



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2023

A Word from your Pastor

Now that the excitement of Easter is over and we are headed toward summer, some of you may be wondering—what next? We have just celebrated Jesus' resurrection which is the ultimate reminder that God loves us. If Jesus the Christ was able to overcome death for us, then God must love us. And if God loves us, then God is still concerned about us today. This is all great news, and I'm sure most of you have heard it before.

Some of you have spent a lot of time in church over the past few weeks—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the sunrise and regular services on Easter Sunday. You've heard this good news of death and resurrection of Jesus and you understand what it means for you today, in the near future, and forever. This is all amazing and important, but it doesn't quite answer the question of what we do with all of this faith that we've so freshly gained. Do we hide it under a bush? Oh no! It's our time to shine.

As someone who has spent most of their life so far benefiting from Christian fellowship—keep coming to church. In fact, make it a priority. Find a group within the church that is interesting to you either because you are interested in what they're doing or you just like the people, maybe both! It could be the Presbyterian Women, the Men's Group, the crafters, or just baking something for Sunday morning. Maybe you're actually interested in serving on one of our boards or you have a new idea you want to try out. Whatever it is, find something to do with people from church outside of Sunday morning where you can develop friendships that are centered on our mutual faith in Jesus Christ and that allows you to use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus to other people.

And of course, invite people to church. Maybe you think it will be awkward or you don't want to offend someone, but chances are—if they're a friend of yours, they probably won't be surprised. If you're waiting for the invitation to go out and bring others to this place you find meaningful, this is it. We have many upcoming opportunities that are not just Sunday worship. Bring them to our spring ham dinner, bring them to the church picnic for some ice cream, bring them on a Wednesday afternoon to have lunch with the PW. It's not all that awkward to simply say: "I'd like for you to come to church with me." And let us (the church) do the rest. Most of the time we'll even provide drinks and some snacks.

I hope that all of you felt blessed by our contemplative journey through Lent and the events of Holy week. I hope that you are able to bring the joy and newness of this season into your life. I hope in some small way this has caused you to think about what comes after Easter, when the real work begins.

With Springtime Blessings,
Rev. Vanessa Winters



Prayer Concerns:

Recent: **Amanda Walters**, diagnosed with cancer, friend of Karen Derryberry; **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

Men's Fellowship Group

We would like to thank Raymond Hann on his presentation featuring his award-winning Duck Carvings at our last gathering on Thursday, April 6th. Whether you are a friend or member of the church, we welcome you to join us on Thursday, May 4th at 10am in the conference room. Coffee and goodies will be available.



PW "Ladies Lunch Outing", May 10th at noon, see page 3 for more details.

Community Yard/Craft Sale! Vendors Wanted! Saturday, May 27th 9am-1pm. See page 4 for details.



We are looking for interested children, youth and adults (help teach!) to attend a Vacation Bible School this summer. Bring your friends too! It would be held the last week of July 24th-28th from 9-11:30 am. Please drop a note to Kathy @ whpresbyterianss@gmail.com if interested, or sign up on the youth bulletin board in the parish hall.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser

It's time for our Annual Spring Pampered Chef fundraiser! Purchase gifts for weddings, grads, or stock up your own kitchen! 10-15% of party sales will be donated back to WPC! Use this link to order - <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/wpcspring23>

Reach out to Jenny Gillin with any questions 631-682-0265 jennygillinpc@gmail.com

Church Family News

Deaths

April 12: *Jay Sears*

Welcome our new Members!

Leandro & Mariko Picardo
Joy Sobhani
Leigh Wanamaker



Presbyterian Walkers & Friends! May 20th: Red Creek Park to Camp Tekakwitha

(See page 4 for more details!)

We will miss you ♥

Please see page 5 for a Farewell from Christina and Steve Ravenhall.

Christian Ed/Youth

Springtime, the season of rebirth! Our calendar will be full next month as we have lots of things going on!

We hope everyone had a very Happy Easter and we know the kids had a wonderful time at the annual Easter Egg hunt on Easter morning. I hope all enjoyed the goodies inside the eggs this year! If you'd like to recycle the eggs, please drop them off at the church.

Youth Sunday is right around the corner on Sunday, May 7th. Please join us and see the children lead us in worship for the day. Our theme centers around Shel Silverstein's book *The Giving Tree*. We also will hear some of the youth share their musical talents. It's a day not to be missed!

Our confirmation class will be ending and Delaney, Anderson and Cameron will make the choice to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. Another Sunday not to be missed!

We are looking for commitments from those of you that are interested in attending VBS and volunteering your time to help the last week of July 24th -28th from 9am to 11:30am. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board or drop an email to Kathy @ whpresbyterianss@gmail.com.

We are also planning a trip to the Sayville Labyrinth. Watch for details in the bulletin or on the youth bulletin board.

Kathy



Notes from the P.W.

Our April meeting commenced with a "Bring Your Favorite Sandwich" themed luncheon which was accompanied by a delicious homemade vegetable soup courtesy of Christine Haddad. We also enjoyed a surprise birthday cake for Marjorie Beckwith! Happy Birthday!

We look forward to seeing you for our May "Ladies Who Lunch" meeting set for Wednesday, May 10th at noon to Mary's Pizza in Speonk. We will be ordering from their regular menu. Always good to share a meal together. Please see Cheryl Van Tuyle if you plan to attend, we would like to let the restaurant know ahead of time.

Community Yard/ Craft Sale

Don't forget the second annual Community Yard/Craft Sale on Saturday May 27th sponsored by the PW. This year we are welcoming art and craft vendors. New hours this year will be 9 am - 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. Last day for reserving a space is May 21st. 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. If you would like to bake contact Eloise Carter. Applications are in the office. Contact Christine Haddad 631-653-4652 or email christinernx33@gmail.com if you have questions or want an application emailed to you. Your filled out, signed application with a check made out to "Presbyterian Women" will guarantee you a space. We hope that you can join us either as a vendor or a shopper.

Presbyterian Walkers & Friends

Our next hike will be May 20, 2023 from Red Creek Park to Camp Tekakwitha in Squiretown Park, Hampton Bays. This hike will be about 2 ½ hrs/4.5 mi walk with some hills through the woods to the views of Peconic Bay with a little beach walk. Wear light color pants and tuck them in your socks. Spray for ticks. Also, wear hiking boots or walking shoes and dress for the weather. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot by the basketball courts located at Red Creek Park 102 Old Riverhead Road, Hampton Bays. Or meet at the WPC parking lot at 8:20 am to carpool. For info contact Janet at H#631-288-6884 or C#631-871-7240.



WHB Middle School Play: "Curtains"

By Craig Sodaro will be put on at the WHB District Auditorium on May 5th and 6th at 7pm and on May 7th at 2pm.

It is the story of Charlie Leach and his new bride who have a week to pay off loan shark Tony Tenor. Comedy ensues!

Cameron Hipp acts, Kimet Speed directs, Pat Speed alters costumes, Anderson Hipp and Kaitlyn Mazurkiewicz assist.

Admission is FREE!



Annual Church Picnic!

Save the date for our annual church picnic on Sunday, June 11 immediately following worship. Join us on the back field to enjoy an afternoon filled with fun and fellowship as we celebrate the start of summer! We will be grilling up hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as providing cold water, soda, and juice. Children's games and activities are planned along with some special surprises!

A sign-up sheet is located in the parish hall. Please let us know you'll be joining in and sign up to bring a side dish, fruit bowl or dessert to accompany our spread.

Also, volunteers are needed for set-up, working the grill and clean-up. Any help you might be able to provide is greatly appreciated. We are always in need of those with trucks to help transport tables, chairs, buckets, and coolers to the back field. Hope to see you there!!

Farewell Ravenhall's

Dear Board Members and Fellow Presbyterians,

It is with great sadness that I am writing to request that you move the remaining Ravenhall members from your active roster and place us on your "friends" list. Matt and Gigi now reside in Maine, and Steve and I are moving to Ludlow, Massachusetts.

Words cannot adequately express what the fellowship at Westhampton Presbyterian Church has meant to us. We will always appreciate the love and support we have received from our WPC family. WPC has been an important and integral part of our lives for decades, and we will miss you all terribly. The many, many fond memories that we take with us will provide solace.

Love,
Christina

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.

Online Church Directory

Be sure to check out the Church Directory online at,
<https://www.servantkeeper.com/directory/westhampton-presbyterian-church/>
Access code: WHPCChurch90



Member Portal

If you have not uploaded a photo for the directory, please follow this link to do so: <https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/westhampton-presbyterian-church> **You will set your own password to access the member portal.

Mission Committee: A Thank You Letter from Father's House in Ukraine

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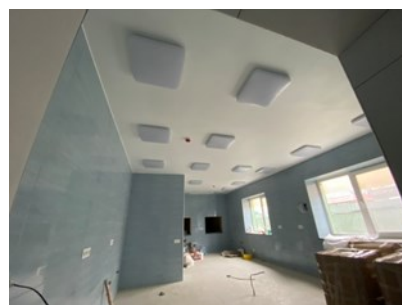
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To Westhampton Presbyterian church
New York, USA

We would like to thank you for your attention to “Otchiy Dim”/Father’s House and the needs of the ministry. We have received your generous donation and prayer support with members of your church.

Thanks to your donation “Otchiy Dim” was able to become one step closer to creating deserving living conditions for the fatherless children who will soon come back to Ukraine to live in the newly restored house with better living conditions. And in the meantime, the house will serve Internally Displaced Persons from all over Ukraine, who have lost their homes due to war and are seeking hope for a new future.

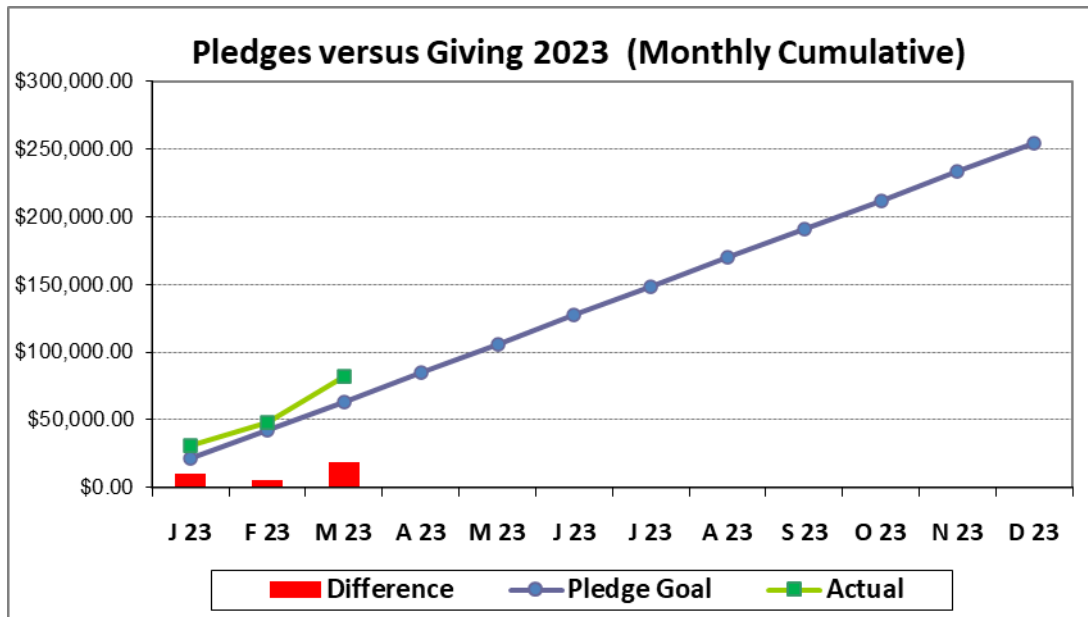
Thank you for supporting “Otchiy Dim”, a ministry that serves many children who were deprived of parental care and implements many directions of service to those in need.



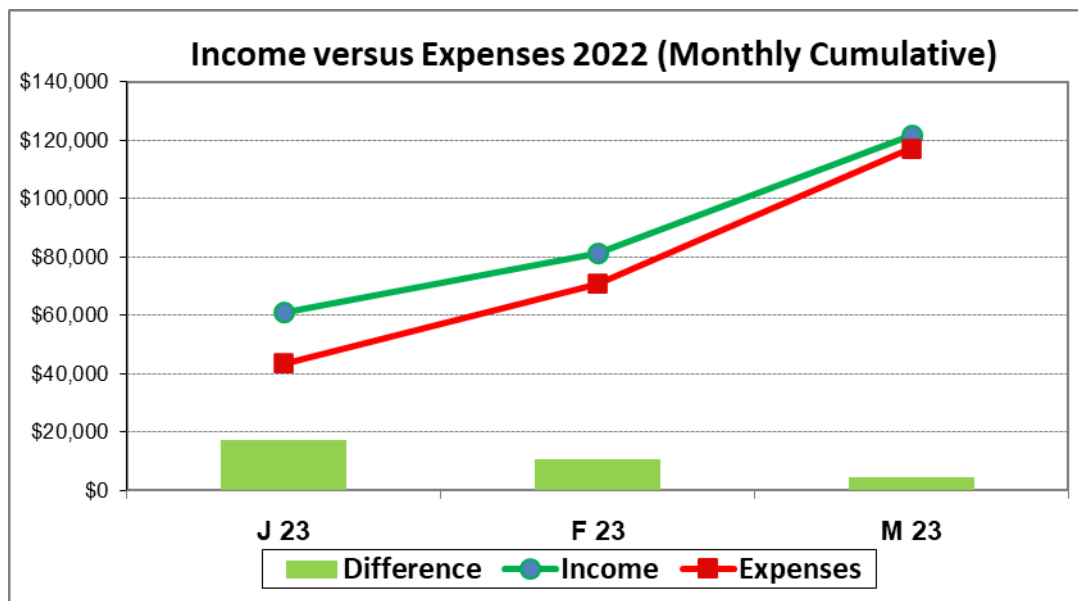
With a prayer for you,
Acting director of the Head of the Board
Alina OKSENENKO

1st QUARTER 2023 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

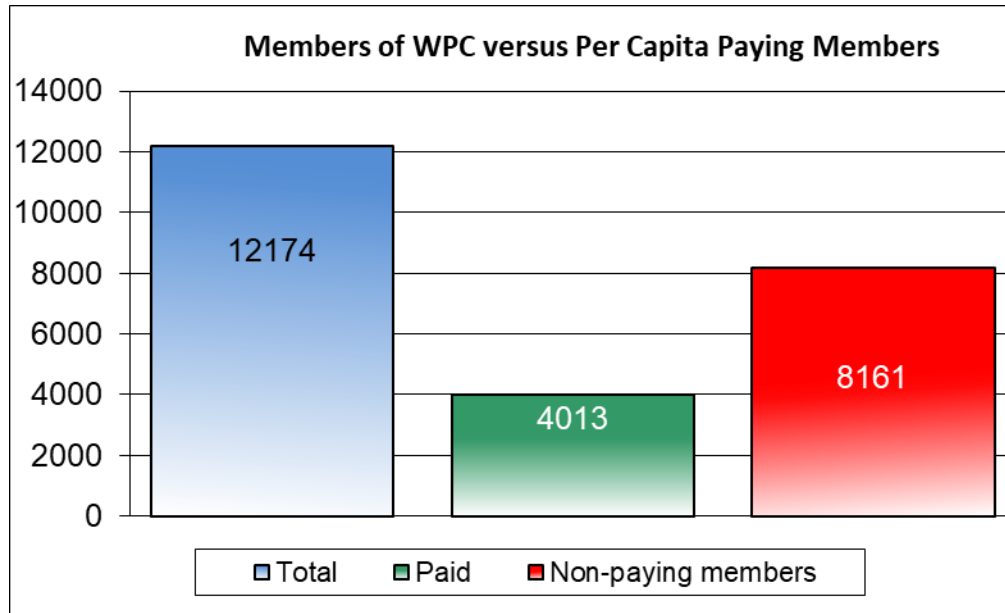
The 1st quarter 2023 ended on a positive note for the financial health of our church. The year-to-date pledge goal is \$63,657 and the year-to-date actual giving is \$82,423, which means we have a positive difference between goal and actual of \$18,766. This is very encouraging and very much needed to keep our church's financial health on track.



The church's 1st quarter actual income year-to-date total is now \$121,910 and expenses \$117,170, which means the year-to-date difference between income and expense to \$4,740.



Our budgeted payment to the Presbytery for 2023 is a total of \$12,174. In the 1st quarter our Per Capita income was \$4,013, which means our church right now would need to compensate \$8,161 for members who have not yet contributed their Per Capita. We would like to ask you for your Per Capita contribution of \$43.95, as it will greatly help our church to finance other activities. We thank you in advance !



Our church is blessed by your contributions, your support and all the volunteers who add to our financial stability. Hereby, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all you !

Respectfully submitted, Your Finance Committee

**BY GIVING TO THE
PENTECOST OFFERING**
you're supporting ministries
that unite young people and
inspire them to share their
faith in Christ.





Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

1	Griffin Neubauer	23	Elizabeth Shane
1	Tony Thompson	23	Bob Bebon
1	Madison Mosher	24	Miriam Neubauer
2	Chloe Mosher	25	Kathy Frevert
3	Jean Seyfert	27	Alex Williams
4	Bob Fox	29	Joshua Carrick
4	Allison Worthington	29	Alice Schultze
6	Barbara Rempe	29	Elizabeth Shane and Lou Pizzarello
6	Erin and Andrew Lynch	29	Lenny Rempe
7	David Glover	29	Lynda and Ralph Confessore
7	Barbara Danowski	30	Wesley Winters
8	Gini and Bryan Wagner	30	Jessica and David Aiello
10	Nancy Miller	30	Ellen Brenner
10	Anthony Danowski	31	Dave Derryberry
12	Bob Tureski	31	Anjele Kalfayan
14	Cameron Hipp		
14	Henry Holliday		
15	Eleanor Imber		
16	Griffin Wagner		
17	Terri and Fred Bauer		
17	Kristina Napolitano		
18	Kathy Dayton		
18	Jessica Aiello		
20	Alexandra David		
21	Laura Schultz		

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement 7pm Deacons	3	4 Nat. Day of Prayer 10am Men's Group 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	5	6 1:30pm Gardner Post Memorial Service
7 5th Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday Youth Trip to Labyrinth 10am Worship	8	9 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement 5:15pm M&W 6pm Session Dinner	10 9:15am Mis- sion 10:30am Staff 12pm PW Lunch Outing to Mary's Piz- za 2pm Preschool setup in P.H.	11 9am Preschool Mother's Day Event-P.H. 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	12	13
14 6th Sunday of Easter 10am Worship Mother's Day	15	16 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement 7pm Trustees	17	18 Ascension of the Lord 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	19	20 9am Hike with Janet
21 7th Sunday of Easter 10am Worship	22	23 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	24	25 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	26	27 9am-1pm Community Yard Sale
28 Day of Pentecost 10am Worship Memorial Sun- day Confirmation Pentecost	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 2-3:30pm E.E.H. Adult Bereavement	31			

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Your issue of the May Tidings

*Faithfully Friendly For All – Always
Welcome . Include . Involve*