

# November 2023 Tidings



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## A Word from your Pastor

It's Stewardship season and most of you will be receiving a letter shortly asking you to consider what your pledge may be for the coming year. As you do that, there's a few things I'd like to clear up in regards to our church and its finances based on information from our financial team and recent financial reports.

**Myth #1: We live in a wealthy community, there must be plenty of people giving large amounts.**

Many people are exceedingly generous with the church, the largest group giving between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per year. Once we get to gifts more than \$5,000, we are in the single digits of pledges (that means less than 10). This is not to say we are not incredibly grateful for gifts of these amounts, but it would be incorrect to say that we have a solid base of people giving large amounts of money. Remember that as large as \$5,000 sounds, it breaks down to \$416/month. The average expenses of our church monthly averages to \$38,789.66 based on the year so far. If you have any questions about pledging or would like a statement to show what you may still owe for this year, please contact the church office.

**Myth #2: We have a large endowment so that will keep us going.**

We do have a wonderful endowment due to the forward thinking and dedicated people who have given to it. However, this is not piles of money sitting in a bank account, it is invested funds on which we receive interest. For the endowment to stay sustainable, we need to be drawing 3-4% interest each year. This year, we have drawn 7% and we are not at the year's end. In addition, the endowment has many restricted funds (mainly in scholarship) that cannot be used for general operating expenses, capital projects, etc. We have an outstanding Memorial and Endowment Committee in place, but they can only manage the money well, not magically increase it.

**Myth #3: We can just cut our expenses down to help.**

As many of you know from personal experience, expenses have increased in the past few years. For example, our general insurance went from approximately \$24,000 to over \$32,000. Items such as insurance, oil, electricity and water are essentials and all have increased while most pledges have not. We understand that as expenses increase, it affects people's ability to give, but also be aware that the vast majority of pledges have not increased in the past two years. To cut expenses we are mainly looking at mission giving. Mission stands at the core of the church's purpose and it would be difficult to make the decision to reduce its funding.

None of this is to discourage you. You are wonderful, faithful, and generous people who give so much of your time, talent and money. This should not be seen as a scolding, but rather seeks to open avenues of communication about the financial state of the church. The above myths are ones I mainly hear and I hope that you see something that might help you understand our situation better.

This pledging season I know you will once again generously open your hearts to the needs of the church, my prayer is that you do so prayerfully, thoughtfully, and knowledgeably.

Blessings,  
Rev. Vanessa Winters



**\*Prayer Concerns**

**Recent:** Kyle Miller; Raymond Hann; Phyllis Styrzo, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Pat Bebon, surgery; Trisha Knotoff (Hospice Care), Kathy Tureski's sister-in-law; Terry Heffernan(chemo), friend of Mimi & Stu Wood; 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; Ralph Downs, Florida; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller; Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Ellen Pfaff; Dottie Evans

**Church Family News**

**Deaths**

**October 2, 2023**

Chic Hedberg  
(a memorial service was officiated at WPC on Sunday, October 29th at 3pm.)

**October 26, 2023**

Dean Speir, brother of Gale Seidler

**Scrap Metal Fundraiser**

We had another successful Scrap Metal Drive Fundraiser on Saturday, September 30th. A big thank you to everyone who braved the rain to come out and help. We collect scrap metal year round, so if you have any steel, copper, aluminum, old appliance, etc., they can be dropped off in the parking area behind the church. The \$975 from the 30th, brings the total so far this year to \$9,202. This goes toward the church's operating budget.  
Thanks again,  
Tom Rogers

**WHB Performance:  
Peter & the Starcatcher**

Free Admission! Showtimes: November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the High School auditorium. Starring some of our very own youth: Anderson Hipp, Kaitlynn Mazurkiewicz, Ryan Zollweg and directed by Kimet Speed!

**Harvest Dinner!**  
**Thursday, November 16th**  
**6:00 pm**



Come share great Food, Fellowship & Fun! John & Meryle King and The Kitchen Crew will provide turkey, dressing and dessert. Eastbound Freight Bluegrass Band is back for your entertainment! Please sign up to bring a side dish to share! Desserts will be provided.

**Mark Your Calendars!**



Wreath Decorating & Pizza party!  
Tuesday, November 28th at 6pm in Bailey Hall !

Sign up in the Parish Hall on the bulletin board. (Wreath Order Forms on page 5)

**Save the Date**

**CHRISTMAS TEA & BAZAAR**



**Saturday**  
**December 2nd**  
**1:00-3:30 PM**



**Wreaths, Baked Goods, Twice Nice, Hand-Crafted Items**

See Christine Haddad if you would like to help or Eloise Carter if you would like to bake (more info on page 5)

**Santa Brunch**

**Sunday, December 10th at 11 am, following the Children's Christmas Pageant!**  
**Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 children/ seniors, \$40 for families**

**Parents: Don't forget your cameras for pictures with Santa!**

**Stay tuned for more info in your December Tidings from Fundraising!**





## Fundraising Committee Ornaments

Once again we are selling ornaments of our beloved church during coffee hour for \$20. 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.

## Pampered Chef Party!

Our Fall Pampered Chef fundraiser is up and running! The party will take place Friday, Nov. 3 at the home of Lynne Jones. If you plan to attend in person, please sign up on the signup sheet during coffee hour. BUT if you can't make it in person and you want your goodies now, there's no need to wait - Grab a catalogue during Coffee Hour or order online with the link below! Orders will be here in time for Thanksgiving! <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/wpc2023> Any questions reach out to Jenny Gillin, 631-682-0265 or [jennygillinpc@gmail.com](mailto:jennygillinpc@gmail.com)



## Thanksgiving Baskets

Fall is here and while most of us are thankful for the beauty and bounty around us, some families are dreading the coming of the cold. The least we can do is help make Thanksgiving a special memory for some of our local less-fortunate families. Last year we were able to supply large Thanksgiving boxes full of food and one or two gift cards for 15 families. You can participate by bringing non-perishable food items to church on the first three Sundays in November. You can also buy grocery gift cards from Lynne Jones during coffee hour, so that families may be able to buy milk, eggs, butter, fresh vegetables, pie...whatever they need to be able to make their traditional family dinner. The Deacons and the Youth Group will assemble as many boxes as we can in time for the families to plan and prepare their Thanksgiving meals. Contact Jenny Gillin, Ryan Zollweg and Gale Seidler.

## Adopt A Family

In late November we will be given individual sheets for the Adopt a Family program, which will be put out during coffee hour. These sheets will include name, age, clothing sizes and often special requests for gifts. If you have email, all information can be sent to you that way. It will also include drop off location and deadline dates. Please consider helping to make someone's Christmas. These may be the only gifts they get, so perhaps throw in a few fun little things, treats or thoughtful extras. Having known some of the recipients myself, I can say that sometimes they are afraid to ask for what they truly want, and others are reluctant to put down anything but a piece of clothing. Consider adopting someone with a friend or family member. Together we can make some Christmas' brighter. Contact Sharon Conway and Tracy Zollweg





## YOUTH GROUP

November just might be my favorite month. It's a time to reflect on our mission work that we so graciously give to others. Also, a time to be thankful and blessed for those around us and in all that we do.

Our youth at Westhampton Presbyterian have such BIG hearts for the work that they do, and our congregation is the BEST by supporting it all.

We are so thankful for the support to our HUGE mission project as we work toward purchasing an "Ark" from Heifer International. We continue to collect quarters on the third Sunday of the month from the congregation. October netted us \$100.00, thank you! We will once again, starting next month and throughout our campaign we will offer an opportunity to make a donation in honor of someone, a family, or an organization. We will have cards that can be given for donations made to Heifer. See what's at our table during coffee hour. There will also be pew envelopes available to make a donation anytime! Lastly, the children brought home a calendar of events to help raise money from different projects at home. Extra calendars are available on the youth bulletin board if anyone is interested in doing something at home too! We're also planning to make a visual arts presentation to track our progress!

Congratulations to Delaney Campbell on receiving her Silver Award from Suffolk County Girl Scouts! Thank you to all who supported her by collecting pet supplies for Bideawee. This project will continue until May, but will remain a constant Mission project for the Youth Group who will then also be collecting not only for Bidawee, but for the Southampton Animal Shelter & Kent Animal Shelter.

November is also the time where we help the Deacons make "Thanksgiving Baskets" for those in need. The first three weeks of November during coffee hour, we will have the Youth table set up (in front of our bulletin board) collecting "Thanksgiving items" for them. Items should be non-perishable: stuffing, gravy, canned corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, olives, canned yams, mini marshmallows, etc. Maybe you would like to purchase or make a monetary donation for the Youth to purchase a grocery card to be placed in one of the baskets. See one of the Youths after church. We may also do a food drive at a local grocery store, watch for more info.

Don't forget to go see our youth thespians who are in the next production, *Peter and The Starcatcher* at Westhampton Beach High School on November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Break a leg!

**Upcoming Events:** Advent Festival @ 10 Am on 12/3, Christmas Pageant 12/10 regular worship time (10 am), Caroling to shut-ins ( all are welcome) bus leaves at 11:45 am.

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:8-9

Thankful & blessed,  
Kathy

## Deacon's Lending Closet Update

The Deacon's closet became overstocked due to donations and returns of medical equipment. A major sorting and organization took place. We donated to the Ukrainian Aid another 7 walkers, 6 crutches, 6 rollators, 8 canes, 4 shower chairs, 1 tri rollator, 1 wheelchair, 1 transport chair, 7 commodes, 4 side (Hemi) walkers, 6 seat cushions and other medical equipment such as inflatable bed mattress to prevent bed sores.

After the purge, the lending closet still has walkers, wheelchairs, transport chairs, rollators, etc. In addition there is a step 2 bed and an upright walker as pictured.



## A Note from the Presbyterian Women

**Presbyterian Women's lunch** will be on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>. Bring a sandwich to have with a delicious homemade soup. Dessert will be provided

Feeling especially grateful during this Thanksgiving Season. The PW will collect their **Thank Offering** on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. The moneys go to worthwhile projects both in the US and Internationally.

Express your artistic side by coming to the **wreath decorating / pizza party** on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring gloves and garden shears. We will meet in Bailey Hall at 6 pm. Enjoy fellowship and Christmas music. Below is a pre-order form so you may reserve and pick up in advance (***pick up will be on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am at the church***) or on the day of the Christmas Tea and Bazaar.

Save the date: Get in the Christmas spirit by coming to our annual **Christmas Tea and Bazaar** on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1- 3:30 pm. See the beautifully decorated tree with the ornaments made by women of the church. Enjoy high tea. Shop the amazing handcrafted ornaments and gifts as well as Twice Nice, jewelry and wreaths. Don't forget the Cookie Walk. We are always happy to enlist bakers, tea pourers and jewelry sellers. Donations of new or items in excellent condition for Twice Nice are requested. See Eloise Carter if you would like to bake for the tea table, cookie walk and/or baked goods table. See Christine Haddad if you would like to volunteer in another capacity. People who help clean up are especially appreciated.

## 2024 Stewardship

Pledge season is now. Stewardship letters and pledge cards are being mailed out. Please return your pledge cards to the offering plate or the church office.



## Presbyterian Women Christmas Wreath Order Form

Make checks payable to:

**Presbyterian Women**

Westhampton Presbyterian Church  
90 Meeting House Road  
Westhampton Beach NY 11978

***The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 26th.***

***Pick-up is on Friday, December 1st at 10 am.***

Number of wreaths at \$40 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE BRING FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR PLACE  
IN THE OFFERING PLATE.



## Wishing you a Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary...

2	Chloe Rouhandeh	23	Keri Shiu
3	Sharon Taylor	24	Kayla Jones
3	Leif Neubauer	24	Betsy Doyle
4	Tom Otis III	25	Glen Walker
5	Margretta Anderson	25	Shaun Holliday
7	Karen Derryberry	28	Ryan Napolitano
8	Xochitl Seyfert	30	Alec Jessup Levitt
9	Kristina [Carter] & Micah Bennett	30	Joan & Bob Larson
10	Raymond Hann		
11	Amy Gwinn		
11	John King		
11	Amber Popper		
12	Billy Campbell		
13	Russ Babis		
14	Jim Rowbotham		
14	Collin Chattaway		
17	Maria and Tom Moore		
17	Ellen and John Campbell		
18	Evelyn Overton		
18	Tracy Speed-Zollweg		
19	Maura & Raymond Hann		
19	Laura Impomeni		
19	Maura Hann		
20	Maria Moore		
20	Mike Campbell		
21	Cooper Jessup III		
21	Sarah Miles Williams		
21	John Gillin		
22	Kyle Hubbard		
23	Bob Busking Jr.		
23	Ellen Pfaff		
23	Pat Lutz		



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>AA:</b>            Sat. 10am –Choir Rm            Sun. 12pm—Classroom            Sun. 6:30pm– Parish Hall            Wed. 6:30pm– Parish Hall            Boy Scouts meet each Fri. 5pm</p>			1 All Saints Day	2 10am Men's Fellowship Group	3 6pm Pampered Chef Party @ Lynne Jones' Residence	4
5 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship	6	7 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement 5-7pm EEH Children's Bereavement Group 7pm Deacons	8 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW "Soup & Sandwich" Luncheon	9	10 Veterans Day Office Closed	11
12 24th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship	13	14 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement 5-7pm EEH Children's Bereavement Group 6pm Session	15	16 6pm Harvest Dinner	17 8am-5pm Preschool Feast	18
19 25th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship PW: Thank Offering Congregation-Corp. Meeting	20 5pm Maureens Haven	21 7pm Trustees	22	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 Office Closed	25
26 Christ the King 10am Worship	27	28 6pm Wreath Making Party	29	30		

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*Your issue of the November Tidings*



*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*