



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 2025

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

With my background as an illustrator, I am always excited about the way the work of Christian artists, writers, composers and the like can deepen our understanding of the Good News. I mention a few personal favorites here with the hope you will incorporate some form of art in your devotions this Lent as well as in your plans for Easter and its own ensuing season.

First, Voltaire's *Les Miserables*. If you missed the wonderful musical recently at the high school (featuring WPC talent!) try listening to the sound track or reading the novel. When Jean Valjean experiences hospitality and forgiveness by Monseigneur Bienvenu, we have a beautiful example of how God's grace can transform a life. *Les Mis* is a moving tale and affirming of Christian hope.

If you like film, there are many excellent movies that shine a light on God's work in the world without being preachy. Clint Eastwood's *Gran Torino* is about the challenges of loving one's neighbor and the sacrifices we make for others; *True Grit* (with Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon) offers Biblical views of vengeance and justice in an absorbing plot. Going back a few years, *Trip to Bountiful* with Jessica Tandy deals with our human longing for the perfection of Eden. Good, family-oriented movies that illuminate the Christian faith are also out there, such as *Heaven is For Real*.

For music, there is so much available that it is hard to note one thing in particular, but a go-to for me is *Brahms Requiem* during Lent, and of course *Handel's Messiah* with the Hallelujah Chorus for Easter. The genius of this music gives expression to our deepest sorrows and highest joys.

For visual art, I highly recommend Rembrandt's *Return of the Prodigal* for a clear view of God's forgiveness. (Join us on April 9 for a study of this painting – details inside.) I also love Eugene Burnand's painting titled *The Disciples Peter and John*, which you may easily find online -- a beautiful depiction of the two men's race to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

As we spend this month in the promise of forgiveness in Christ, and receive the invitation to his resurrection life at Easter – the arts truly help our spirits take hold of these gifts. It is a marvel of creativity that the imagination of these artists is actually what makes God's love for us more real.

Blessings,
Rev. Candy



Prayer Concerns

Recent: Mariko Pichardo, healing prayers; Lenny Rempe, (longtime member of WPC); Susan Sullivan, friend of John and Mary Hull; Ella Carolan, leukemia (family friend to the Steven's family); Pete Seidler; Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin); Ralph Neubauer; Helen Fitzsimons

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

Men's Fellowship Group:

Join us on Thursday, April 3rd at 10am in the conference room. All members and friends are welcome. Goodies always served.

Presbyterian Women's April Meeting:

Wednesday, April 9th at 12:00pm.
Salad Bar luncheon. See PW article for more details.
Fellowship and discussion on our upcoming events.
A great opportunity to connect with other women of the church.

Sunday Afternoon Concert #2, April 27 at 2pm (See Flyer for details)



Mark Your Calendar!
Ham Dinner Fundraiser
Friday, May 2nd at 5:30pm
Sign up will be available during
coffee hour and during the week
in the church office. Tickets:
\$20 adults, \$15 kids, \$50 family.

We Are Live!

Visit the church website to view Sunday worship services streaming live every Sunday at 10am.

www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org

Direct Deposit

An option for your monthly pledge is Direct Deposit. On the 10th of the month your pledge amount will be automatically transferred from your individual bank account into the church's account. It is convenient and easy. If interested, contact our treasurer, Janet Hann for the necessary form.

Church Family News

Deaths

March 6th: *Raymond Hann*

Easter Plant Dedications & LI Brass

On Easter Sunday, the sanctuary will be filled with beautiful Easter lilies, daffodils, tulips, hydrangeas and hyacinths and the LI Brass will be joining our choir at the 10am Easter Service. Be sure to return your Forms to the church office or Sunday offering plate no later than March 26th to purchase plants and/or to make a donation to offset the cost of the LI Brass.

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JOURNEY TO FORGIVENESS



Wednesday, April 9
1:30 – 3 pm
OR
6:30 – 8 pm
Conference Room

Please join us for a Lenten study of the painting *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt. During our gathering we will look closely at this work of art and reflect on its themes of penitence and forgiveness. (The parable of "The Prodigal Son" told by Jesus is found in Luke 15:11-32.)

The session is 1 – ½ hours, and is offered at two different times on April 9 for your convenience. A background in art is not necessary to join the discussion!

- Rev. Candy

LI BRASS / EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Please select the plants you would like to order, and/or amount you wish to donate to the LI Brass, fill in the dedication and return this form with your check by Tuesday, April 15th. Please place in the offering plate or church office. Please make check payable to Westhampton Presbyterian Church, noting Easter Flowers/LI Brass in the memo.

I would like to order:

<input type="text"/> Double Lilies @ \$27.00 each	Total \$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> Single Lilies @ \$17.00 each	Total \$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> Daffodils @ \$15.00 each	Total \$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> Tulips @ \$15.00 each	Total \$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> Hyacinths @ \$15.00 each	Total \$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> Hydrangeas @ \$25.00 each	Total \$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> Long Island Brass Donation	\$ <input type="text"/>

GRAND TOTAL \$

(Please circle one)

Given: **in loving memory of**
in honor of

By _____

(Please Circle one)

Please donate my plants.

I will take my plant home.



Dear Members and Friends,

Try our online Member Portal and Directory!

The Member Portal: Use the link below to update your own contact information and add a photo too!
You will create **your own** unique password for privacy purposes.

<https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/westhampton-presbyterian-church>

Online Directory: You can view this anytime from your device or home computer! Just use the following link and enter the passcode:

<https://servantkeeper.com/directory/westhampton-presbyterian-church>

Passcode: WHPCChurch90



PW Spring News



The Presbyterian Women had a productive lunch meeting with twelve of us around the table. We enjoyed delicious soup made by Janet Hann and blonde brownies made by Gini Wagner.

We discussed our upcoming Community Yard Sale which will be on Saturday May 17th with a rain date on May 24th. The times will be from 9-1. We need volunteers, especially some **men** to help set up and take down. Applications will be available in the office or you can email me and I will get one to you.

Our next PW lunch will be on Wednesday April 9th at 12 noon. Our lunch theme will be "salad bar". Everyone is to bring some aspect of a salad. Gini Wagner is coordinating so please let her know what you will be bringing if you haven't already.

Another gathering will happen at the church on Thursday, April 24th at 6 pm. Everyone is to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. This will be an opportunity for working people to get together. Please sign up for this.



(Read the PW above news for more information)

A Note from the Deacons: The Important Role of Ushers

Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Our Ushers play an important role in the weekly worship service. With a friendly smile and a warm hello, they are the first people to greet both regular members and strangers upon entering our church, helping all to feel welcome and included. As an Usher, one's main job includes the greeting, passing out bulletins, collecting the offering and assisting with coffee hour. Some other tasks are lighting the candles, recording the number of people in attendance, and ringing the bell. For anyone interested in Ushering, a more complete guideline is available and may be found in the back of the sanctuary. In addition, any of the Deacons would be glad to offer an in-service training. If you've never ushered before, a great way to start is by signing up with someone who has. Ushering is always done in pairs. You will not be alone! So please consider signing up to Usher in this new year. It's a win win. Ushers offer an essential service to the congregation while getting an opportunity to become more familiar with their church family, and may even get to "entertain an angel without knowing it".

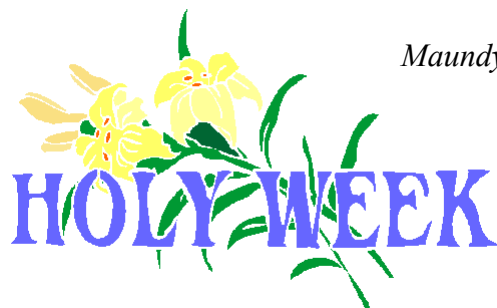
Thanks in advance from your Deacons!



SAVE THE DATE! Trustee Spring Clean-Up Day, May 3rd

Trustee Spring Clean-Up Day

The Board of Trustees has set aside Saturday, May 3 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!



Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Communion Service
7 pm Quogue Chapel

Friday, April 18

Ecumenical Good Friday Service
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Sunday, April 20

Community Easter Sunrise Service
6:00 am, Swordfish Beach Club
Coffee and Hot cross buns will be served
-Thank you John & Meryle King!

Easter Worship with LI Brass Guild
10:00 am, Sanctuary
11:00 am Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Garden Club

In an effort to save on landscaping costs and to add some beauty to the beds around the Sanctuary and in the Memorial Garden, the Board of Trustees will be forming a Garden Club. Volunteers will meet approximately once a month from May through October to plant, weed, trim shrubs and do basic maintenance on the garden beds. If you are interested in helping out with this, please speak to Betsy Doyle.

Pampered Chef Online Fundraiser

It's that time again!

Our **Annual Pampered Chef Online Fundraiser** is here, and we're excited to give back!

15% off all party sales will be donated to WPC!

- Shop amazing kitchen tools
- Discover delicious recipes & cooking tips
- Support a great cause!

Go to this link to browse and place your order: table.pamperedchef.com/party/1420857mjs

Paper catalogs will also be available at coffee hour!

Questions? Contact **Jenny Gillin** at 631-682-0265 or jennygillinpc@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



Memorial Scholarships Available!

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. Applications, along with documentation and personal statements, must be received at the church office or sent to the above email address by June 1st.



*The Westhampton Presbyterian Church
presents*

Daniel Keene

A Concert of Period Music on Lute and Vihuela



April 27, 2025 2 PM

*90 Meetinghouse Road
Westhampton Beach, New York
General Admission: \$30*

Tickets can be purchased at the church office or at Lynne's Cards and Gifts in Westhampton Beach.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information call 631-288-2576

Christian Ed.

We enjoyed a great March – more to come in April and May!

Spring has sprung, but the temperatures have not! A big round of applause to the congregation for supporting our Souper Bowl for Caring soup sale. We made over \$400.00 and will purchase grocery cards to support the local food pantry and our deacon Thanksgiving food baskets. We also collected over 100 food items that were delivered to the little food pantries at the Westhampton Library, Mill Rd. and Immaculate Conception Food Pantry.

Our annual Lenten Festival took place in Bailey Hall at the beginning of Lent. The children heard a story about the meaning of Lent as well as One Great Hour of Sharing. They also enjoyed making crafts, and took home OGHS fish boxes and things to do at home with their family during Lent.

Four of our high school youths were involved with Westhampton Beach High School production of *Les Miserables*. The show was absolutely incredible! Everyone did a fantastic job. I did see a lot of congregation members there, and it is nice to see our members support youth activities in the community, too!

Attention HS Seniors and higher education people: scholarship applications are ready to go out! Watch for details in your mail, and in the Sunday bulletin.

The youth will be getting things ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt that takes place out on the field after the 10am worship service on Easter, April 20th. Sunday School and Youth Group will also start preparing for Youth Sunday, which is May 11th!

Looking forward to warmer sunny days.....Kathy



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6 Mary Beth Lundborg

8 Linda Rogers

13 Anee Mazurkiewicz

15 Karen Andrews

16 Eloise Carter

16 Karen and Dave Derryberry

17 Meryle King

18 Randi DeMayo

19 Hanne Manker

22 Marge Beckwith

25 James Nespole

25 Robert Doyle

26 Tom Moore

26 Brady Munn

26 Dick Lutz

26 Lynne Jones

27 Andrew Lynch

29 Elizabeth Moore

30 Dorette and Maik Jornitz

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2-3:30 EEH Be- reavement 7pm Deacons	2 6:30pm Lenten Bible Study	3 10am Men's Group-conference room	4	5
6 5th Sunday in Lent	7	8 2-3:30 EEH Be- reavement 6pm Session	9 9:15am Mission 10:30am staff 12pm PW Lunch- eon Lenten Bible Study times: 1:30pm or 6:30pm "Return of the Prodigal Son"	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Holy Week Begins	14	15 9:30am Fundraising 7pm Trustees	16	17 7pm Maundy Thursday Ser- vice—Chapel	18 Good Friday Office Closed 12-1pm St. Mark's Ecumeni- cal Service	19
20 Easter Sunday 6am Sunrise Ser- vice at Swordfish Beach Club 10am Easter Ser- vice 11am Easter Egg Hunt 	21 Office Closed	22	23	24 6pm PW Ladies Tapas-conference room	25	26
27 2nd Sunday of Easter 2pm Concert #2	28	29	30		<u>AA:</u> Sat. 10am—Choir Rm Sun. 12pm—Conference Rm Sun. 6:30pm—Parish Hall Wed. 6:30pm—Parish Hall	

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Your issue of the April Tidings



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