



Tidings

Faithfully Friendly For All – Always
Welcome . Include . Involve

Paint Night!



A fun time by all who attended the Paint & Sip Night with Ginger Baer on Friday November 15th! Look to your monthly Tidings newsletter for upcoming events from the Fundraising Committee!



Harvest Dinner Night



***Prayer Concerns**

Recent: Antonio Vega & family (brother passed away, friend to Vern Hackworth); Susan Sullivan, friend of John and Mary Hull; Ella Carolan, leukemia (family friend to the Steven's family); Glenn Steinmo, cancer (Mimi Wood's nephew); Pete Seidler; Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin); Raymond Hann; Ralph Neubauer; Helen Fitzsimons; Marjorie Ridgway, home
Long Term: Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Phyllis Styrzo, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Ralph Downs, Florida; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller



Joy to the World!

**O, a caroling we will go!
 Sunday, Dec. 15th
 After worship!**

Christmas Wreath Sale Pick Up

Wreath Pick up is Friday, December 6th at 10am at the church. Wreaths are \$40 each. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.



Christmas Fair

**Saturday, December 7th, 11am-2:30pm
 Handmade crafts, gifts, treats and much more! Don't miss out on the perfect gift and some holiday fun!**

Santa Brunch

**Sunday, December 8th after the Children's Christmas Pageant.
 Tickets available during coffee hour and in the church office. (see flyer provided for details)**

P.W. December luncheon

The Presbyterian Women would like to invite the men to join our holiday luncheon. of lasagna on Wednesday, December 11th at 12 noon. Betsy Doyle will be leading us in singing holiday music after lunch. A sign up sheet will be available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please be sure to sign up so we can have a head count.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS
 Quogue Chapel**

Sunday, December 15th at 3pm

It is for everyone, but in particular those who have lost a loved one or for whom this time of year is sad, lonely, or both. All are welcome.



Christmas Eve Services

- 10am Worship with carols**
- 5pm Candlelit Service**
- 9pm Candlelit Service—Quogue Chapel**

**Christmas Cocktail Party at the Manse
 Saturday, December 21 at 5pm
 (See flyer provided for details)**



Board Members, Committees and staff:

It's that time of year to start preparing your reports for the Annual Meeting. Please email your reports to admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org no later than Monday, January 6th. Reports will need to be received promptly. Thank you for your attention.

Santa Brunch



Sunday, December 8
following the
Christmas Pageant

Take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Menu includes:

- Assorted Quiches
- Hashbrown casserole
- Fruit salad
- Muffins
- Hot cocoa station

Tickets:

\$20 Adults - \$15 Kids/Seniors - \$50 families



YOU'RE INVITED

Christmas Cocktail Party

Join us at the Manse for
Christmas cheer and
fellowship!

DEC 21 | Food & Beverages
5:00 PM

The Manse
83 Meeting House Road on Quiogue

Tickets: \$50 each - \$80 for 2

1950's Christmas pageant



Christmas Pageant - December 17, 1950

left to right:

- Claine Coddington (angel)
- Ilvitta Le Bleu (angel)
- Carol Lewis (angel)
- Edward Winters (wise man)
- H. G. Harrup (Joseph)
- Myself (wise man) GERARD Bishop
- David Lewis (shepherd)
- Charles Winters (wise man)
- Alice Tuthill (Mary)
- Sandra Kroth (villager)
- Joan Coddington (chief angel)

Bishop

Adopt-a-Family

Makes someone's Christmas bright by selecting a person and shopping for them. This may be the only gifts that they will receive. See Tracy Speed Zollweg and Sharon Conway after the church or call them for a person to "adopt". They will provide you with the details of the gender of the person, size and preferences. Most of the requests are for basic items like clothing. Extras are always nice.

Maureen's Haven

Thank you all for the support that you continue to give for this mission. Volunteers are needed on the 3rd Monday each month through the winter. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board with available dates.



Poinsettia & LI Brass Christmas 2024



On December 22nd, the Long Island Brass Guild will be playing once again during worship. Contributions may be dedicated in memory or in honor of a loved one to help offset the cost. In addition, dedications with red poinsettia plants may be ordered to adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas season at a cost of \$18 per plant. Make checks payable to: “Westhampton Presbyterian Church”.

LI Brass:

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ for the LI Brass Concert.

Poinsettias:

Number of plants: ____@ \$18 per plant

Total: \$_____

I will pickup after service

Please leave for Deacon delivery

My dedication is (please check one):

_____ in honor of

_____ in loving memory of

From _____

***Please return this form to the church office by
December 16th.***



East End Women's Choir Concert

Candlelit Christmas will be presented on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 7:30 PM by East End Women's Choir, an intergenerational community choir. Along with traditional readings, organ music, carols and soloists, this annual event will highlight "Carols and Lullabies" by Conrad Susa. This piece of music is made more charming by an accompaniment of marimba, classical guitar and harp. We are asking for a donation of \$25 to help defray our costs and to allow us to continue to offer quality performances of women's concert literature.

Youth Group and Sunday School News

We have been in full swing since the 1st of November! The kids have been busy collecting food and went grocery shopping for some last-minute Thanksgiving items for the Deacons baskets. We also enjoyed a delicious meal at Hurricane Grill after our shopping trip. Thank you to everyone who supported this mission project.

We enjoyed the performance of **CLUE** at Westhampton Beach High School where we saw the talents of some of our younger members performing. The show was fantastic, looking forward to the Spring Musical!

On December 8th, the youth will be running the worship service that day. It will kind of be like a second Youth Sunday! The message that day, of course will be "Westhampton Presbyterian's Christmas Story", it's going to be fabulous, so mark your calendar so you don't miss it!

Do you have someone on your Christmas list that has everything? We have the perfect gift! Make a donation to Heifer in someone's name for Christmas. We once again will have cards from Heifer that notes that a donation was made in their name for you to give. See the youth table during coffee hour in December.

Don't forget to sign up to **Christmas Carol** on December 15th, estimated to depart at noon! This event is open to all, join the carpool as we carol to members of our church that are shut-in. Looking for carpool drivers too! The signup is on the main bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

I'll be reporting on the Avent Festival & Our Christmas Pageant in January's Tidings as it happened after the deadline for this Tidings. I'll be sure to include some photos!

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Merry Christmas.....Kathy

Deacons Corner

Deacons, both present and future ones coming on in January of 2025, please join us for our December meeting on Tuesday December 10th at 7 pm The deacons usually meet the first Tuesday of the month but because of the conflict with the Christmas Fair wreath making pizza party on the 3rd, we moved it to the 10th. We will have pizza and bring everyone up to date on our activities.

Thank you to all who generously donated food and/or gift cards to the Thanksgiving baskets this year. We truly have an amazing congregation! We are sure that families in need were able to enjoy a nice dinner.



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On December 15, 1974, the M. P. Möller pipe organ, a gift from Mrs. William Gill in memory of her late husband, was dedicated during an extended morning church service. Dr. Robert Baker, who at the time was the Director of Yale's Institute of Sacred Music, designed the organ and was the guest organist for the service. Over 350 people attended the dedication ceremony, which moved Rev. Thomas Truscott to comment "this may have been the finest hour in the 220-year history of the congregation."

Jump forward 50 years, and the Gill Memorial organ is still gracing our beloved Sanctuary and is an integral part of our Sunday worship services, as well as the weddings and funerals of the members and friends of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church.

In celebration of those 50 years, we will be rededicating the organ on December 15, 2024 during our morning worship service. We have invited former Westhampton Presbyterian Church organists Linda Howard-Kloepfer and William Roslak to perform during the service, and Kamilla and the choir will provide the Introit and a special anthem. Jamie Hulse Smith, retired organist from the Corning First Presbyterian Church, will also participate. Jamie, a former member of WPC, was one of Linda's organ students and learned to play on the Gill organ.

As you can imagine, it is not easy to maintain such an impressive instrument. The cost of the tunings and maintenance for the organ and all three of the church and chapel pianos is over \$3000 annually. As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, we will be creating a Music Maintenance Fund to ensure that the care of the organ is always fully funded. There are special envelopes for you to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, and your donation will be recognized in the Organ Dedication Service bulletin on December 15. Additional donation envelopes will be available until December 8, or if you prefer, you can mail a donation to the church with your dedication information.

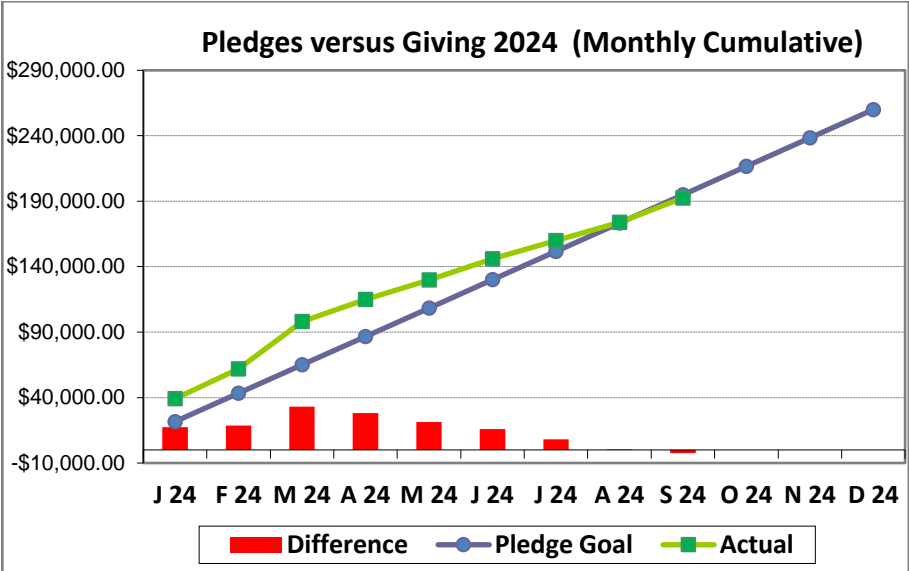
Questions, you may contact Erika in the church office, 631-288-2576.

Make a
joyful noise
 to the LORD
 Psalm 100:1

3rd QUARTER 2024 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The 3rd quarter 2024 ended on a weak note for the financial health of our church.

The year-to-date pledge goal is \$194,994 and the year-to-date actual giving is \$192,524, which means we have a negative difference between goal and actual of **-\$2,469**. Unfortunately, the trend of weak givings manifested itself throughout the 2nd and 3rd quarter and we only achieved our monthly giving goal for 3 out of 9 months. Of 9 month which missed our giving goal, 4 were extremely low. We urge you to check your actual givings versus your annual pledge and check whether your givings meet your pledge. Thank you!



The church’s 3rd quarter actual income year-to-date total is now \$334,109 and expenses \$314,566, which means the year-to-date difference between income and expense to \$19,544. This may look like a healthy difference, but we have to understand following background data to truly understand our income versus expense financials.

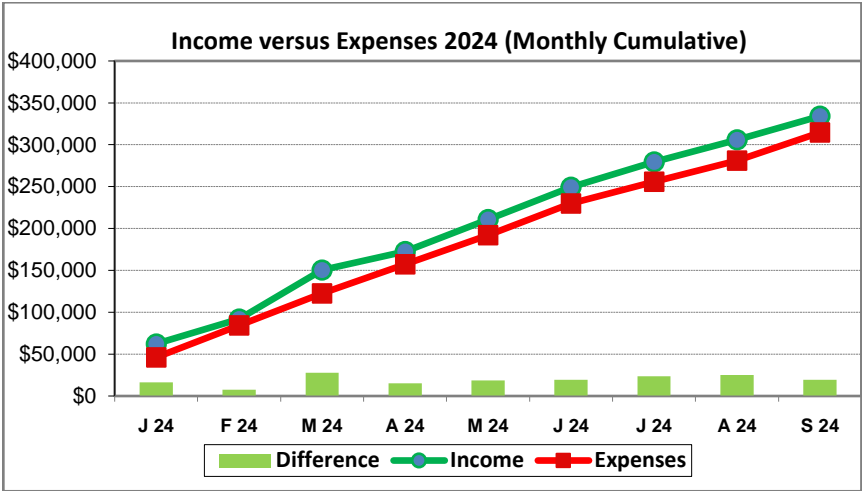
1. We received \$52,356 financial support from the Memorial & Endowment fund
2. We do not have a permanent pastor, which lowered the expense by around \$35,000

If we take these two factors into consideration, our income versus expense difference for our operating budget would be **-\$67,812**.

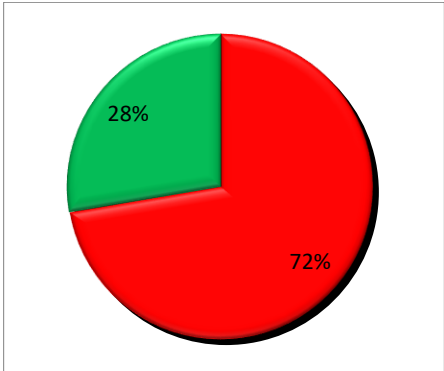
As mentioned, our giving level is below the pledge plan. Moreover, Loose Plate income is less than 50% of our plan and Building Use income only at 61% of plan. Donation Other were luckily supported by two major contributions and is at 87% of plan. The major contribution, way above plan, is Fundraising at 123% of plan. Fundraising is compensating for a lot of our income weaknesses. However, we cannot only rely on Fundraising but require fulfilling the largest income

items like Givings and Donation Others. It must be said that we often state that our church is very financially healthy, which is a much too positive viewpoint as we have been struggling to create a balanced operating budget and struggle to keep a positive cash flow without the support by the Memorial & Endowment Fund and Fundraising. This is not sustainable over the long-term!

Our expenses are a little below the planned expenses, at 72%. However, any unforeseen and unplanned expense can tip this balance.



Our budgeted mission payment to the Presbytery for 2024 is a total of \$12,116. In the 3rd quarter our Per Capita Mission giving was \$4,639, which means our church right now would need to compensate \$7,477 for the 72% of members who have not yet contributed their Per Capita Mission. 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

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to:



2	Betsy Rowe	20	Dorette Jornitz
2	Brian Babcock	21	Amey Mosher
2	Pat and Bob Bebon	21	Carol Lee & Jim Nespole
3	Lisa Jornitz	22	Casandra Carrick
3	Meredith and Gregory Imber	24	Christine Haddad
6	Gabriella and Mario Ortiz	24	Desider Rothe
7	Cindy Drayton and Jim Rowbotham	26	Jennifer Tamis
8	Tracy and Gary Martin	26	Victoria Carrick
12	Bonnie Wootten	28	Marie Yervasi
12	Bob Niebanck	28	Anne and Christian Charles
13	Erin Lynch	29	Tom DeMayo
14	John Hoch	29	Victoria Hedberg
14	John David		
15	Pat Schultz		
16	Jeff Munn		
17	Gigi Ravenhall		
18	Janet and Rich Schneider		
19	Gabriella Yervasi		
19	Andrea Chattaway		





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 1st Sunday in Advent 10am Worship</p>	2	<p>3 6pm Wreath Making & Pizza Party!</p>	4	<p>5 10am Men's Fellowship</p>	6	<p>7 11am-2:30pm Christmas Fair</p>
<p>8 2nd Sunday of Advent 10am Worship Children's Christmas Pageant Santa Brunch</p>	9	<p>10 6pm Session 7pm Deacons</p>	<p>11 9:15am Mission 12pm PW Luncheon</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 3rd Sunday of Advent 10am Worship 11:30am Caroling to shut-ins 3pm Blue Christmas 50 year anniversary of the church organ</p>	<p>16 5pm Maureen's Haven</p>	<p>17 8am-5pm Preschool Gingerbread Party 7pm Trustees</p>	18	19	<p>20 7:30pm East End Women's Choir Concert</p>	<p>21 5pm Christmas Cocktail Party at the Manse</p>
<p>22 4th Sunday of Advent 10am Worship LI Brass & Choir Concert Christmas Joy Offering</p>	23	<p>24 Christmas Eve Office Closed Candlelit Services 5pm WPC 9pm Chapel</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>26 Office Closed</p>	27	28
<p>29 1st Sunday of Christmas 10am Worship</p>	30	<p>31 New Year's Eve Office Closed</p>				

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Your issue of the December Tidings

