



# October 2022 TIDINGS



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## **A Word from your Pastor**

Dear Friends,

As with so many events, we are picking up where we left off with Covid. That means some things that have been put off are finally taking place! One of these is our brunch on World Communion Sunday following worship on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The mission committee each year asks a speaker to come and share with the congregation something that illustrates our shared love of Christ with brothers and sisters all over the world.

This year I have been invited to share my work and experiences in two different mission trips that have been generously supported by the church. The first was a trip with folks from our presbytery to Honduras as we worked with KHISH (Key Humanitarian Initiative in Southern Honduras.) The second was a more recent trip I took to Pamplona, Colombia to work with refugees fleeing from the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela. Both of these trips offered key insights into how we can work with others who look, think, pray, worship, and live differently than we do here on Long Island. They are also both opportunities where it may be possible to offer future trips for members of the congregation and community.

During my time in Honduras, teams of doctors and dental professionals went into small rural villages to offer much needed medical care to the residents there. I mainly assisted dentists as they provided important dental care to people who often had never seen a dentist before during their entire lives. We also had the opportunity to visit the government created residential project of San Orlando. This is a patch of land that was provided by the Honduran government to house people displaced by the flooding in the coastal regions of the country. While extremely poor conditions and with few occupational prospects, one spot of hope for these folks was to establish a Presbyterian Church for them. The Presbytery of Long Island helped to purchase the land needed and is still in the process of getting the necessary permits needed to start construction. What a wonderful opportunity we could have in working with a sister church in another country to allow folks to worship, and one I hope our church will continue to support.

In January I flew to the border town of Pamplona located right next to the Venezuelan border. Here I worked with On the Ground International to offer support to the refugees fleeing what the World Health Organization has labeled one of the largest humanitarian crises of the decade. This included serving food to those walking over some of the tallest mountains in the Andes and working in the various shelters that lined their travel route. This afforded an amazing opportunity to learn more about how even the wealthiest of countries can suffer, with important insights I look forward to sharing.

Are you interested in supporting future mission trips or perhaps in participating in one yourself? Please join us after worship on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to learn more about these opportunities and how they can bring us closer to Christ and to each other. On behalf of myself and the mission committee, I hope to see you all after worship on World Communion Sunday!

Many Blessings,

Rev. Vanessa



**\*Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent:** John King, home; Dean Speir, Gale Seidler’s brother; Diane F. Perry, Hamptons Center for Rehab; 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; Raymond Hann, Home; Seamus Naughton, home; Robyn DeLorenzo, Ruth Duvall’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



There will be choir rehearsals held Monday, Oct. 3rd & 17th from 6:30-8:30pm

**Fundraising Committee**

Something new from Fundraising this year is a brass etched ornament of our beloved church for sale during coffee hour for \$20. You can also order one or many using the order form and we will mail them to you. They will look great on your Christmas tree and will also make excellent gifts.

We will continue to sell them through Christmas. Stop by the table in the fellowship hall and check them out.



**CROP Walk: October 16th. See pg. 3 for details**

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**Baptisms:**

Sept. 25– *Emanuel James Winters*  
 Oct. 16—*Fiona Quin Ravenhall*

**Sympathy**

Sept. 14- *We give our deepest Christian sympathy to John Hull and his entire extended family on the passing of his father, Joseph Hull.*

**WHB High School Performance**



Free Admission! Mark your calendars to see the Westhampton Beach High School production of “*The Man Who Came to Dinner*”, by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, November 4, 5, and 6. Performances are at 7:30pm on Friday and Saturday and Sunday at 2pm. Our own Anderson Hipp, Kaitlynn Mazurkiewicz and Ryan Zollweg take part. Kimet Speed will be directing!



**The 2023 Flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board. Don’t forget to sign up!**

## World Communion Sunday October 2, 2022

Please join us on Sunday, October 2 for World Communion Sunday. We will have a very special guest after services; our own Pastor Vanessa Winters will talk about her mission trips to Honduras and Columbia. We will share a delicious soup and sandwich brunch and you will have an opportunity to learn more about our church's efforts to meet needs in impoverished areas of the world.



Pastor Vanessa and the team of dentists she worked with in the village of Las Cruces, Honduras. They provided dental care to people of all ages.

Pastor Vanessa working in an outdoor kitchen in Pamplona, Colombia to serve meals to refugees fleeing Venezuela. Almost all kitchens in this region are fully outdoors.



## CROP Walk Donations

Church World Services, the sponsor of the CROP Walk, has been around for 75 years. They have helped thousands of people in 66 countries including our own. Just this past year they resettled 1500 refugees, supported 1600 food banks, and distributed 76,000 kits including blankets, hygiene, and school supplies around the world. They were there for Haiti and its earthquake, and they are in Ukraine now.

Groups such as churches contributed \$6.5 million, of which our contribution was \$2700. Every year, 25% of what we raise comes back to us in the form of a donation to the Immaculate Conception food bank. Less than 7% of the money goes to run the organization, a very low per cent compared to many so-called charities. Your dollar is really useful!

So find a walker to fund or walk yourself, or do both. There is no better use of your charitable dollars, and there is a real feeling of satisfaction to walking in crisp fresh air for two miles. There is also a shorter walk and one longer, but most people walk with us to St. Marks and back. Remember, Sunday, October 16 after church. See Stu Wood for questions and donation forms. Stu Wood for Mission Committee



## Notes from Session

Things you may not know:

The Summer Breeze at Susan Lipp's home raised \$8005 for our budget.

Upcoming event: the sale of a tooled metal Christmas ornament for \$20 each, available at Christmas time. The scrap metal drive had brought in \$3600 even before the September drive.

There will be a Pampered Chef party Friday, October 28 at Lynne Jones' home.

The Christmas Party will be on Dec. 18 at the Kings' home.

The Santa Brunch is December 11, with Santa and Mrs. Claus likely to come.

This Sunday, October 2, will be a soup and sandwich brunch after church with Rev. Vanessa speaking on her Honduras and Colombia trips. Everyone is invited.

The CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 16. Please donate or walk or do both.

Did you also know that there are six churches on the East End that are seeking pastors? We are alone right now by coincidence. We are blessed to have Vanessa leading us, and we are also blessed that our people are keeping up with their pledges and we are still in good financial shape.

We are, however, seeking a new custodian, our Personnel committee has announced. We will miss George's friendly smile.

The manse needs a whole new septic system. Suffolk County law mandates a new type of system that does not pollute but costs \$73,000 (fortunately covered by a grant). Stu Wood



## Youth Group & Sunday School

Our welcome back breakfast to Sunday School and annual picture was a success!!! We had 17 children in attendance for registration. We met as a group PreK – HS. We took our photo, enjoyed our breakfast, and even had time for a lesson from our teachers Eloise Carter and Marie Yervasi. I think playing with the clay which was part of the lesson was the biggest hit. The Sunday School calendar for the year was emailed and handed out, it's also posted in each classroom, and on the bulletin boards. We will have Bibles to hand out to some of our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders on World Communion Sunday too.

Our teachers for the year are: Eloise Carter, Marie Yervasi, Scott & Cindy Campbell. Substitutes are Kristine Stevens & Kathy Tureski. If you are interested in being a sub, please contact me @ [whpresbyterianss@gmail.com](mailto:whpresbyterianss@gmail.com)

Rev. Vanessa and I are working on our confirmation schedule and lessons and will be starting this month. The actual class dates are listed on the Sunday School calendar too and was emailed out too. As of now we have three signed up, Anderson & Cameron Hipp and Delaney Campbell. If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older and would like to be a part of the class or here more about confirmation please contact me, or Rev. Vanessa or better yet attending our first meeting!

Youth Group will be participating with the World Communion Brunch on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are making chili and helping with the serving at the event. Still working on our calendar, lots of community service ideas, project and even some fun things. Stay tuned!

“ I hope this Fall brings you.....The courage to start fresh, Resilience to fight against the odds, Kindness that warms people's hearts, Wisdom to find the right direction, Strength to keep moving forward....”  
OurMidfulLife.com

Happy Fall...Kathy

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS



September 14, 2022 the Presbyterian Women's Reunion luncheon-meeting met with 12 ladies around the table. It was the perfect occasion to meet in the renovated conference room. Many thank you's to the Dream Clean Machine for ALL they did to present us with a new room. We will continue to use this room for our monthly meetings as well as other events.

After enjoying a very satisfying selection of main dishes Nancy Miller treated us to a dessert we had not tasted before. We all agreed it would be nice to have it again. Hint! Hint!

Discussion centered around the Oct. meeting. Please bring your appetite to partake of a choice of three (3) main dishes, salad, dessert and beverage. Make a note on your calendar for October 12th at noon in the conference room.

A card was mailed to Alix McKenzie to let her know she is not out of our thoughts even though she is many miles away.

Let me extend our appreciation to the many hands who gave our church another reason to look forward to Reunion Sunday. The choir is back in their familiar area, Sunday School children were ready to hear the message Rev. Vanessa prepared for them and some of our congregation who vacationed elsewhere were with us in the sanctuary.

There have been several calls asking about a Fall Rummage Sale. A number of reasons determined that a Rummage Sale is no longer viable. In it's place we chose to have a second Spring Community Yard Sale. More information will be made available as the new year (2023) unfolds.

Diane Perry extends thanks to all who remember her in prayer and thoughts as she copes with lingering health issues.

Please join us for coffee or tea immediately following the 10:00 am church service. If you would like to provide a baked good to accompany our Refreshment Hour it will be appreciated. You may sign up on the bulletin board by the Flower chart.

It's not too early to think ahead about Thanksgiving and family gatherings. December begins with the Christmas Tea and Bazaar. We look forward to sharing our brightened surroundings with you all. Special thanks go to the Board of Trustees for hearing all requests made in connection with changes and improvements to church facilities. They weighed the pros and cons with consideration to all parties. It was not an easy assignment and I feel we, PW, are grateful for all that has been accomplished.

This time of year brings the beauty of fall foliage and family holiday gatherings. Let us all take time to remember so many who have lost so much to devastating acts of nature and war.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the PW,  
Marjorie Beckwith





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



1	Chelsey [Carter] and Daniel Collins	23	Grace Jackson [Neubauer]
1	Joey and Jason Cole	23	Jenny and John Gillin
2	Ryan Campbell	24	Paul Sulzinski
2	Kayla Coffey	24	Andrew Schultze
3	Judy Sartorius	26	Christian Tureski
4	Alexandra Carrick	26	Rich Schneider
6	Eleanor Hoyt	27	Oliver Fiore
6	Abigail Levitt	28	Heather Wootten
6	Katrina Hering	28	Lena Mae Fox
7	Amee and Frank Mazurkiewicz	29	Melanie Bass
8	Eloise and Keith Carter	29	Joseph Nemeth
9	Andrea Lohneiss	30	Jennifer Schultze
10	Christin Niebanck Heath	30	Jim and Sissy Sperber
10	Gale and Pete Seidler	30	Bobby Patterson
11	Ashton Lundborg	31	Rev. Jeanne Baum
12	Alyssa Klepper	31	Jack Quinlan
12	Joanna [Howard] & Alan Feuer		
12	Gabriella Mazariegos		
12	Mimi Wood		
12	Meredith Imber		
13	Sarajane Giere		
15	Tyler Chattaway		
17	Terri Bauer		
17	Emily Bak		
17	Dottie Evans		
19	Alison and Geoffrey Strong		
20	Phillip Jornitz		
20	Wes Winters Jr.		
20	Judy Sprague		
21	Mary Hoch		
21	Inda Styrzo-Lawson		
22	Cynthia and Scott Campbell		



# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 17th Sunday after Pentecost  World Communion Brunch 10am Worship Sunday School	3  6:30-8:30pm Choir rehearsal	4  7pm Deacons	5  5:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement Group	6	7  11am EEH Adult Bereavement Group	8
9 18th Sunday after Pentecost  10am Worship	10 Columbus Day (Office Closed)	11  6pm Session	12  9:30am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW "Tailored" Luncheon meeting 5:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement Group	13	14  11am EEH Adult Bereavement Group	15
16 19th Sunday after Pentecost  10am Worship Sunday School Baptism CROPWalk	17  6:30-8:30pm Choir rehearsal	18  7pm Trustees	19  5:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement Group	20	21  11am EEH Adult Bereavement Group	22
23 20th Sunday after Pentecost  10am Worship	24	25	26  5:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement Group	27	28 7pm Pampered Chef @ Lynne's  11am EEH Adult Bereavement Group	29
30 21st Sunday after Pentecost  10am Worship Sunday School	31  Halloween					
				<b>AA:</b> Sat. 10am –Choir Rm Sun. 12pm—Classroom Sun. 6:30pm– Choir Rm Wed. 6:30pm– Choir Rm  Boy Scouts meet each Fri. 5pm		

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***Your issue of the October Tidings***



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