



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY/AUGUST 2022

A Word from Pastor Kate

Peace and grace to you. I am writing this letter from Louisville, Kentucky, where I am attending a committee meeting of the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly, the national governing body of our denomination that meets every two years to discern, discuss, and act on items of business that impact the denomination as a whole (including all of us who worship in PC(USA) churches!). I am representing the Special Committee on Racism Truth and Reconciliation and reporting to General Assembly commissioners about the work that we have been doing over the past four years to listen to voices long silenced and address systemic racism in the church.

The Presbytery of Long Island sends two commissioners to General Assembly; they are each serving on a committee and eventually will be voting on all items of business that come to the plenary from any committee. The business before this year's Assembly ranges from how we ordain pastors and structure our denomination to divestment from fossil fuels; from addressing violence in the U.S. to race, gender, and immigration justice; from writing a new confession for today's church to our ecumenical and interfaith engagement—and many, many other important questions facing the church.

Our presbytery also concurred on an overture: Offering an Apology to African Americans for the Sin of Slavery and Its Legacy. Past-moderator of our presbytery, Magalene McClarrin, powerfully addressed commissioners as our overture advocate for this important item that was approved by the Race and Gender Justice Committee and will now move to the plenary for a vote.

At the same time that General Assembly committees were meeting, commissioners from the congregations in the Presbytery of Long Island, including from WPC, gathered at the presbytery's new offices in West Islip for the June presbytery meeting and for conversation around what it means to be a Matthew 25 church—how we, as Presbyterians on Long Island, are being called to the work of dismantling racism, eradicating poverty, and building congregational vitality.

You can find more information online about the work and actions of the General Assembly (<https://ga-pcusa.org/>) and the Presbytery of Long Island (<https://presbyteryofli.com/>).

I share all of this with you because as a connectional church, guided by the Spirit, we learn from one another and act together to be the body of Christ and do the will of Christ in the world. And the voice of the Church is so important as we face the challenges of these days.

As I finish my time with you towards the end of July, I give thanks to God for this opportunity to worship with you, for Pastor Vanessa's wonderful ministry with you and in the presbytery, for your faithfulness as a congregation, and for the connections that we all share.

With gratitude for your kindness and welcome, and prayers for God's continued blessing upon you,
Kate

*Prayer Concerns:

Recent: **Robert Kreiger**, recovering from surgery (partner of Tony Thompson); **Theresa Daley**, hospital (mother of Theresa Caponi); **Therese Comyns**, mother of Mary and John Hull's nephews, Conor and Dan; **Gene May**, home; **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); **Kimberly Rogers Murawski**;

Long Term: **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller; **John Lowe & Roberta Williams**, friends of Vern Hackworth; **Chelsey Carter Collins**, Southampton Care Center; **Dorothy Evans**; **Paul & Ellen Pfaff**; **Rev. John Kloepfer**, home; **Jay Sears**

From the Choir Loft

Choir rehearsal will resume again Sunday, September 11th.



Worship with us this Summer!

9am Quogue Chapel service

10:15am Sanctuary service followed by refreshment hour

"Summer Breeze" Fundraising Event

Tickets are now on sale for our summer fundraising event for dinner, drinks and live music in the garden of Susan Lipp located at 22 White Oak Lane, WHB on Saturday, July 23 at 5pm. Food is being supplied by the renown food truck **Eat Me Drink Me**, the name is derived by a line in Alice and Wonderland. Check out their website www.eatmedrinkmetruck.com

Bill Buhl and friends will once again entertain us with their music. The bar will be stocked with wine and beer as well as our signature drink 'Summer Breeze'.

Please pick up your tickets in the church office, at Lynne's Cards and Gifts or see one of the committee members after worship.

The summer event last year was so wonderfully attended and sponsored that the committee has high hopes we can do it once again.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Tom Rogers or Nancy Winters. Additional committee members are Susan Lipp, Vern Hackworth, Lynne Jones, Betsy Doyle.

House & Garden Tour with WH Garden Club

Join the Garden Club on a tour of seven spectacular homes and gardens from Quogue to Remsenburg, July 8th from 10am-3pm. Tickets and information available at www.westhamptongardenclub.org.

Church Family News

Weddings

June 26th:

Madeline Gillooley & Charles Armstrong

Deaths

May 16th: Holly Van Hoesen McCarthy, sister of Jean Cuthbert

June 11th: Brendan Clavin, son of Nancy Hamma, a service was held on Friday, June 24th at Yardley & Pinto Funeral Home.

You are invited
to a very important date!
"Summer Breeze"
Fundraiser to Benefit
Westhampton Presbyterian Church



In the Garden at the Home of Susan Lipp
22 White Oak Lane
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978
Saturday, July 23, 2022, 5:00 pm

Join us for an evening of fun, food and
entertainment brought to you by:

"Eat Me, Drink Me" Food Truck,
a mobile epicurean featuring grass-fed beef and
locally sourced produce.

Featuring music by Bill Buhl & Friends
Wine, beer and a signature drink!

Tickets available at Lynne's Cards & Gifts,
Sundays after worship,
or contact the church office. 631-288-2576.
Recommended Donation of \$50.
Deadline for ticket sales, July 17



Check out their website!
eatmedrinkmetruck.com

Our Memorial Scholarship winners

The Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to be able to award scholarships to four of our members. We are pleased to share some of their words and plans with you: **Madeline Campbell** is currently a third-year graduate student at Towson University in Maryland, working toward her Doctor of Audiology. Her experiences within the church in teaching Sunday School, volunteering for Vacation Bible School and teaching the summer Sunday School program have helped her develop skills necessary to interact with and effectively communicate with children and their families. She also credits her time with helping her to become a leader and to handle responsibility—skills she uses daily in her clinical placements.



Carter Cline has been accepted to Denison University in Ohio and will be attending this fall. He acknowledges that what he has learned at Westhampton Presbyterian Church contributed to his life-pledge to always do “everything in my power to help those who needed it, regardless of the obstacles that may stand in my way.”

Madison Mosher recognizes that growing up in Westhampton Presbyterian Church has taught her “how to give back and do things for others.” A majority of her community service has come from church activities. Her participation in the Crop Walk and Youth Group, along with her church membership, has taught her teamwork and work ethic. Her work at church has helped form her as a leader in athletics and school. Madison will be attending West Chester University in Pennsylvania this fall in the Communications Studies Program.

Griffin Neubauer will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the Computer Engineering program this fall. Griffin credits his experience in the church as “kindling a desire” in him to reach out to help people in his community. His work in hosting fundraisers, food drives and collecting donations for our church (as well as other organizations), along with his dozens of hours of community service contributed to his acceptance in the National Honor Society and ultimately his college admission. Church has been a big part of Griffin’s life and he is grateful to have learned and grown in a congregation “that feels more like a family.”

Congratulations to this year’s recipients and best wishes for your continued success.

PW News

We wish more ladies had joined the seven of us (Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Erika Lukert, Cheryl Van Tuyle, Janet Hann, Gale Seidler, Christine Haddad and Marjorie Beckwith) to enjoy the best strawberries ever prepared for our traditional June meeting! Some of us enjoyed seconds. Here’s to 2023’s Strawberry Shortcake dessert meeting!

Letters from our adopted children were passed around for us to read before being made available for anyone interested to read. See the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We received Gale’s (Treasurer) report showing a net profit of \$1, 849 from the Community Yard Sale! This was a new venture for us and has offered us hints as to improving plans for future fundraising projects.

In my notes I see a call from Alix McKenzie. She is eagerly looking forward to a visit here this summer, meanwhile saying she is sorry to be missing June’s shortcake.

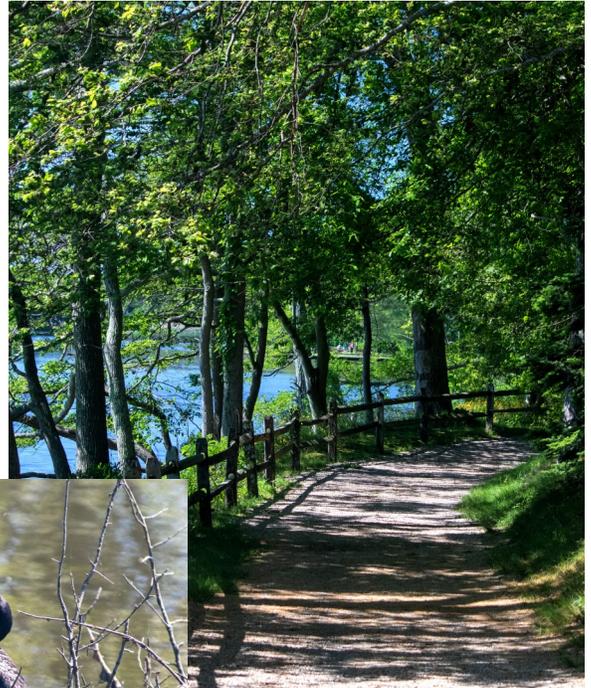
We met informally during the 2021 summer months deciding to continue in 2022. On July 13, 2022 at noon we will meet at the Gazebo at the Quogue Village Dock, weather permitting. It can be very breezy; you may need sunglasses and a hat. Bring a lunch from home, dessert will be waiting.

As we near the middle of August, we look forward to “Share a Dish” at Christine Haddad’s home in Quogue on August 10th, 2022 at noon. Bring a dish you have prepared for all to share and enjoy. Anyone who has not enjoyed Christine’s hospitality at prior luncheons, you are sure to be in good company.

There will be more news about the September 14th, 2022 meeting in the September Tidings. We can tell you now there will be 2 hot entrees to make elections from; salad, dessert, tea and coffee will be served.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Beckwith

Sightings from the Bayard Gardens Tour with Janet Hann



Look for upcoming walks/ hikes and other events in the weekly Sunday bulletin or your monthly Tidings newsletter!

Church and Spiritual Life

How wonderful to once again gather in fellowship at this year's annual Church Picnic. The unwelcome rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of those who attended. Special thanks to both the adults and youth who either helped set up, grill, provide games and activities to the children and help with the cleanup. As always, "many hands make light work" and our picnic would not be possible without the help of our generous volunteers.

Happy Summer!



Personal Reminiscences: General Assemblies and Rev. Fred

The 225th General Assembly (2022) has commenced. Unlike past assemblies, this one will take place over a period of three weeks, with both in-person and online sessions. I am receiving the daily emails with various public relations articles on aspects of the committees, the plenary, and their work.

While finding them informative and interesting, I was particularly fascinated by one release on June 22, which originally appeared as a Presbyterian Historical Society blog post. It was entitled *Stories from GA: 1958 Union of the UPCNA and the PCUSA*. It opened with the following quote.

On May 27, 1958, Presbyterians gathered in Pittsburgh for the 170th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Just miles away, the United Presbyterian Church of North America was celebrating its centennial during their 100th General Assembly.

It was the last assembly for these two denominations because the very next day, May 28, the two groups joined forces for a momentous occasion: the very first General Assembly of the newly minted United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

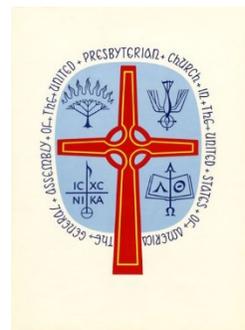
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Presbyterian_Church_in_the_United_States_of_America).

I was a child, but I remember the occasion, for our pastor, the Rev. Frederick M. Homrighouse, spoke of it more than once. Later, the denomination's brand-new logo was mounted on the south wall of the big room (used for coffee hour) and was discussed and explained.

A few years later, Rev. Fred introduced conversations and adult studies about COCU, the Consultation on Church Union. This movement began with four denominations hoping to merge into the Church of Christ Uniting. During my time as a commissioner to the 208th GA (1996), I served as co-chair of the GA Committee on Ecumenism. One of the topics our committee addressed and took to the floor of the assembly was proposed amendments to the Book of Order to accommodate further steps in bringing COCU to fruition. *[This experience is a story of its own.]* It was during that committee work that I learned that the origin of this movement was a sermon presented on December 4, 1960, by the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Mr. Blake's proposal, and the attraction it engendered, were in response to fears that newly-elected John F. Kennedy might allow the Pope to strongly effect JFK's conduct and our nation's protocol and policies.

Rev. Fred was still our minister when the Confession of 1967 was composed and added to our denomination's Book of Confessions. Soon portions of it were being used in our Sunday morning liturgy, often as the affirmation of faith. As a teenager at the time, I developed a strong appreciation for this confession, which I would sum up by the single word reconciliation. I find it interesting that this year's GA is also considering the topic of creating a new statement of faith. This has been introduced by three separate, yet similar, overtures, one of which included a draft entitled *A Confession for Such a Time as This*.

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You may remember a similar creation of a new, timely confession. In 1983 in Atlanta, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. merged with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, commonly referred to as the southern Presbyterian church. Chuck Cary, who later became our pastor, was a delegate to the General Assembly at that time. Because of the merger a new statement of faith was composed for the new Presbyterian Church (USA). As is the protocol, it was discussed at various levels of the denomination; for a confession to be included in the Book of Confessions, it must be approved by a GA, then by a 2/3 majority of the presbyteries, followed by receipt at the next General Assembly. I attended the 1985 UPW Triennium at Purdue University and took part in a session studying and discussing the proposed statement. I was also on our Session soon after when we also studied it. We have used portions of this, A Brief Statement of Faith, in our liturgy many times. Interestingly, the newly merged denomination also had a new logo or seal. *[This too is a fascinating story.]*



We often look at our parents or grandparents' lives and speak of their living through periods of change such as horse to automobile, train to plane, dial phones to cellular phones, or other technological changes. I often speak of my mother as having been born on Good Friday, April 6, 1917, the day Congress declared war on Germany, and dying on Monday, January 19, 2009, the eve of the inauguration of Barack Obama, our nation's first black president.

For myself, I would choose to say that my life has encompassed an era of changes in relationships. I see it in these reminiscences of changes in our church and of steps toward ecumenism of faith communities; I see hope of peaceful interfaith relationships; I see it in our acknowledgement of past wrongs by "we" WASPs [White Anglo Saxon Protestants] against "those" BIPOCs [Black Indigenous People of Color]; I see it in our recognition of the intrinsic value and integrity of persons with disabilities – physical and mental (autism spectrum, Downs syndrome, and bipolar, to mention a few); and I see it in consciousness raising about isms – sexism, racism, agism, genderism, etc. I pray that God's gifts of the Holy Spirit and of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will bring about true reconciliation and loving relationships among us all.

Diane F. Perry's View from the Pew



Install Rev. Homrighouse As Presbyterian Church Pastor



The Rev. Frederick M. Homrighouse was installed as pastor of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church at ceremonies held Sunday evening. The service, which was very well attended, was followed by a reception in the Parish House. Offering their good wishes to Mr. Homrighouse are Arthur Perry (left), superintendent of Sunday School and Ruling Elder, and Edward T. Otis Jr., Ruling Elder.
—Westhampton Photo Studio

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

1 Henry Neubauer
 1 Nalda Rothe
 3 Christian Charles
 3 Jennifer Truscott & Gale Sheridan
 4 Kyle Miller
 5 Gale Seidler
 5 Charlotte Gillin
 7 Gil Frevert
 7 Ashley Jade Harvey
 9 Frank Jessup
 9 Jennifer Truscott
 10 Millie Cary
 11 Cheryl Van Tuyle
 11 Grant Frevert
 12 Rev. John Kloepfer
 14 SuzAnne and Frank Jessup
 16 Kathy Tilley
 16 Linda Howard-Kloepfer
 17 Stephanie Oakland
 19 Korey Williams
 22 Helen Fitzsimmons
 23 Jennean Jessup Levitt
 23 Dennis Kingwell
 23 Sophie Cline
 24 Jackie Moore
 24 Lauren Babis
 25 Rev. Vanessa & Chris Winters
 27 Pat Speed
 27 Stacy Jessup
 28 Rev. Vanessa Winters
 29 Scott Frevert
 29 Bill Hirsch
 29 Kathy and Bob Johnson
 29 Gigi & Matt Ravenhall
 30 Daniel Qua
 30 Leland Qua
 31 Mary and John Hoch
 31 Deborah Busking

August

1 Kathy and Warren Frevert
 1 Robert Larson
 2 John Sartorius
 2 Bill Brenner
 4 Tom Rogers
 4 Guy Napolitano
 4 Joan King
 5 Gini Wagner
 6 Chelsey Carter Collins
 6 Wes Winters
 9 Carson Campbell
 10 Warren Frevert
 10 Cynthia Drayton
 14 Stephanie Miller
 14 Chandi Jackson
 15 Owen Williams
 16 Judy and John Sprague
 21 Betsy and Bob Fox
 23 Rico Johnson, Jr.
 23 Sandy and Ed Sorgan
 23 Kathy and Bob Tureski
 24 Ava Lundborg
 24 Nancy & Harry Miller
 24 Judy and John Sartorius
 25 Rob Tureski
 25 Edmund Carey
 26 Ellen & Bill Brenner
 27 Caroline Oakland
 27 Skye Lily Charles
 28 Jane & Tom Otis
 30 Gianna Aiello
 30 Lochan Francis Miller
 31 Dick Anderson
 31 Pat and Dick Lutz
 31 Anderson Hipp
 31 Eloise Fox
 31 Edward T. Otis, V



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>(Office closed)</i>	5 6pm <i>E.E.H. Adult Bereavement Group</i>	6	7	8	9
10 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary	11	12	13 12pm <i>PW "Bring a Sandwich" Gazebo in Quogue Village</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary	18	19	20	21	22	23 5pm <i>Summer Party</i>
24 <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary	25 11am <i>Memorial Service for Holly Van Hoesen McCarthy</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary					<u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am –Bailey Hall Sun. 6:30pm– Bailey Hall Wed. 6:30pm– Bailey Hall Boy Scouts meet each Fri. 5pm	

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	3	4	5	6
7 <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary</i>	8	9 <i>6pm Session</i>	10 <i>9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm "Bring a Dish to Share" Christine Haddad's home</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>10 Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary</i>	15	16 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	17	18	19	20
21 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary</i>	29	30	31		<u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am –Bailey Hall Sun. 6:30pm– Bailey Hall Wed. 6:30pm– Bailey Hall Boy Scouts meet each Fri. 5pm	

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Your issue of the July/August Tidings



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