



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 2022

A Word from the Pastor

Greetings to you all,

By now most of you know that my family and I are welcoming a new member into our family. My husband Chris and I have been in the process of adopting a child since prior to Covid. After two years of waiting, we were matched with a little boy in February named Emanuel (a perfect name for a pastor's child!) who is 15 months old from Bogota, Colombia. In about a month to five weeks, Chris, Wesley, and I will travel to Bogota to meet Emanuel and attend various court appointments in order to finalize the adoption. We will most likely be in the country for 3-4 weeks. The longest piece of waiting involves getting a passport for Emanuel from the US embassy which is only open a few days a week with limited hours. We are incredibly excited to welcome Emanuel into our family and know that Westhampton Beach will be a wonderful place to raise him.

I will be taking twelve weeks of maternity leave per the presbytery guidelines and Rev. Kate Jones Calone will be covering for me while I'm away. Kate will most likely be starting May 1st and finishing at the end of July. Because we are uncertain exactly when we will leave for Colombia to meet and pick up Emanuel this time line could shift a bit, but rest assured that there will be excellent pastoral coverage while I am gone. Here is a little bit about Rev. Kate:

The Rev. Kate Jones Calone lives in Setauket with her husband, Dave; their children Sarah (16), Peter (14), and Meg (10); a dog, Penny, and two guinea pigs named Loki and Teddy. She was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2012, having attended seminary after practicing law for several years. Most recently, she served as Interim Pastor at Setauket Presbyterian Church, where she also had her first call after seminary as an Assistant Pastor with then-Interim Pastor John Kloepfer. Kate loves watching sports--especially her kids on the field, March Madness basketball, and the Boston Red Sox! She is looking forward to worshipping with everyone at Westhampton in the coming months!

Rev. Kate will be commuting from Setauket where her family still lives to lead worship, moderate the church session meetings, provide pastoral care, and be in the office a few days during the week. I also know that the leaders we have in the church are more than capable of keeping the church running in my absence.

As we journey toward Easter, please keep my family in your prayers. We are in a wonderful time of transition and excitement, but also stress and planning. And we will also pray for you as you enter the spring and summer months that more folks will return to church in person and that our ministry will continue to flourish. The past couple of years have been a long wait for our family, but we could not be more excited to bring a child into such a welcoming and warm community.

Blessings to you all,

Rev. Vanessa



Prayer Concerns

Recent: Leon Ringot, home; Marjorie Ridgeway, home in a brace; Karl Feitl; Southampton Hospital, pneumonia; Madeline Hackworth, Vern's mother; Kevin Fitzgerald, friend of Margery Qua; Phyllis Styrzo; home; Raymond Hann, Home; Seamus Naughton, home; 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); Maureen Nelsen; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller

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

Bring your coffee and join us for our last 2 Lenten Bible Studies happening on Sunday April 3 & 10 at 11AM.

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 are available in the Church office and can also be requested by contacting Ellen Campbell at 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 6th.

We Are Live!

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

www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org

Direct Deposit

An option for your monthly pledge is Direct Deposit. On the 10th of the month your pledge amount will be automatically transferred from your individual bank account into the church's account. It is convenient and easy. If interested, contact our treasurer, Janet Hann for the necessary form.

Online Giving

We offer an easy Online giving option 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 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 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. Erika is happy to assist you!

Church Family News

Winters' Family Announcement

The Winters family is welcoming a new addition to their family through adoption! Emanuel, is a 15 month old boy from Colombia! Rev. Winters, her husband Chris and little Wesley will be travelling to Colombia to meet him very soon! Let us all rejoice in celebration with the Winters family!

Birth

March 17th—Laianna Marie Vigorito
Parents: Jonathan & Amber Vigorito

Community



(Look for information on Page 4 in the PW Spring News)

Presbyterian Walkers/Hikers

Tentative date of Tuesday, April 26th: "Brooklyn Bridge Walk" details are in the works! Contact Janet Hann if you are interested! 631-871-7240 or 631-288-6884.



Palm Sunday, April 10:

10AM Worship in the Sanctuary

11AM Lenten Bible Study

Maundy Thursday, April 14:

7PM Communion & Tennebrae Service at the Quogue Chapel

Good Friday Service, April 15:

12-3PM Ecumenical Service at Beach Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, April 17:

6AM Sunrise Service at the Quantuck Beach Club; 49 Dune Rd. Westhampton

10AM Service in the Sanctuary accompanied by the Long Island Brass Guild

11AM Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt



PW Spring News

Our luncheon meeting began as we gathered around the table in the church kitchen. It soon became apparent we needed more space around the table, so we moved to the Parish Hall.

Rev. Vanessa offered prayer before we shared thanks for the pleasure of meeting together, unmasked, in the familiar church setting. It did not take long to feel how much we missed being together.

We picked up where we left off last year with an enthusiastic discussion of a **PW Fundraiser** – a rummage sale, by another name, “Community Yard Sale!” An off shoot of a boot sale. You load your trunk, truck, car (bring your own tables if needed) with items for sale. Come to the church, park your vehicle in the allotted 19.5’ x 17.5’ space you have paid \$30 for in advance, you sell your “merchandise”, and pack up your leftovers after a successful sale.

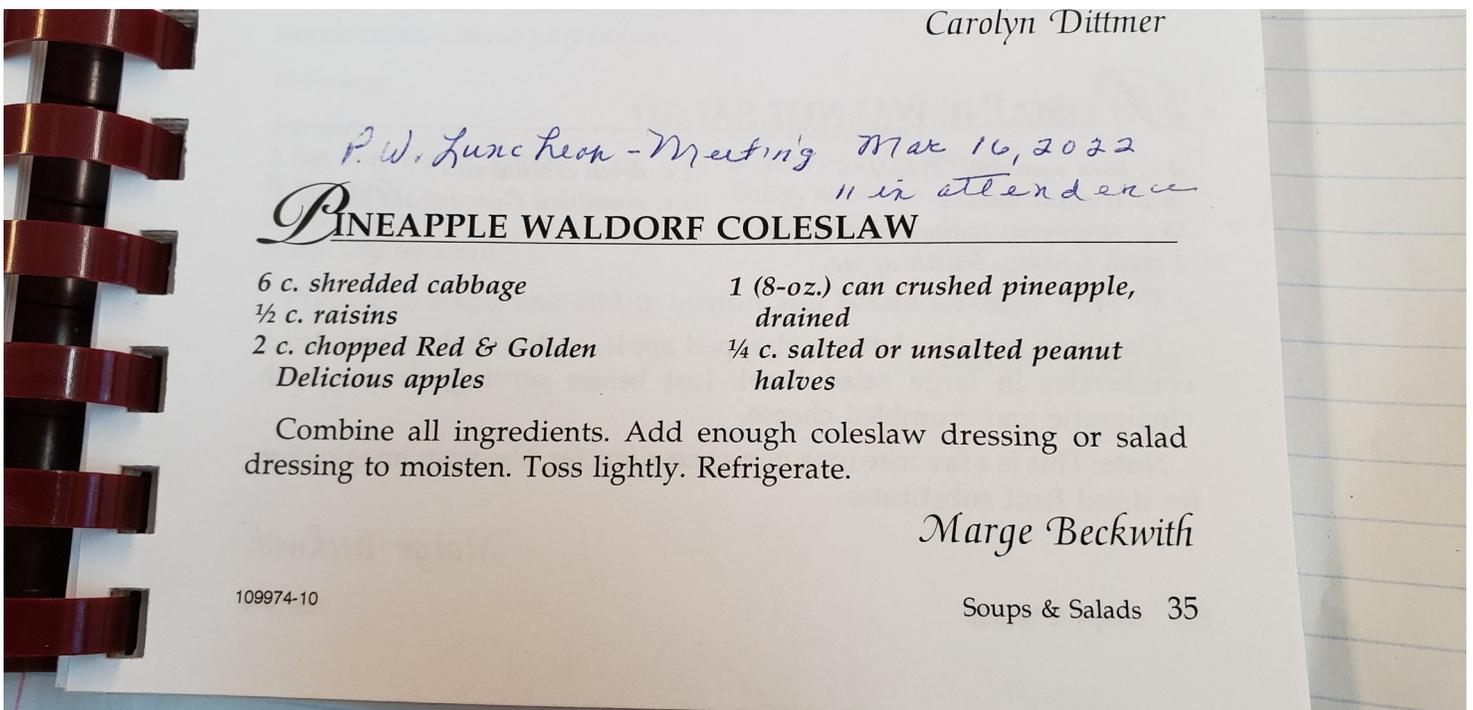
This Community Yard Sale will be held Saturday, May 28th from 10am-2pm in the church parking lot! Flyers and applications will be available soon. Questions? Call Cheryl Van Tuyle at 516-528-6797 or Christine Haddad at 631-834-4669.

Our meeting date has been permanently changed to the 3rd Wednesday of each month. April 20th we will meet at noon in the Parish Hall for a “Covered Dish/Potluck” luncheon. Please do not miss this gathering. Congratulations to Rev. Vanessa, Chris and Wesley on the soon-to-be 4th member of their family. We are looking forward to meeting Emanuel as he joins his family in the manse and his church family across the street.

Gale circulated news letters and pictures of our four children sponsored through Child Fund International. Danni in Texas, Rolando also in Texas, Diany “Ale” in Honduras and Das Aihe from Ethiopia. Many thanks to all who pitched in to make this meeting special. Healing after the fracture is taking much too long. I can not tell you how much your help means to me.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Beckwith

P.S. I was asked about the Pineapple Waldorf Cole Slaw served at the luncheon. A photo from page 35 of our church cookbook courtesy of Cheryl Van Tuyle pictured here.



Youth Ministry

After a recent family trip to Panama, Miriam Neubauer is spearheading our next mission project. Her family encountered children of Panama that lacked the basic necessities of personal hygiene. I asked youth group members to bring a mission project to the group, and Miriam (Griffin too!) told us about the family trip to Panama during winter break. She felt that we could help by collecting toiletries to send to them. Miriam writes:

"Panama was an amazing experience and seeing all these people and places can really open your eyes to something you never thought was there. The place we would be sending the toiletries and clothes to would be a indigenous village called Bastimentos. Everyone there is so friendly and you feel so welcomed as soon as you arrive. Our tour guide who was showing us around sends the people their toiletries, glasses, clothes, and much more. After spending the whole day with people on the island I felt very inclined to help them and I hope I can visit again."

So, we will be collecting items the first two weeks of April during coffee hour to send to the village of Bastimentos in Panama. We hope that the members of the congregation will feel compelled as she did to help the children of Bastimentos.

On Sunday March 13th we celebrated Scout Sunday. We had 5 scouts participating, Reed (Ryan's friend sang in the choir), Gabby, Delaney, Cameron and Anderson acted as Ushers for the day. We also had 3 Adults, Scott Campbell who did the scripture reading, Mike Hipp who sang in the choir and Marie Yervasi who treated us to some yummy Girl Scout Cookies during coffee hour! I've ordered patches for them and they should arrive soon!

On another note we are looking into an outing to TopFlight Golf in Holtsville. We need a definite commitment of how many can attend on a particular date before committing to an actual date as it is a very popular place for teens to visit!

The Youth Group will also help with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on Easter Sunday after the 10AM (approximate start time 11:00 AM) worship service in the church's picnic area.

Seniors and college students keep your eye out for a Scholarship application. If you'd like an application please email Ellen Campbell at: ecampbell118@optonline.net or Erika in the office at:

amin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org

Looking forward to longer days and warmer weather.

Happy Easter everyone, He Is Risen!

In His Service,
Kathy



Our Presbytery's Overture to the GA

The 225th General Assembly (2022) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be held from June 18 through July 9. These biennial meetings of our denomination are very important and very fulfilling. [I was elder commissioner from the Presbytery of Long Island to the GA in 1996.]. GA involves plenary business sessions, committee meetings, lots of fellowship, Bible study, and worship. The worship permeates the gathering. This year's theme for worship is *from Lament to Hope*.

New business before the GA is presented by written overtures from church bodies (presbyteries and synods). When a presbytery prepares an overture, they solicit support or concurrence from others. Instead of simply concurring with the motion (overture), a presbytery might choose to write their own on the topic. This is what our presbytery recently did.

An overture was received from the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy [FYI in MO]; after considering it, a committee composed and presented a new draft to our presbytery. After comprehensive discussion and several amendments, the Presbytery of Long Island adopted its own overture to the 225th General Assembly at this January 29th stated meeting. [See the following page.] The focus of the overture is the recognition and acknowledgement of the harm that slavery has done to African-Americans. It seeks agreement that an apology is due them. I cannot help but feel that *from Lament to Hope* is particularly appropriate.

Other supporting materials and documents were distributed to the presbytery members for their edification prior to the debate and vote. Anyone interested in seeing these may contact me. We now await the response from our fellow Presbyterians this summer, and, hopefully, we continue to reflect on, discuss, and pray about this painful and shameful situation.

Diane F. Perry
Commissioner to the January meeting of the PLI

Your Year-end Contribution Statement

A few congregants have contacted the church office concerned that there is an error. Their year-end contribution statement shows them as falling short of meeting their pledge, and they know they paid it in full. There may well be others who have been dissatisfied with their report but have not asked for clarity.

It needs to be stated that the year-end report sent to you is not a report about your pledge. The purpose of this report is two-fold. First, it meets the federal requirement that we provide you with a receipt for your donations. Secondly, it provides you, the donor, with a complete statement of all the donations you made during the year. The total, in most cases, is declarable as tax-exempt deductions on your federal and state income tax returns.

[Expected caveat – please contact your financial advisor for interpretation as to what is so declarable.]

If you wish to compare your declared “pledge,” which we now call Anticipated Giving, with your actual giving, you must consult three end-of-year reports. Anticipated Giving 2021 is reported on the 2020, 2021, and 2022 reports. In the 2020 your report will show what you gave for Anticipated Giving 2021 as a prepayment. Your recently received 2021 report shows the payments made last year. These two amounts may well add up to your anticipated pledge. However, you may need to wait until January 2023 for the final receipt. Many people make a final payment on their Anticipated Giving 2021 during 2022, as a postpaid pledge.

If you wish to have confirmation about your giving, please contact either Erika Lukert in the church office or myself as your Financial Secretary. We both have access to the records and can answer your questions, and we are glad to help in any way.

Diane F. Perry

Long Island Overture to the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Recommendation

As a beginning step in the quest for truth, equity, justice, reconciliation and repair, The Presbytery of Long Island overtures the 225th General Assembly (2022) to offer an Apology to African Americans for the sin of Slavery and its legacy, and to approve the following statements:

Rationale

Racism is not only an endemic and ongoing problem in America but is on the rise. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has taken productive steps to address and challenge racism. We must continue to build on and augment that progress.

The Presbyterian Church could claim that it was in theory anti-slavery based on its 1818 statement, but the fact is the majority of its leadership was heavily contaminated by white supremacy. James Thornwell and others proposed a positive theological defense of slavery. Charles Hodge and Robert Breckinridge took an accommodationist stance, denying that it was sinful but calling for its eventual and gradual elimination. Albert Barnes was the only prominent theologian who argued that it was sinful and preached abolition. The enslaver, the accommodationist, and the abolitionist all shared the same communion table. The Presbyterian Church's failure to take prompt action in early colonial times, or to take a strong stand, later on makes it complicit in normalizing one of the most vicious systems ever to exist in the USA chattel slavery.

1706	1740	1750	1776	1787-1817	1818	1830	1836	1858
Rev. Francis Mackie, enslaver, organized the first American presbytery	Samuel Davies, an enslaver and educator, believed slavery was ordained by God but cared about their spirituality and literacy	George Bryan, a Philadelphia Presbyterian Leader, was an abolitionist. He also helped pass a 1780 colonial Pennsylvania law mandating gradual emancipation.	Jacob Green, the pastor of the Hanover, NJ Presbyterian church, opposed slavery	GA supported the abolition of slavery, but support for manumission or disciplining enslavers was lukewarm	The GA held enslavement as inconsistent with the law of God. The GA defrocked Rev. George Bourne from Virginia for condemning	Presbyterian evangelist Charles Finney spoke out against slavery despite believing African Americans were inferior and opposed integration.	The GA bowed to the pressure of the church being split and accepted the argument that slavery was recognized in the Bible and to act otherwise interfered in state laws.	Scottish immigrants and Seceders formed the United Presbyterian Church of North America (UPNA). Opposition to slavery was one of their five founding tenets

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 10am Worship 11am Bible Study Sunday School	4	5 11:30am-3pm <i>E.E.H. Grief & Trauma Webinar</i> <i>(Open to Community)</i> 7pm Deacons	6 10:30am Staff 7pm Trustees	7	8	9 9:45am-12pm <i>East End Hospice Gala mailing-Parish Hall</i>
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Holy Week Begins</i> 10am Worship 11am Bible Study Sunday School 1pm Chapel Wedding	11	12 6pm Session	13 9:30am Mission	14 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at the Chapel	15 Good Friday (office closed) 12-3pm Ecumenical Service at the Beach Methodist	16
17 <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i> <i>Easter Day</i> 6:00am Sunrise Service, Quantuck Beach Club 10 am service with LI Brass 11am Children's Easter Egg Hunt	18 5pm <i>Maureen's Haven</i>	19	20 12pm PW "Potluck" luncheon meeting	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23
24 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	25	26 <i>"Brooklyn Bridge" Walk</i>	27	28	29	30

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