



# November 2021 Tidings

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## A Word from your Pastor

As I look forward to the month of November, I am always excited to celebrate one of my favorite holidays of the year—Thanksgiving. Like many other families, when I was young we would go around and everyone would say what they were thankful for. Over the years, we heard all sorts of answers, some serious, and some quite funny. It's important for us to focus on thankfulness and gratitude because in our world today the overall feeling can be very negative. We like to focus more on what we have than what we are thankful for. But it is very hard to feel entitled when you are busy thanking the people who have made a difference in your life.

I think Thanksgiving is about more than just being thankful and grateful along with a huge meal. I recently read an article that said we've got the idea of thanksgiving backwards. We think of Thanksgiving as a time to give thanks, as Giving à Thanks. We stop and share the gratitude that we have for all the blessings in our lives. And that is a great thing to do. But what if we do have it backward and it really should be Thanks à Giving?

Instead of giving thanks being the conclusion, it's actually the beginning? We should be giving as a result of our thanks. Or, because of our thankfulness, we should be giving. Maybe thinking about it this way changes your way of thinking, and maybe not. But it does make me wonder—what can I do to use this opportunity to do more for others? Instead of passively expressing thankfulness around the dinner table, what about taking a more active role in giving thanks? It's not just about being thankful, but about paying it forward.

As you gather for Thanksgiving this year, before you dig in to the turkey and the mashed potatoes and the stuffing, think about the two words inside the holiday: THANKS and GIVING.

So, give thanks—send some thank you notes, meditate and pray, recognize everyone you are able to who has made a difference in your life, express your gratitude for your many blessings by offering something to someone else. And then start giving—get involved in a local charity, volunteer at a hospice or nursing home, give financially, bake something for a friend or neighbor, invite others over for dinner (maybe even someone for Thanksgiving dinner who doesn't have another place to go!), volunteer with the homeless, and if you're feeling super generous—clean up the dishes without being asked.

So maybe try out this new recipe for Thanksgiving where you take your thanks, add your giving, and create a new delicious version of ways to interact with your friends, family, and community that embodies the spirit of the day. Most importantly, don't forget to enjoy it. As Karl Barth reminds us: "Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."

Blessings,  
Rev. Vanessa



**\*Prayer Concerns**

**Recent:** **Seamus Naughton**, surgery; **Robyn DeLorenzo**, Ruth Duvall's granddaughter; **Ralph Downs**, Hampton Center for Rehabilitation in Southampton; **Dee Dee Brumsey** (sister of a close friend of Pete Seidler); **Erica Fernandez**, (Hanne Manker's grandson's fiancé); **Maureen Nelsen**; **Bob Wetter** (Nancy & Wes Winters brother-in-law), pancreatic cancer; **Kimberly Rogers Murawski**; **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller; **Jay Sears**

**Long Term:** **John Lowe & Roberta Williams**, friends of Vern Hackworth; **Chelsey Carter Collins**, Southampton Care Center; **Gene Hubbard**; **Dorothy Evans**; **Paul & Ellen Pfaff**; **Rev. John Kloepper**, home

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

October 5, 2021: *Col. Peter Cuthbert, father of Lynne Jones, husband to Jean Cuthbert*

**WPC Treasurer:**

For all church finance related inquiries, please email: [wpctreas@gmail.com](mailto:wpctreas@gmail.com)

**Thanksgiving Baskets**

Our church will be collecting food for those less fortunate for Thanksgiving.

**YOUTH GROUP** is once again collecting items for the Deacons Thanksgiving Baskets through November 14th. It will be a weekly collection after worship the first two Sunday's in November. Items should be non-perishable Thanksgiving themed. (Gravy, corn, sweet potatoes, stuffing, marshmallows, fried onions, green beans, etc.)

Please drop off your non-perishable food items after church on Sundays or during the week, Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. Food donations must be at the church by Sunday, November 14th. Thank you for your generosity.

**Adopt A Family**

The Adopt a Family program, like so many things, has had to adapt to our changing times. I will be at coffee hour in late November with the Adopt a Family individual sheets. If you cannot attend, I am asking that you email me\*

at [dbusking@gmail.com](mailto:dbusking@gmail.com) with your interest in choosing someone to shop for this season. All information will then be emailed back to you, including name, age, sizes and special requests for gifts. It will also include drop off location and deadline dates.

\*If you do not have access to email, you may call me at 631 325-1404, although the preference is to email me.

**Save the Date**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
(Sorry NO Tea this year)



**Saturday**  
**December 4th**  
**1:00-3:00 PM**



**Wreaths, Baked Goods, Twice Nice,**  
**Hand-Crafted Items**  
**(more info on page 5)**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Tuesday, November 30th at  
6:30pm  
Wreath Decorating Night  
(No Pizza will be served)  
More info on page 5



## 2022 Stewardship

Pledge season is now. Stewardship letters and pledge cards are being mailed out this week. Please return your pledge cards to the offering plate or the church office.



## CROP Walk 2021

We are ahead of last year! Thank you all for your generous gifts to this great cause! 25% will come back to our local food pantry at the Catholic church.

Thank you also to Lynne Jones for purchasing the amazing blue CROP t-shirts. We walked in style for a great cause!

## Check out the Member Portal and Online Directory!



Dear Members and Friends,

We want to ensure as much communication as possible with **all** of our congregation near and far, because each and every one of you has a special place here.

Please contact Erika in the church office at [admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org) or 631-288-2576 if you need assistance.

**The Member Portal:** Use the link below to update your own contact information and add a photo too! You will create **your own** unique password for privacy purposes.

<https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/westhampton-presbyterian-church>

**Online Directory:** You can view this anytime from your device or home computer! Just use the following link and enter the passcode:

<https://servantkeeper.com/directory/westhampton-presbyterian-church>



## YOUTH GROUP

### November....

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect nothing. Give thanks.

Surrender. Be open.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give so you may receive.

See goodness in others. **Mary Davis**

Our Sunday School is off and running! Our Sunday School started on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We have a PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grade class being taught by Mrs. Eloise Carter. Our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade is being taught by Mrs. Marie Yervasi with Mrs. Stephanie Miller assisting her. Our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade class is being taught by Mr. Scott Campbell. A BIG round of applause to them for volunteering their time to share their talent teaching the youth of our church. Our schedule through January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 is:

- 10/31 Regular Sunday School / **MS & HS Sunday School**
- 11/7 Regular Sunday School / **MS & HS Sunday School**
- 11/14 Regular Sunday School
- 11/21 Regular Sunday School / **MS & HS Sunday School**
- 11/28 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL First Day of Advent**
- 12/5 Regular Sunday School / **MS & HS Sunday School**
- 12/12 Regular Sunday School (Christmas Pageant)
- 12/19 Regular Sunday School / **MS & HS Sunday School**
- 12/26 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 1/2 **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Also, have you noticed the Children's Bulletins every week? They are related to the lessons that are being taught and it follows the weekly lectionary! There is a code on the front page too where you access online games.

Calling all children that would like to sing in a Cherub/children's choir, please contact our Musical Director, Mrs. Kamilla Ozman. And middle & high school students that sing with choirs at school maybe you'd like to sing with the regular choir weekly. Stop by and chat with Mrs. Ozman after a Sunday worship...but before her regular choir rehearsal that starts at 11:15!

**Christmas Pageant:** It's that time of year again! Calling all children & youth that are interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant tentatively scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals most likely will be the week-end of Dec.

2,3,4 & Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you can participate. Contact Kathy @ [whpresbyterianss@gmail.com](mailto:whpresbyterianss@gmail.com). You may also let Kimet Speed or I know before or after worship on Sunday's. We need a head count by **November 14<sup>th</sup>**, so we can choose which program we are doing.

**Advent on the Go:** The Advent Festival will be on the go this year! The bag will include crafts to be done at home. Make sure to pick up your craft bag on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> or the 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be in the 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Room. (Closest to the office) Please let me know if you want one or more so we have enough to go around...(of course we will make a few extra's, **BUT** it's best to have a head count beforehand.

**YOUTH GROUP** is once again collecting items for the Deacons Thanksgiving Baskets through the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. It will be a weekly collection after worship the first two Sunday's in November. Items should be non-perishable Thanksgiving themed. (Gravy, corn, sweet potatoes, stuffing, marshmallows, fried onions, green beans, etc.)

The youth group is also involved with International Rescue Committee. We're working on a mission project helping refugees from Afghanistan. Stop by the youth table set up in the Parish Hall after worship through the 21<sup>st</sup> to learn more or how you can make a difference. <https://www.rescue.org>

WHBHS production of "**BRAINSTORM**" will be Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm and Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the district auditorium.

Lastly, we are anxiously awaiting the return of "the bus" so we can plan ventures out together for various activities & outings!

Until next month.... Kathy



**Christmas Bazaar** (Please read carefully)

Tis coming around to that time of the year again. We look forward to all of our holiday activities. Last year we were only able to have an outdoor wreath sale. This year, we are able to do more but some health precautions need to be continued. Therefore, the Presbyterian Women will only be having a Christmas Bazaar without the Tea on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3. Please consider the following:

**Christmas Wreaths.** We will be decorating and selling wreaths. People can come and decorate on Tuesday November 30 at **6:30**. Please bring masks, sheers and gloves to work with the wreaths. If you want to take some blank wreaths home and decorate them, that can be arranged. We might be a little short of store bought decorations so if you have any items that are appropriate please bring them. We will be providing the blank wreaths, greens, bows, picks. We will also be making centerpieces. Eat before you come. **Sorry no pizza will be served** but we will share some holiday spirit.

**Twice Nice** will be sold. These gift items are gleaned from the Rummage Sale donations. Since we have had no Rummage sales, we are welcoming donations of **new or nearly new items** that you might not want or need. We would like the items to be in **very good condition**. They can be seasonal or for everyday use. Please no summer items. No appliances.

**Baked goods** will be sold. If you are interested in baking, please contact Eloise Carter. The baked items **must** be wrapped in the container that they will be sold. Smaller baked goods like cookies, cupcakes and brownies can be in small or larger quantities. Breads, cakes and pies are welcome. Unfortunately, we will not be having a cookie walk this year.

**Jewelry** will be sold again. Donations will be welcome.

**The crafters** have started up again so handmade ornaments and gifts will be for sale.

It is not our full lovely tea but a good compromise and more than last year. We will ask the people who are working to wear masks. Health recommendations change and get updated frequently so I will try to keep you all informed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Christine Haddad chair

**A Note from the P.W.**

We had a beautiful day on Wednesday, Oct. 13th when the ladies gathered together for an outdoor "Potluck" Luncheon meeting. Warm, comforting food was prepared and enjoyed by all. We had the joy of welcoming a new face, Ellen Campbell! We are so blessed to have you join us in fellowship and discussion of our upcoming Christmas Bazaar. Our next lunch meeting will be hosted by Janet Hann in her home. She will prepare a soup to go along with our "Bring Your Own Sandwich" on Wednesday, Nov. 10th at noon. Dessert and beverages will also be served.



**Presbyterian Women  
Christmas Wreath  
Order Form**

Please mail or bring this form to the church office.  
Make checks payable to:  
**Presbyterian Women**  
Westhampton Presbyterian Church  
90 Meeting House Road  
Westhampton Beach NY 11978

***The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 28th.  
Pick-up is on Friday, December 3rd at 10 am.***

Number of wreaths at \$40 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## PW Ladies from 2006

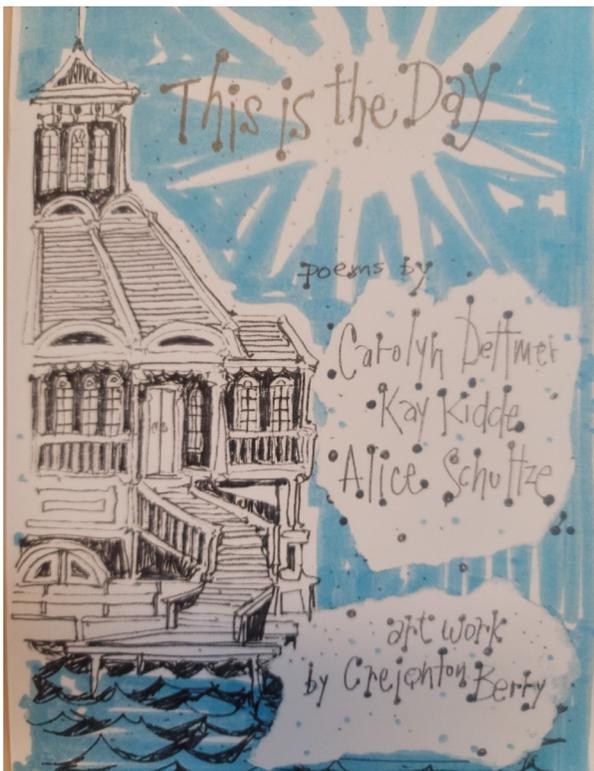


### Back Row (Left to Right):

Dottie Dudley, Eleanor Hoyt, Jean Duffield, Linni Deihl, Marjorie Beckwith, Gale Seidler, May Griffin

### Front Row (Left to Right):

Marion Rupprecht, Annette Peterson, Grace Haddad, Adele Becker, Dorothy Otis



### “This is the Day”

poems by Carolyn Dettmer, Kay Kidde and Alice Schultze

Artwork by Creighton Berry

More of these beautifully written and illustrated books have been graciously printed by Alice Schultze and are available in the church office for purchase at \$10 each, while supplies last.

All donations will be given to the Westhampton Presbyterian Church.



*Wishing you a Happy Birthday and a  
Happy Anniversary...*

1	Alison Nemeth-Steger	21	Cooper Jessup III
2	Chloe Rouhandeh	21	Sarah Miles Williams
3	Sharon Taylor	21	John Gillin
3	Leif Neubauer	22	Kyle Hubbard
4	Tom Otis III	23	Bob Busking Jr.
5	Margretta Anderson	23	Ellen Pfaff
5	Micki and Bob Niebanck	23	Pat Lutz
7	Karen Derryberry	23	Keri Shiu
7	Dan Pizzarello	24	Kayla Jones
8	Xochitl Seyfert	24	Betsy Doyle
9	Kristina [Carter] & Micah Bennett	25	Glen Walker
10	Raymond Hann	25	Shaun Holliday
11	Amy Gwinn	28	Ryan Napolitano
11	John King	30	Alec Jessup Levitt
11	Amber Popper	30	Joan & Bob Larson
12	Billy Campbell		
13	Russ Babis		
14	Jim Rowbotham		
14	Collin Chattaway		
17	Maria and Tom Moore		
17	Ellen and John Campbell		
18	Evelyn Overton		
18	Tracy Speed-Zollweg		
19	Maura & Raymond Hann		
19	Laura Impomeni		
19	Maura Hann		
20	Maria Moore		
20	Mike Campbell		



# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 <i>Election Day</i>	3 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	4	5	6
7 <i>24th Sunday after Pentecost</i>  <i>Daylight Saving time Ends</i> <i>10am Worship Service</i> <i>Communion</i>	8	9 <i>5:15pm M&amp;W</i> <i>6pm Session</i>	10 <i>9:30am Mission</i> <i>10:30am Staff</i>  <i>12pm PW Soup &amp; Sandwich Meeting @ Janet's</i>	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	12	13
14 <i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>10am Worship Service</i>	15	16 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>8pm Thanksgiving Interfaith Service: Hamptons Synagogue</i>
21 <i>Christ the King</i> <i>10am Worship Service</i> <i>Congregational Meeting</i>  <i>PW Thank Offering</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>  	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27
28 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>  <i>10am Worship Service</i>	29	30 <i>6:30pm Wreath Decorating</i>				

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*Your issue of the November Tidings*



*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*