



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## A Word from your Pastor



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Beloved Friends,

To everything there is a season, and the season has come for me to leave this wonderful church and community. It has long been a dream for our family to own our own home and we now have an opportunity to do so, returning to Maine to build our dream home and be closer to my family. This was not an easy decision and has come after months of prayer and discernment, both personally, and with my husband and children.

This will be a sad time for all of us. Endings and good byes can be painful. We have traveled this leg of our journeys of faith and life together, and we have shared each other's joys and sorrows. We have worked together in the mission and ministry of this church. And now our paths are headed in different directions. My journey will continue in a new way and your journey will continue with a new pastor who will come to share in the joys and challenges of this church.

As my clergy ethics require, I will not return to participate in worship or on special occasions. I cannot return to baptize, officiate weddings or memorial services. However, I will continue to love you, and I will always hold you in my heart and keep you in my prayers. You have encouraged and supported me and my family, for which I am eternally grateful. I will always be incredibly grateful to God for calling me to this church and to each of you for the many ways you have enriched my life and deepened my faith.

I have notified the Presbytery's Executive Presbyter, Rev. Kate Jones-Calone and Rev. Katie Mulligan, Moderator of the COM, who have both assured me that they and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry are here to support the church during this time of transition. We decided that the best date for my final Sunday will be **Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. This is the date of our traditional church picnic, the last Sunday before the summer schedule begins. I hope this day can be a day of celebration and recognition of all that we have accomplished together.

This will be a sad time; endings and farewells are difficult, but trust me when I say that this is God's time and will undoubtedly be full of possibilities. This is a time for us to have faith and know that God will be holding us in grace and leading us forward. God will be with me and with you as we go our separate ways.

Many Blessings to you all,

Rev. Vanessa Winters

## Prayer Concerns:

**Recent:** Hane Cutler, cousin to Holly Hubbard; **Glorya Johnson**, surgery; **Jeff Munn and family**; **Harry Chung**, recovery from surgery for cancer, (Friend of Mary & John Hull); **Leslie Johnson**, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); **Pat Bebon**; **Raphael Hidalgo**, chemo (Seth Stevens' uncle); **Ruth Feitl**, Karl Feitl's mother; **Libby Hirsch**, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin); **Raymond Hann**; **Terry Heffernan**, chemo (friend of Mimi & Stu Wood); **Vita Collery**, cancer, Karen Derryberry's cousin; **Ralph Neubauer**; **Helen Fitzsimons**; **Marjorie Ridgway**, home

**Long Term:** **Phyllis Styrzo**, Hamptons Center for Rehab; **Kimberly Rogers Murawski**; **Ralph Downs**, Florida; **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller; **Chelsey Carter Collins**, Hamptons Center for Rehab

## Church Family News

### Deaths

April 4, 2024

Joan Cortez, loving partner to Jeffrey Munn

### Memorial Service

Chase Van Saun

Saturday, May 25, 2024

10:00am at WPC

### SAVE THE DATE

*Summer Cocktail Party* at the home of Tom & Jane Otis  
Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>!  
More details to follow soon!

**PW "Soup & Sandwich" Luncheon, May 8th at noon, see page 4 for more details.**

**Community Yard/Craft Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, September 21st, more details inside!**

## Men's Fellowship Group

Whether you are a friend or member of the church, we welcome you to join us on Thursday, May 2nd at 10am in the conference room. Coffee and goodies will be available.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES #2

The next performance in our Sunday Afternoon Concert Series will feature nationally acclaimed soprano Emma Ozman and pianist Daniel Ragone on Sunday, May 19th at 3PM. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for seniors 65+ and students 12-18, and \$10 for children 5-11 and they can be purchased after church during coffee hour, during the week at the church office, or at Lynne's Cards and Gifts on Main Street in Westhampton Beach. For more information, call the church office at 631-288-2576 weekdays from 9am-3pm. See page 5 for a bio on Emma Ozman.



## Annual Church Picnic!

Save the date for our annual church picnic on Sunday, June 9th 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!!

## Christian Ed/Youth

Spring is here! It's so nice to hear the birds, see the new growth in the gardens and to feel the warm sunshine (most days!) on your face.

The annual Easter Eggs hunt was a huge success! We had roughly 30 children participate. We had over 500 filled eggs for the kids. It was nice to see some of the older kids help the younger instead of participating this year too.

A lot of stuff going on in May. The children will be getting ready for youth Sunday **May 19<sup>th</sup>**, mark your calendar. I love this service because it is a time where the youth share how they have learned to pass on God's love by helping others. This year's theme will center around our yearly project this year, Heifer International's Ark. It also concludes our campaign of raising funds for the Ark. We are roughly at \$3300.00, so we have just a little bit more to raise. I'm keeping a positive attitude that we will make our goal! If your child plays an instrument or sings or has something else, they'd like to perform on youth Sunday please let me know. We will start to prepare during Sunday School time on the April 28<sup>th</sup> if you're in church that Sunday.

Here's another event that you need to put into your calendar, once again The **Ride To Montauk** will take place on **September 14<sup>th</sup>**. The youth group will once again host their rest stop at the church. It's an all-day event (7-4), we help them out and they make a donation to our youth group. The funds we receive go towards youth mission, and fellowship activities. The sponsor is looking for an EMT to be stationed at the church. I've reached out to Paul Sulzinski who has in the past helped with this but I may still need some help (no commitment yet). If interested please let me know, they do compensate for this. Also, they are looking for a driver, to pick up stranded riders from Westhampton to Watermill they will provide a bike rack for your vehicle, and they will compensate for this too.

Summer is almost here.....

Kathy



## Memorial Scholarships

Applications are now available to eligible high school seniors and college level students who will be attending an accredited academic institution in the Fall. Applicants should be members in good standing of the WPC and provide documentation of Fall semester attendance. While last year's recipients should have received this year's application via email, they are available in the Church office and can also be requested by contacting Ellen Campbell at [ecampbell18@optonline.net](mailto:ecampbell18@optonline.net) or by calling 631-255-9307. Applications, along with documentation and personal statements, must be received at the church office by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## REMINDER! Trustee Spring Clean-Up Day

The Board of Trustees has set aside Saturday, May 11 from 9am-12pm for a Spring Clean-Up day at the Church. We have a list of inside and outside projects that we would love to do, and there will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall listing the projects. You can sign up for one or a few! Pizza lunch will be provided! Come help spruce up the Church in time for spring!

## PW Notes & Community Yard/Craft Sale

Ten of us met at Mary's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant for our annual lunch outing. We had a brief business meeting where we finalized the decision to have the annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 21st from 9am-1pm with a rain date of October 5th. Reminder: September 28th is the metal drive.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday May 8th at noon in the conference room. Bring a sandwich to accompany soup or salad. See Cheryl Van Tuyle for any questions.

## Observations from a Deacon

Years ago, at a Bible study, I learned the famed phrase “Jesus, Others, Yourself”, meaning love Jesus, take care of others then yourself. That is easy for a person who is a natural nurturer. But we all know that there are times when we are in need of caring for ourselves. I have seen this a few times lately. People who are used to being in charge, who are very independent and who are now in need of help.

This can be a difficult thing and seems to go against the Jesus, Others, Yourself motto. Selfcare is not a selfish thing though. Having traveled on airplanes, we are reminded that if there is an emergency then we should apply our oxygen mask before we help others. We cannot help others if we are impaired. We can't do much for our brothers with broken bones, under the devastating influence of chemo or the influence of age. The hard part is letting others help us. As a nurse, I have been on both sides of that bedrail and I know which side I would rather not be on. This does not mean we are failures. It means that we are humans who sometimes are in need of our fellow man. We are all in this together. We are called to help our fellow man when they need us and we have to trust God that when we are in need someone will be there for us. Being a believer in Jesus, we find ourselves sometimes being the answer to prayers, being the “angels” that people pray for. Other times we have to trust God, accept God's caring and allow those “angels” to help us.

## FUN-raising Event!

Our next fundraiser is coming up! Sip & Paint with Ginger Baer is scheduled for Friday, May 10 from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$40 which will cover the cost of materials as well as the refreshments that will be served. There will also be a raffle for a basket of art supplies. Spots are limited, so sign-up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, you can speak to any member of the Fundraising Committee.



### About Ginger Baer:

At the age of 8 years old, Ginger knew she was an artist. She attended Long Island University at C.W Post receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Science in Education. She has been teaching art in public schools for over 30 years while working as an exhibiting artist. Creating art makes her whole and she has made it her life's mission to offer the gift of creating art to others, as we all can be creative beings with a little confidence, guidance and encouragement.



## Introducing Emma Ozman, Soprano Sunday, May 19, 2024 3PM

Long Island born soprano **Emma Ozman** is a New York based performer and private voice teacher. Emma has been a young artist with the International Summer Opera Festival of Morelia, featuring performances with the Orquesta Sinfónica Michoacán in the roles of Donna Anna in Mozart's Don Giovanni and Alice Ford in Verdi's Falstaff. Emma was a Finalist in the MIOpera Vocal Competition, Emerging Professional Division, a New York Regional Finalist in the Talents of the World Second Annual International Voice Competition and a Semi-Finalist in the Classical Singer Competition, Emerging Professional Division. Her past engagements featured performances in the role of Vitellia in Mozart's La Clemenza di Tito with the New York Opera Forum, Vivaldi's Magnificat, Britten's Ceremony of Carols, and Rutter's Gloria with the Huntington Choral Society, Vivaldi's Gloria with the East End Women's Choir, and Hanna in Haydn's Die Jahreszeiten with the Huntington Choral Society. Her past operatic roles include: Vitellia and Servilia in La Clemenza di Tito, Une Femme Grecque in Iphigénie en Tauride, Zweite Dame in Die Zauberflöte, and Second Woman in Dido and Aeneas. Notably, Emma was a young artist with the International Summer Opera Festival of Morelia in Morelia, Mexico, the CoOPERATIVE

Program: of Westminster Choir College in Princeton New Jersey, a Cynthis Titus scholarship recipient with the Taos Opera Institute in Taos, New Mexico, the Astoria Music Festival in Astoria, Oregon and, the Florence Voice Seminar in Florence, Italy.

Emma Ozman received a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance, summa cum laude from Westminster Choir College and a Master of Music in Vocal Arts from the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music.

**Daniel Ragone**, vocal coach and pianist, is a native of Philadelphia where he began his piano studies at the age of seven. He received his formal education at Penn State University and the University of Illinois, where he received a Master of Fine Arts in Vocal Coaching and Accompanying. For years a mainstay of the New York City vocal scene and one of its most highly regarded coaches, Daniel collaborated with many artists from the Met and New York City Opera. Among Mr. Ragone's past affiliations are the Carnegie Hall International American Music Competition for Singers, the Rome Opera Festival and The Center for Contemporary Opera. He was responsible for the musical preparation of the world premiere of Stephen Paulus' Hester Prynne at Death at the 92nd Street Y.

### [Online Church Directory](#)

Be sure to check out the Church Directory online at, [www.servantkeeper.com/directory/westhampton-presbyterian-church/](http://www.servantkeeper.com/directory/westhampton-presbyterian-church/)  
Access code: WHPChurch90

### [Member Portal](#)

If you have not uploaded a photo for the directory, please follow this link to do so:

<https://servantkeeper.com/> \*\*You will set your own password to access the member portal.



## **Proposed Anti-Racism Policy**

### **ready for YOU to read and to comment**

In 2022, the General Assembly voted to approve the apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy. A Tidings article in April 2022 introduced this topic and our presbytery's response to the proposed amendment. Subsequent revisions to the [Book of Order](#) became effective July 9, 2023. Ratified by the presbyteries, an anti-racism policy and a harassment policy must be adopted by every church, presbytery and synod, to go along with the already established required sexual harassment and child protection policies we have.

B.R.E.A.D, our presbytery's Bringing Racial Equity and Diversity team, accepted the challenge to create a draft policy for your perusal and comments in order to satisfy the Book of Order requirements. B.R.E.A.D. asks everyone to take the time to read, edit, and give your feedback *so that we as a Presbytery create a living document not something to be put on a shelf with a sigh of relief that we can put this stuff to rest once and for all. We need your help.* On Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 pm the team will host a Zoom meeting for you to share your ideas, recommendations, and concerns. You will be able to register through the Presbytery website and access any updated information or documents that may be available at that time prior to our meeting. *We really, really want to hear you, so that we as a Presbytery create a document that all of us can take ownership of and live into as God's beloved people together.*

Taken from Elder Magalene McClarrin's introduction of the proposed policy to the commissioners at the April 13<sup>th</sup> presbytery meeting. The policy is available in the WPC church office. It is also to be found on the presbytery website, on the Presbytery Meeting page, in the meeting packet on pages 21-30. This ZOOM conversation is open to one and all.

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faith in Christ.





# Happy Birthday!

# Happy Anniversary!

1	Griffin Neubauer	21	Laura Schultz
1	Tony Thompson	22	Kamilla Ozman
1	Madison Mosher	23	Elizabeth Shane
2	Chloe Mosher	23	Bob Bebon
3	Jean Seyfert	23	Lisa Overton
4	Bob Fox	24	Miriam Neubauer
4	Allison Worthington	25	Kathy Frevert
6	Barbara Rempe	27	Alex Williams
6	Erin and Andrew Lynch	29	Joshua Carrick
7	David Glover	29	Alice Schultze
7	Barbara Danowski	29	Elizabeth Shane and Lou Pizzarello
8	Gini and Bryan Wagner	29	Lenny Rempe
10	Nancy Miller	29	Lynda and Ralph Confessore
10	Christopher Lynch	30	Wesley Winters
10	Anthony Danowski	30	Jessica and David Aiello
11	Fiona Ravenhall	30	Ellen Brenner
12	Bob Tureski	31	Dave Derryberry
14	Cameron Hipp		
15	Eleanor Imber		
16	Griffin Wagner		
17	Terri and Fred Bauer		
17	Kristina Napolitano		
18	Kathy Dayton		
18	Jessica Aiello		
20	Alexandra David		

## Westhampton Presbyterian Church – Equipment/Consumables/Maintenance Donation Pledge Sheet

This list shows a number of items and services, which could be supported by your donation. Please review the list and if you can list your name as a donor for some or all of the church's needs. You can also add the donation in an envelope, describe the donation for Erika and add it to the collection plate.

Description	Amount	Need Rate	Name of Donor/s
Copier lease	\$224	Per month	
Color Printer/copier paper	\$15	One ream	
White Copier paper	\$55	One case	
Printer/copier toner	\$150	Quarterly	Maik Jornitz
Pens	\$10	Per year	
Folders	\$30	Per year	
Labels	\$30	Per year	
Stamps	\$200	Semi-annually	
Phone/Internet	\$215	Per month	
Software Fees	\$55	Per month	Louise Smith for 6 months
Bathroom supplies	\$100	Quarterly	
Building/kitchen supplies	\$100	Quarterly	
Website	\$158	Monthly	
Electricity	\$1,125	Monthly	
Gas & Water	\$166	Monthly	
Oil	\$1,000	Monthly	
Cleaning service	\$1,000	Monthly	
Music & worship supplies	\$165	Monthly	
Nursery care	\$100	Monthly	

**We sincerely thank you for your continuous support !**



# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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			1	2 10am Men's Group	3 4:30pm rehearsal	4 4:30pm Sartorius Wedding
5 6th Sunday of Easter 10am Worship	6	7 8am-5pm Pre-school Mother's Day Celebration  2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement  7pm Deacons	8 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW "Bring a Sandwich" meeting	9 Ascension of the Lord	10 7-9pm Sip & Paint with Ginger Baer	11 9am-12pm Trustees Spring Clean Up Day and pizza lunch!
12 7th Sunday of Easter 10am Worship  Mother's Day	13	14 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement  6pm Session	15	16	17	18
19 Day of Pentecost  10am Worship Youth Sunday 3pm Concert: Soprano, Emma Ozman	20	21 7pm Trustees	22	23	24	25 10am Service for Chase Van Saun
26 Trinity Sunday 10am Worship  Memorial Sunday	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30	31	

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*Faithfully Friendly For All – Always  
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