



# October 2023 TIDINGS



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

## **A Word from your Pastor**

We hear from Jesus: “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10) In this time of autumn, we often think of falling leaves, cooler weather, and the harvest. This can be a wonderful analogy for us as to how we are responsible for making the most of our time on earth, cultivating that which we hope to receive.

Farmers plant, water, fertilize and harvest crops, but they do not create the life that produces them. Life comes from God. The farmers are only managing and optimizing the properties and processes of life that God has engineered in our crops. Smart and wise farmers know what type of soil is best, what type of fertilizer to use, how much water to give to each particular plant. Anyone who has a garden knows that plants need to be nurtured with care and attention in order to generate the best and most productive harvests.

It is the same for us. We were all created by a loving God to thrive and flourish. Our task is to manage and optimize our lives so that we can experience the abundant life that Jesus talks about in John 10:10. We have so much rich soil in our lives and in this church. Family, friends, relationships within the church, fellowship, opportunities to learn. We have the water of God’s teachings, love, forgiveness, salvation, and grace. We have the fertilizer of wholesome and nourishing food to sustain our bodies and spirits.

But it is up to us to cultivate our lives—both the everyday and our lives of faith. How do we go about that?

We can water our faith through prayer, worship, scripture, generosity, love and service.

We can tend the soil of our relationships by loving our families, neighbors, church community, and praying for those who we may not like so much.

We can optimize our physical health by carefully choosing what we eat, moving our bodies, and getting enough sleep.

We can nourish our knowledge and wisdom through education, reading, exploring and continuing to learn.

Farmers are able to have successful harvests because they care for their crops in ways that God created attempting to help them grow to reach their fullest potential. God has also given us ways for us to care for ourselves so that we can enjoy the abundant life that Jesus has promised to us.

In this time of carving pumpkins, raking leaves, and enjoying the sweaters we have pulled out of the attic, think about the ways you can cultivate your own greatest project—YOU. God has created you to not just survive, but to flourish and enjoy this beautiful and bountiful creation. I pray that it may be a plentiful harvest.

Blessings,

Rev. Vanessa Winters



**\*Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent:** Terry Heffernan(chemo), friend of Mimi & Stu Wood; **Bob & Kathy Tureski** (comfort after the passing of Bob's Uncle Raymond); **Inda Lawson**, Diane Perry's niece; **Jane Busking; Vita Collery**, cancer, cousin of Karen Derryberry; **Ralph Neubauer; Amanda Walters**, cancer, friend of Karen Derryberry; **Helen Fitzsimons; Kevin Fitzgerald; Marjorie Ridgway**, home; **Seamus Naughton**, home;

**Long Term:** **Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dean Speir**, Gale Seidler's brother; **Ralph Downs**, Florida; **Phyllis Styrzo**, Hamptons Center for Rehab; **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller; **Chelsey Carter Collins**, Hamptons Center for Rehab; **Ellen Pfaff; Dottie Evans**



The Trustees would like to give a big Thank You to Price Rite Painting for donating their time and services cleaning and power washing our Memorial Garden! They will also continue this generosity every year.



**Sunday, October 1st after worship**

**World Communion Brunch with guest speaker Nadia Ernestus!**

**CROP Walk: October 15th after worship (see pg. 3 for details)**

## Fundraising Committee

By the time you read this Tidings, the Scrap Metal Drive will be over but Tom Rogers and his mighty band of helpers will continue to collect scrap metal and raise funds for our budget. Please support the church by donating your unwanted metal objects to the church. It's amazing what can be done if we all just make a little effort to redirect our "junk"!

The Fundraising Committee has plans for multiple events in the coming months. The first is the Pampered Chef Party at Lynne Jones home on November 3 at 6:30pm. This is always a fun night with food, fellowship and laughs. Jenny Gillin and her able assistant Charlotte run the show!

The Santa Brunch will be on December 10 following the Childrens Pageant. The whole morning is always delightful.

The Christmas Cocktail Party will be at the home of Elizabeth Shane and Lou Pizzarello on Saturday December 16. Elizabeth and Lou are wonderful hosts and we are grateful they have offered to host us again.

Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the events.

Happy Fall Everyone!

### Pampered Chef Fundraiser

It's time for our semi annual Pampered Chef Fundraiser!!

Come have some fun, see a demonstration and sample a delicious recipe or 2!

Our in person party will take place at the home of Lynne Jones - 4 Farm Lane in Westhampton on Friday Nov 3 at 630pm. Please let Lynne, Erika or Jenny know if you can make it in person!

Can't make it to the party but still want to place an order? Use this link ! <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/wpc2023> 10-15% of party sales will be donated!! The link is open NOW! Think holiday entertaining, Christmas gifts, or just stock up on what you need!

Any questions reach out to Jenny Gillin - [jennygillinpc@gmail.com](mailto:jennygillinpc@gmail.com) or 631-682-0265.



## World Communion Sunday October 1, 2023

Please join us on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Mission Committee is hosting a brunch following the service for Worldwide Communion Sunday. Come and have soup, sandwich and dessert, and hear Nadia Ernestus speak on events in Ukraine.



### CROP Walk

Our CROP Walk is just a few weeks away now, on Sunday, October 15. Now it is time to give a promise of a donation to one of the walkers, or to remind yourself to bring a check by the walking date. Last year we had nineteen walkers who raised nearly \$3,000, an amazing outpouring of support from our congregation.

Last year the walk supported a thousand food banks in the U.S (including our own here in Westhampton Beach), it helped over eight thousand children just in Egypt to find safe housing, it provided farming knowledge and seeds to nine hundred Guatemalan families, and on and on in countries worldwide.

Church World Services is 37 denominations working together to alleviate hunger worldwide and to help people in desperate situations to make better lives. Our walk will be one of 800 countrywide this year.

Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP, but if you make it to our church and put CROP in the subject line that will be fine also. Online you can go to [crophungerwalk.org/Westhamptonny](http://crophungerwalk.org/Westhamptonny) to donate. Stu Wood for the Mission Committee



### Presbyterian Women News

In spite of the enthusiastic response over the summer for evening meetings, people's busy schedule has led us to wait until the quiet days of the new year.

In the interim, the ladies of WPC (Yes! That is you!) will meet in the conference room for these upcoming luncheons: Wednesday, October 11th Chili & cornbread, Wednesday, November 8th Soup and Sandwich and Wednesday, December 13th we hope to be able to invite the men for a hot lunch and holiday music.

**All the lunches start at 12 noon.** Hope to see you ladies then.



## Youth Group & Sunday School

Welcome to a new Sunday School & YG year! We welcomed the Sunday School back on Reunion Sunday. We met as a large group and enjoyed a small breakfast snack and had our annual Sunday School photo taken! Eighteen children were registered that day with a few more the following week, still waiting on some of our regulars to make it once their sports schedules allow.

As you are aware the Youth Group and Sunday School's mission project this year is actively collecting for Heifer on the 3rd Sunday of each month and the kids will ask you to bring in your quarters to help fill our Heifer tube. Our total collected and rolled from summer through the month of September was \$210.00! We thank you for your contributions!

Another mission project we are assisting with is Delaney Campbell's Girl Scout Silver Award. Her project is to collect pet supplies for Bidawee, and the YG will help sustain its cause by running it throughout the year for local shelters. A box is located by the Youth bulletin board in the Parish Hall. You are welcome to drop off supplies throughout the week or Sunday mornings before or after worship.

Making plans for the year.....enjoy the cooler air as Fall begins.

Kathy Tureski  
Youth Group & Sunday School Superintendent





## WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 18th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10am Worship followed by World Communion Brunch</p>	2	<p>3 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement</p> <p>7pm Deacons</p>	4	<p>5 10am Men's Fellowship Group</p>	6	7
<p>8 19th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>9 Columbus Day Office Closed</p>	<p>10 Indigenous People's Day</p> <p>2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement</p> <p>5:15 pm M&amp;W 6pm Session</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW Chili Luncheon</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 20th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>CROP Walk</p> <p>Heifer Quarter Collection</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5-7pm EEH Children's Bereavement Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement</p> <p>7pm Trustees</p>	18	19	20	21
<p>22 21st Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5-7pm EEH Children's Bereavement Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement</p>	25	26	27	28
<p>29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Reformation</p> <p>10am Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5-7pm EEH Children's Bereavement Group</p>	<p>31 Halloween</p> <p>9-12pm Pre-school party</p> <p>2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement</p>			<p><b>AA:</b></p> <p>Sat. 10am –Choir Rm Sun. 12pm—Conference Rm Sun. 6:30pm– Parish Hall Wed. 6:30pm– Parish Hall Boy Scouts meet each Fri. 5pm</p>	

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



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