



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2025

## A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Time has flown since my arrival as your temporary pastor in January. So, as May begins, and the new pastor is soon to arrive –I want to take this space to say thank you and express my good wishes for the new season before you.

First, I am so grateful for the invitation to be your pastor while the PNC did its work of calling a new leader for the church. It has been a privilege serving you and being with you in worship, in Bible Study, during visits, and all the time in between! I have been so impressed by the dedicated staff as well as the strength of your community. I am sure the new pastor will feel the same way.

I offer my blessings as you embark on the next chapter of being Westhampton Presbyterian Church. There is much to look forward to as your new pastor brings a new style, new gifts, and new ideas. May it be a time of refreshment and creativity as you pray and discern the next direction for the church and meet the challenges of our day.

Your new pastor's arrival coincides with Eastertide. This is the season when we celebrate the resurrection and the presence of Risen Christ in our midst – and the possibilities God is raising up! I am reminded also that John tells us that in his first appearance after the Resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and told them to "Receive the Holy Spirit." It must be that receiving this divine energy is not an option if we are to follow Jesus and live as beloved children of God. In the church, God's breath is what enables us to be an organism – the Body of Christ – and not just an organization that shows Christ's love to the world. May your next ministry draw many newcomers who find a spiritual "breath of fresh air" at WPC – and stay for more!

Grace and peace to you, friends. I leave with gratitude for our shared journeys and excitement about the opportunities that lie ahead for you all with your new pastor. God bless you and God speed always!

In Christ,

Rev. Candy



## Church Family News

### Prayer Concerns:

**Recent:** John Cesario, cancer; Sarah Waite, healing prayers (niece of Mary & John Hull); Carolyn Manker Smith, breast cancer (Hanne & Bill Manker's daughter); 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); Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin)

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

### Deaths

**April 17, 2025**

*Helen J. Fitzsimons*

Funeral Arrangements:

April 30 at 11:00AM

Westhampton Presbyterian Church

**April 17, 2025**

*Phyllis E. Styrzo*

Funeral Arrangements:

May 2 at 1:00PM

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**PW "Ladies Outing" Luncheon, May 14th at noon, see page 4 for more details.**

**Community Yard/Craft Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, May 17th, more details on page 4!**

### POSTPONED!

#### Trustee Spring Clean-Up Day

Spring Clean-Up day has been postponed until further notice. Keep an eye on the church announcements in the bulletin and email for updates.

### Ham Dinner Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for the new date: **Monday May 19th** at 5:30pm! A sign-up sheet is available during Coffee Hour and in the church office. Tickets are available: \$20 adults, \$15 children, \$50 family.

### Library News!

Adult and children book donations are welcome! They must be in good condition to be added to our library. I recommend religious, self help, or guidance materials. For further information see Marie Yervasi during coffee hour.

### Annual Church Picnic!

Save the date for our annual church picnic on **Sunday, June 8th** 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 and 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. Please see/contact Elder Ellen Campbell (631-255-9307), if you would like to help in any way. Hope to see you there!!



### East End Women's Choir Concert

Please join East End Women's Choir on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm for a concert entitled, "She Sings". Help us celebrate Spring and the power of music. Donation of \$25 per adult.

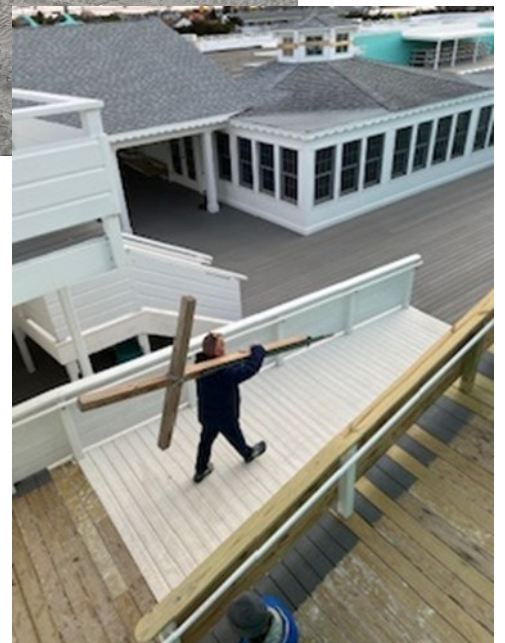
## EASTER 2025

The weather was mild on Easter morning, and the sunrise service drew a large crowd of worshippers to this special annual ritual. The cross stood empty -- a testament to the resurrection of Jesus -- and we all enjoyed a gorgeous pastel sky as a backdrop to the drama of the story. Father Chris Jubinski of St. Mark's and Rev. Candy led the interfaith service, and there were delicious hot cross buns and hot drinks afterward.



Thank you to the Kings for the refreshments, Pat Schultz, Brian Babcock and others for arranging for us to have the cross again this year, and to all others who made the service come together so perfectly!

At the 10 a.m. traditional service, it was thrilling to hear the choir and Long Island Brass lifting our spirits in the joy of Easter. The sanctuary was full and we were graced with lots of children full of (jelly) beans!



*The Westhampton Presbyterian Church  
presents*

# *The New York Cello Quartet*



Zachary Brown



Diana Golden



Christopher Gross



Hikaru Tamaki

*May 18, 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*



## Presbyterian Women Community Yard Sale: Vendors & Bakers Wanted!

**“Ladies Lunch Outing” on May 14:** Our next PW meeting will take place at Mary's in Speonk on May 14th at 12:00pm. Please contact Christine if you plan to attend by Friday May 9.

Our Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm with a rain date on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Only a few vendors have signed up. If you are interested in taking part in the yard sale, applications for vendors are available in the church office or can be emailed to you. For more information, please see Christine Haddad. **We are also looking for individuals wishing to donate small baked goods for the sale.**

**Please contact Eloise Carter: 631-903-1668 or see her during Coffee Hour.**

## Fun-raising Events

### Paint & Sip Night!

Our next Paint and Sip night with Ginger Baer is scheduled for **Friday, June 6th from 7-9pm** in the Parish Hall and will feature a spring theme. Cost is \$40 which covers the cost of materials as well as the refreshments that will be served.

There will also be a number of basket raffles! Look for the sign-up 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.

### Pampered Chef Online Fundraiser

It's that time again! · Shop amazing kitchen tools · Discover delicious recipes & cooking tips · Support a great cause! 15% of all party sales will be donated to WPC! Go to this link to browse and place your order: [table.pamperedchef.com/party/1420857mjs](http://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](mailto:jennygillinpc@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## Memorial Scholarships

### Memorial Scholarships Available!

Applications are available to eligible high school seniors and college level students who will be attending an accredited academic institution in the Fall. While last year's recipients should have received this year's application via email, they are also available in the Church office and at the Youth table during Coffee Hour. Questions, please contact Ellen Campbell at [ecampbell18@optonline.net](mailto:ecampbell18@optonline.net).

**Application deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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## Youth/Christian Ed May 2025

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. The youth of the church enjoyed a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt! We had about 30 children involved with it. Fun was had by all! Thanks again to those that donated candy to fill our eggs. Parents, if you can recycle, we'd gladly accept the emptied eggs. Please return to church at your earliest convenience.

Next up, the children will be working on Youth Sunday which will take place on Mother's Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The kids will be providing worship that day. Our theme/topic is "What's in your Bucket?" You'll also be treated to hearing the children sing and play some special musical pieces.

We'd also like to extend a very big thank you to Reverend Candy! Thank you for sharing your ministry with us this past year as we looked for a permanent replacement at Westhampton Presbyterian Church. Your children's messages and stories with Benjamin were always a big hoot!

Seniors and students in higher education, don't forget to fill out a scholarship application. Applications can be picked up at the Youth Table, in the office or contact Ellen Campbell to have one emailed to you.

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Did you know the "April showers bring May flowers" originated in the 11<sup>th</sup> century with poet Thomas Tusser? It's part of the cycle of the seasons, because we know that rain is an essential part for growing flowers to produce the budding and eventually the blossoms of the flower but, "The proverb is often used to remind people that even though things may seem tough now, brighter times will eventually come." Just like Easter... it's a renewed time in our lives so that we can receive eternal salvation! Bring forth the May flowers.....Kathy





## Sunday Afternoon Concert Series - Francesca Lunghi and Daniel Ragone



### [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.





**Happy Birthday!**  
**Happy Anniversary!**

1	Griffin Neubauer	23	Bob Bebon
1	Tony Thompson	23	Lisa Overton
1	Madison Mosher	24	Miriam Neubauer
2	Chloe Mosher	25	Kathy Frevert
3	Jean Seyfert	27	Alex Williams
4	Allison Worthington	29	Alice Schultze
6	Barbara Rempe	29	Elizabeth Shane and Lou Pizzarello
6	Erin and Andrew Lynch	29	Lenny Rempe
7	David Glover	29	Lynda and Ralph Confessore
7	Barbara Danowski	30	Wesley Winters
8	Gini and Bryan Wagner	30	Jessica and David Aiello
10	Nancy Miller	30	Ellen Brenner
10	Christopher Lynch	31	Dave Derryberry
10	Anthony Danowski		
12	Bob Tureski		
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		
21	Kamilla Ozman		
23	Elizabeth Shane		



# May 2025

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat****AA:**

Sat. 10am –Choir Rm Sun. 12pm—Conference Rm Sun. 6:30pm– Parish Hall Wed. 6:30pm– Parish Hall				1 10am Men's Group	2 1pm Funeral Service: Phyllis Styrzo	3
4 10am Worship Congregational meeting  5:30pm East End Women's Choir	5	6 7pm Deacons	7 8am-5pm Preschool event—Parish Hall	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day  10am Worship  Youth Sunday	12	13 6pm Session	14 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 10:30am Fundrais- ing Committee 12pm PW Lunch Outing	15	16	17 9am-1pm Communi- ty Yard Sale
18 10am Worship 2pm Concert #3	19 5:30pm Ham Dinner Fundraiser	20 7pm Trustees	21	22	23	24 Rain date for Com- munity Yard Sale
25 10am Worship  Memorial Sunday service	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31 8am-5pm Preschool Graduation Ceremo- ny-Field



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