



TIDINGS

September 2022

A Word From Your Pastor

Greetings to all,

The past two and a half years have been challenging for so many. For individuals, families, businesses and of course—churches! Our “normal” way of doing things has been in upheaval and we’ve been struggling to figure out new ways of doing things. We also find ourselves at the beginning of a new school year. Even though most folks have settled into a “new normal,” there are still many challenges yet to be met. So if you’re thinking about how to live into new ways of engaging in your faith life with us this coming year, you are in the right place!

One of the most exciting pieces of coming back together in person is allowing our children, grandchildren, and even great grandchildren to be together again, to participate in church activities, and to attend Sunday school. We look forward to welcoming kids back into our youth programs which offer so many opportunities for them to volunteer, to learn about God, and to create lasting friendships with one another. Personally, I always look forward to the answers our kids have to my questions during the children’s sermon. Some are humorous, but others are deeply profound.

Being an integral part of our community is another way our church intends to step into this new year. Our mission committee continues to meet and allocate funds to our mission partners. Our youth volunteer in bringing items to the Eastern Farm Workers and collecting food and gift cards for the Thanksgiving baskets. Looking ahead to Christmas, it is always so much fun to shop for someone in need in supporting our Adopt a Family program.

Most of all, we come together to worship God. So much of what we do is seek to provide folks an experience to connect with the Holy during the week. While connecting via our live stream option on the website is always a good alternative, I would encourage you to attend worship in person. Nothing quite beats the sound of the choir not heard through a computer, the smell of our lit candles and fresh flowers, and smiling at the person next to you in the pew. Of course, we understand the online option is a great one for some folks, but each and every one of you is warmly invited to come into the sanctuary on Sunday morning. We are waiting to see you! However long you may have been away, you are always welcome to return.

As the school year begins, the leaves begin to fall off the trees, and the weather turns refreshingly cool, we here at Westhampton Presbyterian Church are ready. We are ready to begin our program year, ready to gather together once again for our most cherished events, and ready to welcome you in through our doors. So come in and join us, we are ready and waiting for you.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Vanessa



Prayer Concerns

Recent: John King; Dean Speir, Gale Seidler's brother; Diane F. Perry, Peconic Bay Hospital Riverhead; John Carroll, recovering from fall (friend of Tony Thompson); Kitty Keiper, chemo (friend of Tony Thompson); Marjorie Ridgeway, home; Theresa Daley, hospital (mother of Theresa Caponi); Therese Comyns, mother of Mary and John Hull's nephews, Conor and Dan; Gene May, home; Kevin Fitzgerald, friend of Margery Qua; Raymond Hann, Home; Seamus Naughton, home; Robyn DeLorenzo, Ruth Duval's granddaughter; Ralph Downs; Kimberly Rogers Murawski
Long Term: Dee Dee Brumsey (sister of a close friend of Pete Seidler); Phyllis Styrzo, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller; Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; Dorothy Evans; Paul & Ellen Pfaff; Rev. John Kloepfer, home; Jay Sears



Save your scrap metal! This year's scrap metal drive has been scheduled for Saturday, September 24th. We are accepting all types of metal: steel, copper, aluminum, old appliances, cars, etc. Bring all items to the church park-

ing lot from 9 AM to 2PM. If you have large items that have to be picked up, contact Tom Rogers or the church office. We have received \$4, 116 towards the church budget from scrap metal.

Attention!!

Sunday School & YG

Reunion Sunday, Sept. 11th

Sunday School Registration with Breakfast and our Annual Group Photo!!

Don't miss out!

Questions, see Kathy Tureski

Registration Forms are available now!

Presbyterian Women "Reunion" Luncheon meeting: September 14th at noon at the home of Christine Had-dad. See page 3 for more details!

Check out the Parish Hall bulletin board for tons of extra photos from our Summer Fundraiser! (see article on page 5)

Church Family News

Baptisms

Aug. 21:

Lorenzo Capone Jones

Weddings

Sept. 4th:

Victoria Campbell at Land's End

Calling All Bakers!

Anyone who enjoys baking is encouraged to bake for the coffee hour. Beginning in September, a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board next to the usher and flower chart.



When counting my
Blessings,
I count you
Twice.



Presbyterian Women News

Vacations or Staycations, no matter the description, the number who can join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month is reduced during the summer. It was our opportunity to thank Rev. Kate for sharing time with each of us around our table. We will miss you more than words here can adequately express.

We received letters and pictures from our adopted children. It is always a delight to gather together at our meetings and pass their letters and photos around the table and to see how they are growing in Christian faith. Please see the Parish Hall bulletin board for their beautiful letters and pictures.

Our July meeting at the Quogue Village Gazebo offered beautiful sunshine, humidity and enough mosquitoes to carry us away; no breeze to air coverage from “the invaders!” We decided it best to meet at the church for our August 10th luncheon meeting. The Quogue Village Gazebo would not have been the best choice as we were in a heat wave. The air conditioning was a better choice.

Then come September and a return to a more normal schedule. We will be welcomed at Christine Haddad’s Quogue home for our “Bring a Dish to Share” reunion meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at noon. Any of us who have been to Christine’s before know how warmly we are greeted with delicious food and enough good conversation to round out an afternoon. And then, time to put together an agenda for the coming months.

Welcome back to members and friends who have been away for the summer months. God bless our college students as they begin a new chapter in their lives, or as they continue their choice of studies.

No one should feel as though they are on the outside looking in. ore then one of our friends and members have health problems, some unknown to us. In all cases, our thoughts and prayers are with you. A card or a call is always welcome.

August is busy time for everyone. Vacation time. Families here for visits. Back to school shopping. College students just beginning or continuing the next chapter of their lives.

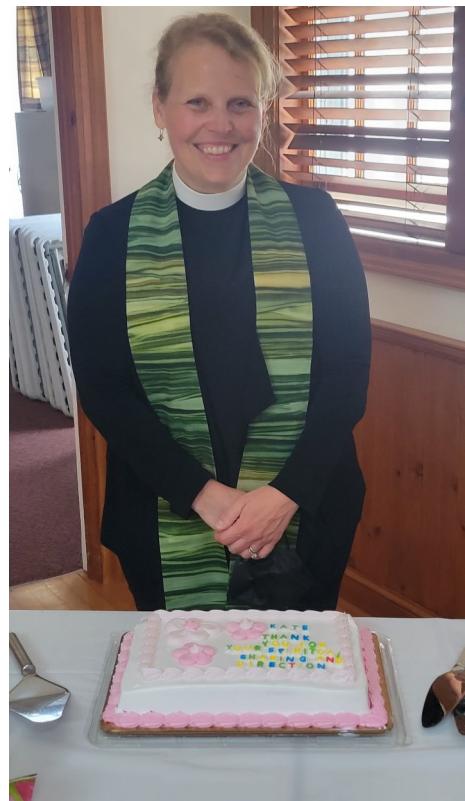
Five of us met for the August sandwich lunch meeting. We chatted and enjoyed Good Humor popsicles for “dessert.”

There has been an extra, unfamiliar air of “business” up and down-stairs at church. The Dream Clean Machine has entered the scene. One hint. A table in the Parish Hall has assorted dishes, pans and casseroles unclaimed by those who brought “covered dish” foods to share. If you see one of yours please take it home. More news about any leftovers next month.

We will resume the regular monthly P.W. meeting on Sept. 14th, 2022 at noon. Christine Haddad will welcome us to her home for lunch and the meeting to follow. Please call to let her know you plan to attend and ask if there is anything you can bring along to add to the menu.

Submitted on behalf of Presbyterian Women
Marge Beckwith

Thank you Rev. Kate Jones Calone for leading us in worship during the summer months while Rev. Vanessa Winters was on maternity leave.



**Solos, Duets , Quartets!
Join us Sunday mornings
for worship at 10am!
All are welcome.**



Bruce Qua & the Great Cycle Challenge!

This September, I'm riding 300 miles in the Great Cycle Challenge to fight kids' cancer!

Because cancer is the largest killer of children from disease in the United States - 38 kids die every week. And so I am taking on this challenge to end childhood cancer and save little lives.

Please support me by making a donation through my fundraising page:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/BruceQua/d>

All funds raised will support Children's Cancer Research Fund to continue their work to develop innovative treatments and find a cure for childhood cancer.

Thank you for your support.



Youth Group & Sunday School

And with a blink of your eyes the summer fades away.....are you ready for next chapter in our lives.

Welcome back! Sunday school will resume on reunion Sunday, September 11th. We will have a group gathering that day. If you didn't already register you can do so that day. We're always looking for adult volunteers to help substitute, if interested please drop me an email or speak with me after worship: whpresbyterianss@gmail.com Sunday School registration forms have been emailed to last year's students with an email on file, or can be located in the office, or Youth Bulletin Board.

Calling all students 7 grade and up....This is a confirmation year! Please let us know if you are interested in being confirmed. We are gathering the information NOW (it's on the SS registration form) so we can plan accordingly.

Another housekeeping item, due to COVID closing and the late start the past couple years, I'm looking for the children who need their Bibles. I have the following children who need them: Matteo, Tucker, Philip, Talia, Gabby and Ella. If you are missing from the list, please let me know.

Youth Group has had its challenges with getting together due to summer camps, work and family vacations this summer but were ready for a new year! We helped the Trustee's clean up Bailey Hall, and donated clothing we had on hand to Eastern Farm Workers. We are currently working on a schedule of mission projects and "fun" get togethers for the year. Current Registration forms have already been emailed to those of you that have been involved with YG, but you can always pick one a form in the office or YG bulletin board.

As the next chapter unfolds for our youth let us offer them up in prayer..... "Heavenly Father, As we send our children back to school (PreK, elementary, MS,HS and college), we trust again in your care for them. Let them see clearly that which is good and reject all evil. Bless their teachers and guide their hearts. May they learn and grow, always in your sight and under your protection. Guide them. Bless them. Pour out your loving grace to them, and protect their souls.....Amen
(excerpt from Back to School Blessing from prayerforanxiety.com)

Summer Breeze Fundraiser

Although the night was very warm it didn't deter us from having a good time. The comradery, music, food and drink made for a very enjoyable evening. The chance to be together and to raise money for the church budget is always a winning combination. Our net was approximately \$7800. We sold 105 tickets to both friends and members of WPC. There were a lot of new faces this year which was an added bonus. And it was nice to have Vanessa among us again after her absence due to maternity leave.

Our donations outpaced our ticket sales for the first time. Thank you to all who donated as sponsors. This event wouldn't be the success it is without your generosity. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, especially those who donated them back so that everyone who wanted to go could. Thanks to everyone who helped with the tables and chairs and pitched in to clean up at the end of the night. Also, thanks to the committee members who pull it all together as well as donate a lot of the essentials. And I shouldn't forget our very cute (I'm slightly prejudiced) raffle ticket salesperson, Charlotte.

The only thing that went wrong was that our host, Susan Lipp and her partner came down with covid earlier in the week and had to observe the fun from her windows. After planning much of the year for this event, it was sad she couldn't attend her own party. Thank you, Susan, for the generous use of your lovely garden for our fundraiser.

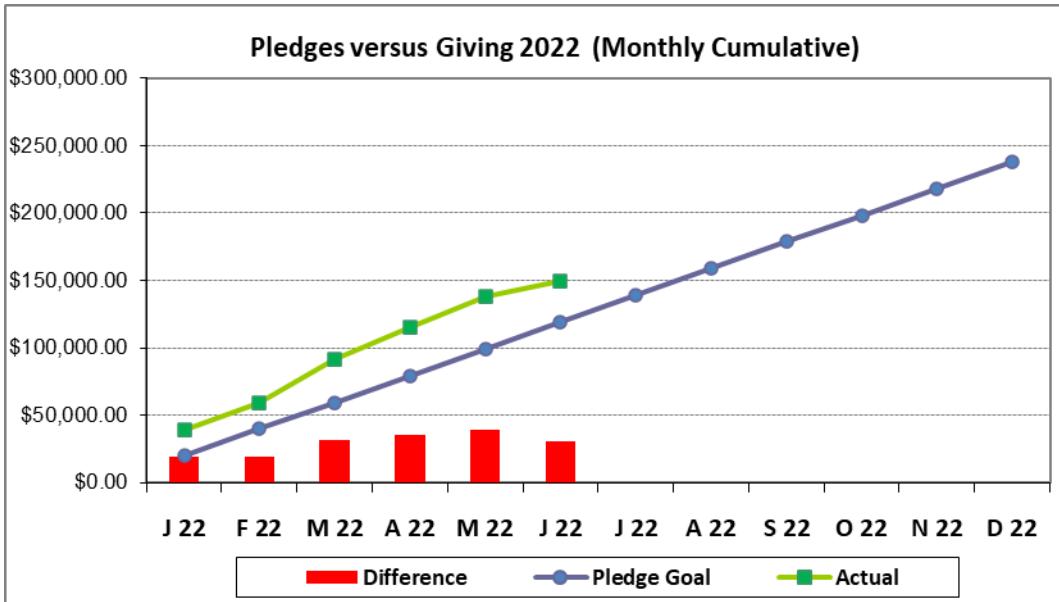
Submitted by,
Nancy Winters



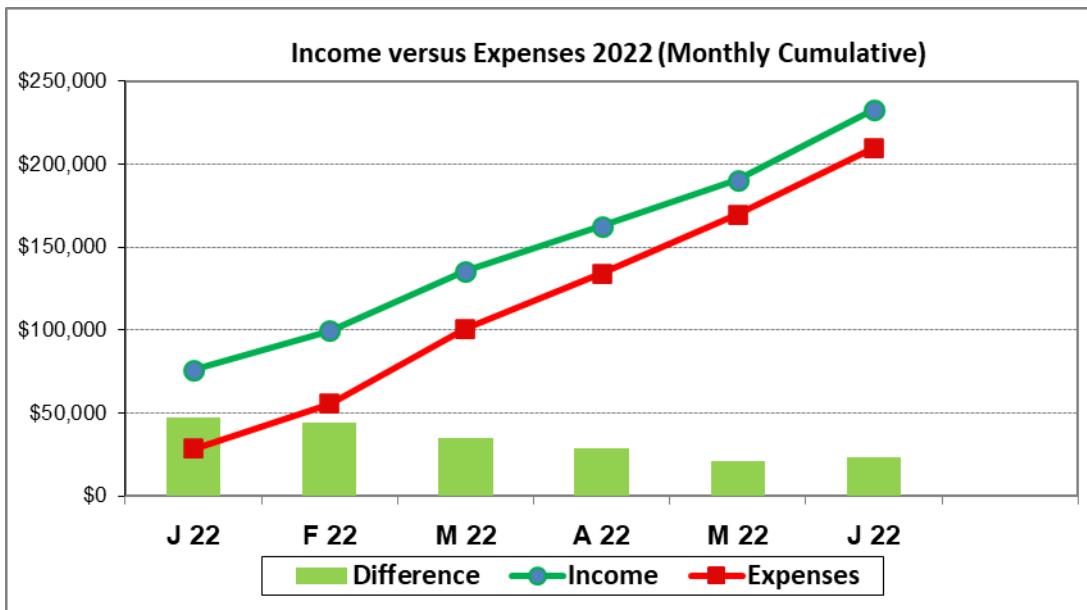
HALF YEAR FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The half year 2022 ended on a positive note for the financial health of our church.

The year-to-date pledge goal is \$119,088 and the year-to-date actual giving is \$149,613, which means we have a positive difference between goal and actual of \$30,525. This is very encouraging and very much needed to keep our church's financial health on track.

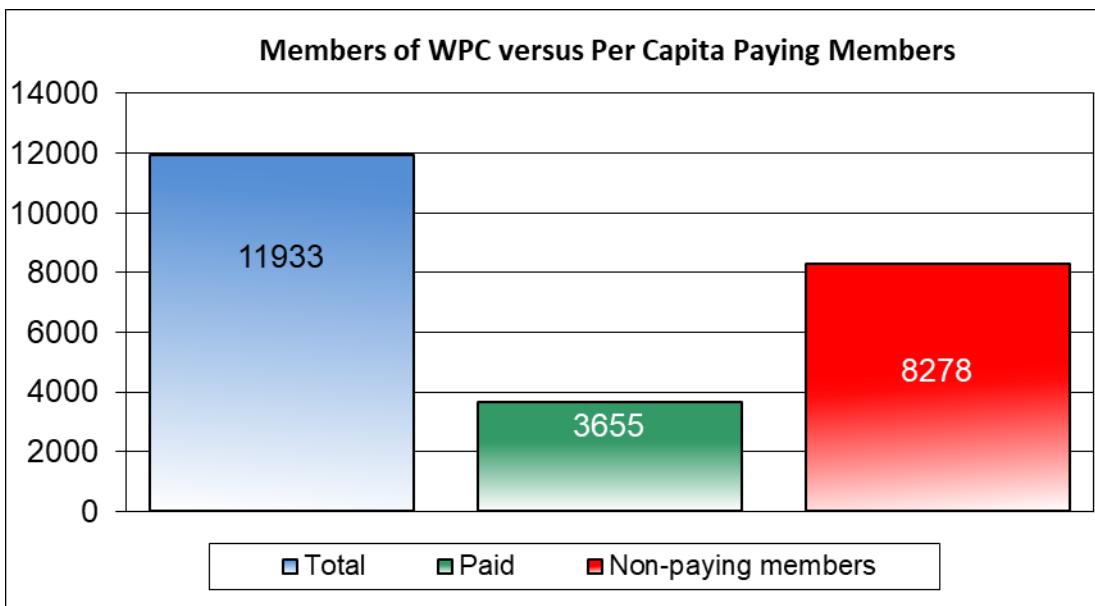


The church's half year actual income year-to-date total is now \$232,932 and expenses \$209,905, which means the year-to-date difference between income and expense to \$23,027.



Our budgeted payment to the Presbytery for 2022 is a total of \$11,933. In the 1st half our Per Capita income was \$3,655, which means our church right now would need to compensate \$8,278 for members who have not yet contributed their Per Capita. We would like to ask you for your Per Capita contribution of \$43.08, as it will greatly help our church to finance other activities. We thank you in advance !

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Mission Committee

This was a difficult summer throughout the world, with severe drought wrecking farmers' crops and war preventing food from getting to places where it is desperately needed. In Eastern African countries thousands of children are facing starvation. Even here on Long Island the demand for food aid has gone much higher than ever before, and groups like Long Island Cares struggle to keep up.

Our church offers one useful and efficient way to help in our annual CROP Walk, a multi-church effort to provide food for the desperate. Last year we raised \$2700 ourselves, and nationwide nearly \$8 million was donated by over 800 groups of walkers. Also, 25% of what we raise comes back to a local charity we name, which is the food pantry across the street at the Roman Catholic church.

This year's CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 16. Please plan to walk several miles while being sponsored, or else donate and sponsor someone else. The day is usually crisp and sunny, the atmosphere is joyous, and the walkers feel that they are helping fight worldwide hunger.

Also, please save Sunday, October 5 for a brunch following our World Communion Sunday worship. The Mission Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich meal and a time to hear about Reverend Vanessa's humanitarian travel to Honduras and her adventures into international adoption. We've all wondered what she has seen and what she has done and here's a low-key time to socialize and learn.

Stu Wood



WISHING A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO....

1	Christina & Steve Ravenhall	16	John Hull
1	Ralph Neubauer	17	Bonnie & Eric Wootten
1	Karen & Ralph Neubauer	17	Lily & George Burns
1	Jessie Fox	18	Keaton Campbell
1	Keri & Wing Shiu	18	Gary Martin
2	Rev. Ann Van Cleef	19	Kimet & Mike Hipp
3	Tracy Martin	21	Karen & Chris Andrews
4	Donna Goebel Williams	22	Stuart Wood
4	Fred Bauer	22	Mike Hipp
5	Jessica Howard	24	Nancy & Harry Miller
5	Kathy Johnson	25	Seth Stevens
5	Jane Otis	26	Holly Hubbard
6	Jessica Howard & Seamus Naughton	27	John Sprague
7	Jean Cuthbert	28	Dante Thomas Aiello
8	David Aiello	28	Traci Duke
8	Margery Gosnell-Qua	29	Bobby Fox Jr.
9	Blake Busking	29	Jeanette Smith
11	Jane Busking		
11	Grant Babis		
11	Jennifer & Andrew Schultze		
12	Margery & Bruce Qua		
13	Vern Hackworth		
13	Stephanie & Kyle Miller		
13	Jenn & Leif Neubauer		
13	Kimberly & Tommy Otis		
15	Nancy & Wes Winters		
15	Hanne & Bill Manker		
15	Susan Lipp		
16	Hannah Wagner		
16	Cindy & Robert Schneider		
16	Caroline Aslin Imber		
16	Mimi & Stu Wood		



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA: Sat. 10am –Choir Rm Sun. 12pm—Classroom Sun. 6:30pm– Choir Rm Wed. 6:30pm– Choir Rm Al-Anon: Wed. 7pm– Conf. Rm. Boy Scouts meet each Fri. 5pm				1	2	3 <i>11:30am Wedding Land's End</i>
4 <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Summer Worship Ends</i> 9am Chapel 10:15am Sanctuary 11:30am Session	5 <i>Labor Day (Office closed)</i>	6 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	7	8	9	10
11 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Reunion Sunday</i> 10am Worship 	12	13 <i>6pm Session</i>	14 <i>9:30am Mission</i> <i>9:30am Fundraising</i> <i>10:30am Staff</i> <i>12pm “Reunion” Luncheon @ Christine’s home</i>	15	16 <i>11am EEH Adult Bereavement Group</i>	17
18 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>10am Worship Sunday School</i>	19	20 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	21	22	23 <i>11am EEH Adult Bereavement Group</i>	24 <i>9am-2pm Scrap Metal Drive</i>
25 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>10am Worship</i>	26	27	28	29	30 <i>11am EEH Adult Bereavement Group</i>	

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