number. We are all looking forward to that day when we can resume some semblance of our lives. Until then, let's stay connected!

Christine Haddad



## Music Notes

It is astonishing to think that a year ago everything shut down! And though we are not “back to normal” yet, things are definitely looking up. We have worshipped together from our homes via live streaming or in person in our parking lot services. We have found creative ways to worship together while remaining safely apart.

I am so grateful to all the soloists who have provided special music this past year and to Rich for leading the hymn singing at many services, to Bruce and Bill for handling the sound in the sanctuary, to Seamus for making sure that everything is loud and clear in the parking lot, and to Karen and Donna for making all services look so lovely.

The Session approved the purchase of a Yamaha digital piano to use at all outdoor services. We have been using my 61 note practice keyboard for the past year, but it's definitely time to upgrade to a full 88 key performance quality instrument. Mine proved not up to the task of working in cold temperatures and inadequate to lead hymn singing. The new piano will debut at our Easter service.

If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the piano, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Long Island Brass Guild may not be performing live at our Easter service, but they sent me two CDs to play at the service. They participated in our Advent and Christmas services via CD too. Not only are they talented, but they are also very generous. If anyone wants to send them a Thank You, you can address correspondence to Dave Schecher 142 Sixth St, St. James, NY 11780.

I am most grateful to Vanessa for her incredible leadership and to the amazing Music and Worship committee, headed by Jessica, for continuously making worship aesthetically pleasing and meaningful during these challenging times.



## Mission Committee

We haven't had Minutes for Mission for a year, so you haven't heard personally from groups we donate to. We have tried to have a representative from each speak to us once a year, but lacking that, we thought we would publish in Tidings messages of thanks that we get from their organizations.

For example, Wings as Eagles (a South Dakota Lakota Indian reservation) thanks us for our help in reaching their goal for building their indoor cafeteria. Some of you will remember in 2017 when a group of Lakota boys came here and spoke to us. I am constantly reminded of the high suicide rate on their reservation and their strong need for help.

The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence thanks us for our generous contribution and says "We will not rest until gun violence has become rare and abnormal."

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship thanks us for helping them to be an adaptive and responsive organization. "We don't know what this next year will bring, but we do know that PPF has a remarkable ability to adapt to the needs of the community."

Urban Promise writes, "Your generosity was a beautiful reminder that there are remarkable and faithful people in the world." They were able to get through the year with no layoffs and the ability to keep all of their programs and schools open.

### SESSION

Clerk:	Richard Schneider
Music/Worship:	Jessica Howard (chair), Diane F. Perry
Christian Ed.:	Ellen & John Campbell
Youth Ministry:	Ellen & John Campbell
Mission:	Stu Wood (chair), David Glover
Church and Spiritual Life:	David Glover
Finance:	Maik Jornitz (chair), David Glover, Robert Cheeseman
Personnel:	Nancy Winters (chair)
Stewardship:	Stu Wood
Mem. & Endow.:	Mimi Mott Wood
Fundraising:	Nancy Winters, Susan Lipp
Communications:	Bruce Qua
Membership:	Bruce Qua, Diane F. Perry
Nominations:	Mimi Mott Wood (chair), Diane F. Perry
Memorial Scholarship:	Ellen Campbell

### TRUSTEES

President:	Korey Williams
Vice President:	
Recording Secretary:	Louise Smith, Kara Bak
Housekeeping:	Cheryl Van Tuyle
Personnel:	Tom Otis, Ray Hann
Finance:	Dennis Kingwell
Insurance:	Kara Bak
Audit:	Ray Hann
Stewardship:	Jennifer Truscott
Scholarship:	Louise Smith
Buildings & Grounds:	John Gillian, Ray Hann, Cheryl Van Tuyle, Bill Brenner
Memorial Endowment:	Louise Smith
Nominations:	Betsy Doyle
Fund Raising:	Betsy Doyle

### DEACONS

Moderator:	Christine Haddad
Secretary:	Sharon Conway
Evening Meal Ministry:	Vern Hackworth
Corresponding Secretary:	Lynne Jones
Youth Deacon:	Abby Ketner
Funeral Coordinator:	Jenny Gillin, Nancy Miller
Bereavement Ministry:	Carole Lee Nespole
Deacons Closet:	Pam Chance
Food Pantry Distribution:	Pat Speed, Nancy Miller, Lynne Jones
Sunday Flower Ministry:	Shared
Ushering Recruitment:	Shared
Special Receptions:	Barbara Danowski, Nancy Miller, Carol Lee Nespole, Pat Speed
Media/Communications/Tidings:	Margery Qua
Vineyard Correspondence:	Christine Haddad
Emergency Fund with Reverend Vanessa Winters:	Lynne Jones, Marge Qua, Pam Chance, Janet Hann
Thanksgiving Baskets:	Jenny Gillin, Abby Ketner, Vern Hackworth, Pat Speed, Barbara Danowski
Adopt-A-Family:	Deborah Busking, Vern Hackworth
Nominating Committee:	Margery Qua

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>Dave LeBleu</b>               | <b>19</b> | <b>Sara Lohneiss</b>            |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Mary Beth Lundborg</b>        | <b>20</b> | <b>Wendy Hornick</b>            |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Linda Perritt</b>             | <b>21</b> | <b>Siri Howard</b>              |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Cindy Schneider</b>           | <b>22</b> | <b>Marge Beckwith</b>           |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Matthew Sulzinski</b>         | <b>25</b> | <b>Robbie Doyle</b>             |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Joyce Reaver</b>              | <b>25</b> | <b>James Nespole</b>            |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Brian Danowski</b>            | <b>26</b> | <b>Tom Moore</b>                |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Amece Mazurkiewicz</b>        | <b>26</b> | <b>Brady Munn</b>               |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Jack Shiu</b>                 | <b>26</b> | <b>Dick Lutz</b>                |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Karen Andrews</b>             | <b>26</b> | <b>Lynne Jones</b>              |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Heather Martin</b>            | <b>27</b> | <b>Andrew Lynch</b>             |
| <b>16</b> | <b>Eloise Carter</b>             | <b>29</b> | <b>Elizabeth Moore</b>          |
| <b>16</b> | <b>Karen and Dave Derryberry</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>Dorette and Maik Jornitz</b> |
| <b>17</b> | <b>Meryle King</b>               |           |                                 |
| <b>17</b> | <b>Christina Ravenhall</b>       |           |                                 |
| <b>18</b> | <b>Randi DeMayo</b>              |           |                                 |
| <b>19</b> | <b>Hanne Manker</b>              |           |                                 |

# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30pm Maundy Thursday "Zoom" Service	2 Good Friday Office Closed  Check your April Tidings for Good Friday service.	3
4 Easter Sunday  *6:30 am Sunrise Service –Rogers Beach *10am Drive-In Ser- vice *11am Children's Easter Egg Hunt *weather permitting*	5 Office Closed in observance of Easter	6  7pm Deacons	7	8	9	10
11 2nd Sunday of Easter 10am Virtual Worship service, <a href="http://www.westhamptonpre&lt;br/&gt;sbyterian.org">www.westhamptonpre sbyterian.org</a>	12	13  5:15 M&W 6pm Session	14  9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff	15	16	17
18 3rd Sunday of Easter 10am Virtual Worship service, <a href="http://www.westhamptonpre&lt;br/&gt;sbyterian.org">www.westhamptonpre sbyterian.org</a>	19	20  7pm Trustees	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25 4th Sunday of Easter 10am Virtual Worship service, <a href="http://www.westhamptonpre&lt;br/&gt;sbyterian.org">www.westhamptonpre sbyterian.org</a>	26	27	28	29	30	



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