



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 2023

A Word from the Pastor

Our Lenten journey is almost over. We will travel to the upper room for communion on Maundy Thursday with Jesus and his disciples. We will walk with Jesus to the cross on Good Friday and hear Jesus' last words. And on Easter we will travel to the empty tomb to hear about the group of women who traveled there early on the first day of the week. We will hear the angels tell them, "He is not here, but has risen" (Luke 24:6).

But even once Easter Sunday is over, we need to remember that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is celebrated every Sunday when we come together to receive the message of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus, we hear about the forgiveness of God and the certainty of eternal life. We live out Easter every day when we trust in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is the "resurrection and the life" (John 11:25) for us. Similar to the women at the empty tomb and the disciples, we are every day witnesses and participants in Jesus' resurrection. We believe and are baptized. We have the hope of eternal life. We have the joy of the resurrection inside us.

What do we do when we go forth from that empty tomb? Let's look at the first witnesses. After the angels speak to Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary mother of James, and the other women, Luke tells us that "they remembered the words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest (Luke 24:8-9). Basically, they went out. and were witnesses to what happened. They were not powerful religious leaders or important people in their communities, they were just everyday people. Like us.

And where do we go from that empty tomb? Well, what did the witnesses do? After Jesus walked through locked doors and appears to the disciples and shows himself to Thomas, seven of the disciples went back to fishing. They went back to their vocations and lives bringing the witness of the resurrection with them. They lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while living their regular lives.

Similar to the women at the tomb and the disciples, we also have vocations that God has given us. Most of us may not be fishermen, but all of us have callings. Some of them may include: father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of duties and responsibilities. As Christian people, we acknowledge that our daily duties and responsibilities of life should be coupled with the joy, peace, love, and forgiveness of Christ.

We, as Christians, are Easter people. We celebrate the holiday as an important part of our church liturgical year, but we also remember the spirit of this celebration throughout. Each time we show God's love, compassion, and forgiveness to others, we acknowledge the joy of Easter, the power of the resurrection and the promise that God has made to us in Jesus. Easter people do not need to be flashy or powerful or wealthy, they just need to be faithful. So let's go forth and be faithful, in our worship, in our daily lives, in our world.

With many Easter blessings,
Rev. Vanessa Winters



Prayer Concerns

Recent: Dean Alonso, diagnosed with cancer, friend of the Jornitz Family; Byron Preston, home, friend of the church; Helen Fitzsimons; Joyce Reaver; broken femur; Kevin Fitzgerald; Marjorie Ridgway, home; Seamus Naughton, home; Kimberly Rogers Murawski

Long Term: Dean Speir, Gale Seidler's brother; Dottie Evans, Westhampton Care Center; Ralph Downs, Florida; Phyllis Styrzo, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller; Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Ellen Pfaff; Rev. John Kloepfer, home; Jay Sears

Men's Fellowship Group:

Join us on Thursday, April 6th at 10am in the conference room. There will be a presentation by our fellow congregant Raymond Hann. All members and friends are welcome.

Presbyterian Women's April Meeting:

Wednesday, April 12th at noon
"Bring Your Favorite Sandwich"
Homemade soup will be served!
More details on page 4.

Save the Date!

Spring Dinner Fundraiser
Sunday, April 30th at 5pm
More details to follow!



Memorial Scholarships

Applications are now available for eligible high school seniors and college level students who will be attending an accredited academic or vocational institution in the fall. Applicants should be members in good standing of the WPC and provide documentation of fall semester attendance. Applications are available in the church office or by contacting Ellen Campbell at ecampbell18@optonline.net. Applications, along with personal statements and documentation must be received at the church office or at the above email address by June 5th.

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.

Church Family News

Memorial Services:

March 25th at 1pm—Gene L. May

Deaths:

Feb. 13th—Anne Mott (Wittmer)

March 3rd: Sarita Comyns, Mary Hull's mother

Presbyterian Walkers



Hike with Janet on April 15th! See her article on page 3 for details.

Community



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



Palm Sunday, April 2:
10AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 6:
**7PM Communion & Tenebrae Service at the
Quogue Chapel**

Good Friday Service, April 7:
**12-3PM Ecumenical Service at Beach Methodist
Church**

Easter Sunday, April 9:
**6:15AM Sunrise Service: Swordfish Beach Club
245 Dune Rd. Westhampton Beach**
**10AM Service in the Sanctuary accompanied by the
Long Island Brass Guild**
11AM Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt

PRESBYTRIAN WALKERS



Let's hike close to Westhampton and sign up for walk in Flanders to Penny Pond on April 15th. This is a 2 ½ mile walk in the woods on the Paumanok Path to the Southampton Trails Blue Owl Trail which circumvents Penny Pond. It is an easy flat walk approximately 2 hours. We will start at 9 am at the Paumanok Path entrance along Red Creek Road in Flanders. It is a little ways north from the gated entrance to Hubbard County Park on Red Creek Road. Wear light color pants and tuck them in your socks, comfortable shoes or hiking boots, hat, sunglasses and sun screen. Bring water. Rain date, April 22nd. To sign up and info or questions see Janet Hann in coffee hour or call Janet at H# 631-288-6884 or C#631-871-7240.

PW Spring News

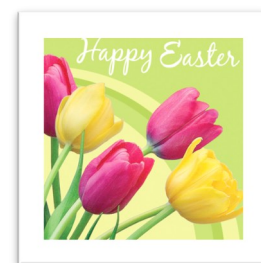
“Taste and See the Lord is Good.” We did just that at noon, Wed., March 8, 2023 when P.W. joined together for lunch and meeting. We chose our church cookbook as an inspiration for what would be served. The idea for the book blossomed in 2010, was enthusiastically received and answered. One year to the day in 2011 the cookbook was in our hands. Ready to be offered for sale. There is no way to thank all who made it the huge success it was. Four of us saw it to the end and more than three enjoyed the delicious menu presented on March 8th. (Did we have a “Tasting” before selling the book?)

Gale Seidler presented the Treasurer’s Report. Thank you for all the unseen and unknown hours Gale puts into the coming and going of our funds.

Janet spoke of the dire needs of the people of Ukraine and Turkey as well as those forced to leave their homes due to atmospheric conditions. We will hear a Minute for Mission on this issue soon.

We discussed resuming our donation to the operating budget of WPC. It was brought to an abrupt halt by the pandemic as more than one of the P.W. fundraisers. After discussing what we could do in 2023 we settled on a donation of \$2,000.

Join us on Wednesday, April 12th at noon in the conference room for a “Bring Your Favorite Sandwich” Luncheon Meeting. Homemade soup, dessert, coffee and tea will be provided. Let us all look forward to the Easter Season with open hearts and prayers.



Submitted on behalf of the Presbyterian Women
Marjorie Beckwith

PW Spring News Part 2

Westhampton Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the second annual Community Yard/Craft Sale on Saturday May 27th. We have moved the hours to be from 9am - 1 pm. Set up will be at 7 am. Rain date will be on Saturday June 10th. The format will be the same as last year with the participant renting two parking spaces for \$30 before May 6th, \$50 after May 6th. Vendors will be responsible for setting up, selling their own goods and cleaning up their space. Our church will sell some of their own things as well as baked goods and coffee. This year we are welcoming art and craft vendors. For more information or to make a reservation contact Christine Haddad 631-653-4652 or email christinernx33@gmail.com. If you would like to bake for the bake sale contact Eloise Carter

Christine Haddad

Ushering in the New Year

Hebrews 13:2 “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Our Ushers play an important role in the weekly worship service. With a friendly smile and a warm hello, they are the first people to greet both regular members and strangers upon entering our church, helping all to feel welcome and included. As an Usher, one’s main job includes the greeting, passing out bulletins, collecting the offering and assisting with coffee hour. Some other tasks are lighting the candles, recording the number of people in attendance, and ringing the bell. For anyone interested in Ushering, a more complete guideline is available and may be found in the back of the sanctuary. In addition, any of the Deacons would be glad to offer an in-service training. If you’ve never ushered before, a great way to start is by signing up with someone who has. Ushering is always done in pairs. You will not be alone! So please consider signing up to Usher in this new year. It’s a win win. Ushers offer an essential service to the congregation while getting an opportunity to become more familiar with their church family, and may even get to “entertain an angel without knowing it”.

Thanks in advance from your Deacons!

Youth Ministry

“Spring’s first heartbeat honors winter’s last breath.....”

Well, that went fast! I can’t believe that another month has come to an end. We received one more donation from our Souper Bowl of Caring drive and were able to donate \$100 dollars in grocery cards to the Deacons, since we had already given the food pantry \$650 in cards last month. Again, thank you to everyone who supported our mission project.

We celebrated our Scouts on Sunday March 12th. We had 6 scouts in attendance and shared during the Children’s message how Scouting is a lot like charter education. Giving youth the opportunity to become good citizens and learn lifelong skills.

As I write this, we have several youths participating in the production of Mama Mia at WHBHS. Reviews will come next month!!!!

April brings the annual Easter Egg Hunt following the Sunday Easter service at 11:00 am on our “great lawn!” Bring your basket/bag to collect some colorful eggs!

It’s never too early to start looking, but we will be in need of a Sunday School teacher or two come September. Also, if there is any interest we’d like to try and have Vacation Bible School this summer. It will be held the last week of July when Sunshine Academy is closed. It would run from 9:00 – 11:30 am. I have received two interested people to help, but we would still need a few more to run. Message me or speak to me if you are interested in helping to run the program, AND if you’re interested in sending your child. We need to know if there is an interest in having Vacation Bible School!!! Contact: whpresbyterianss@gmail.com

I love Springtime! It’s the land awaking, daffodils and crocuses blooming in the last of winter. It’s the reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.

Happy Spring!

Kathy

We Need Addresses

Our church has a number of members that we can’t find at all— we haven’t seen them in years, and we don’t have addresses for them. We are trying to update our list of actual members (those who attend and/or support us), and we would like to contact these people. Would you please help us? If you know a way to contact any of these members, please let the office or Stu Wood, Christine Haddad or Diane Perry know.

Ms. Margaret Gargiulo Banfi, Ms. Dierdre Barca, Mr. Brian Hanson, Mr. Cameron Dowling, Mr. Connor Dowling, Mr. James Fink, Ms. Hayley Fink, Ms. Robyn Martin, Ms. Carey Speer, and Ms. Marcella Weiss.

Minute For Mission Speaker – Nadia Ernestus



Nadia will be speaking about a group of private people who are collecting crutches, walkers and canes to ship directly to Ukrainian people on Sunday, April 23. Our oversupply of medical equipment in the Deacon closet will be donated. Also, specific first aid and personal items are needed. Donations can be made on their non-profit website at <https://www.gethelpua.com> to offset their shipping cost. Please visit the table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour for additional information.

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 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Holy Week</i> <i>Begins</i> 10am Worship	3	4 7pm Deacons	5 5:15pm E.E.H. Children's Be- reavement Group	6 10am Men's Group 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at the Chapel 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	7 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 12-3pm Ecumenical Ser- vice Beach Methodist Church	8
9 <i>Easter Day</i> 6:15am Sunrise Service Swordfish Beach Club 10am Worship 11am Children's Easter Egg Hunt LI Brass Guild OGHS	10	11 11:30am- 2:30pm E.E.H. Community Event- P.H. 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement 5:15pm M&W 6pm Session	12 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW Luncheon 5:15pm E.E.H. Children's Be- reavement Group	13 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	14	15 9am Hike with Janet Hann
16 <i>2nd Sunday of</i> <i>Easter</i> 10am Worship 1:30pm LI Brass Fundraising Event for EEH	17	18 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement 7pm Trustees	19 5:15pm E.E.H. Children's Be- reavement Group	20 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	21 10am-12pm E.E.H. Adult Group	22 <i>Earth Day</i>
23 <i>3rd Sunday of</i> <i>Easter</i> 10am Worship New Member Recognition	24	25 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	26 3-5pm E.E.H. Gala Meeting 5:15pm E.E.H. Children's Be- reavement Group	27	28	29
30 <i>4th Sunday of</i> <i>Easter</i> 10am Worship 5pm <i>Spring Dinner</i>					<u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am -Choir Rm Sun. 12pm—Conference Rm Sun. 6:30pm- Parish Hall Wed. 6:30pm- Parish Hall Boy Scouts meet each Fri. 5pm	

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Your issue of the April Tidings



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