



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2025

A Word from your Pastor

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” -Romans 15:13

By the grace of God this is the first of many many Tidings to come! First, it is essential to thank the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit who called us together in service and witness to Jesus Christ. I thank the wonderful ministry of Rev. Candace who brought exceptional leadership and continuity through the season of transition and led the Church through a faithful and fruitful witness even in challenging times. I thank the entire staff for being a strong pillar for the Church as changes revealed themselves. I rejoice alongside the members of the PNC as we journeyed through the season of discernment together and navigating God’s calling. Their candor and love for the Lord and the congregation cemented the joy of opportunity to serve Westhampton Presbyterian Church. Westhampton Presbyterian truly is a visible representation of what Paul refers to as the “body of Christ” as distinct parts working together for the whole.

As part of the body of Christ, my joy is to serve the Lord, the congregation, and the greater Westhampton community. In seasons of transition, it is also good to take account of the discipline of listening. Rather than seek to make any changes, I will be a listening ear and a ministry of presence for the congregation and community; to welcome us to get to know each other, to get to know the community, to share in the stories of our faith journeys, our hopes, our cares, our challenges, and to cultivate mutual trust in each other and grow in our trust of the Lord. As I mentioned to the PNC, it is one thing to have the title of Pastor, it is quite the other to “be” your Pastor. The latter is a title welling from the hearts of the congregation. My care is to earn that trust as we trust the Lord together.

I am here to serve the Lord, you, and the greater community. I consider it a magnificent privilege to do so and have the hope that the Lord will continue to lead and guide us into a faithful and fruitful future.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Michael



A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

Prayer Concerns:

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Recent: John Cesario, recovery; Karen Derryberry, breast cancer; Tom Cuffari, cancer (friend of Stu & Mimi Wood); 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; Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin)

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

Men's Group

Whether you are a friend or member of the church, we welcome you to join us on Thursday, June 5th at 10am in the conference room. Coffee and goodies will be available.



**PW Strawberry Shortcake Meeting:
Wednesday, June 11th at noon.**



SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

After worship in the picnic area.

Sign up in the Parish Hall!

Bring a side dish to share!

Ice Cream Truck

&

Children's Games

Church Family News

Interment: *David LeBleu*

Saturday, June 21, 2025

11:00 am

WPC Memorial Garden

Baptism

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Summer Worship Schedule

June 15th—August 31

9am Quogue Chapel

10:15am Sanctuary

Paint Night!

Friday, June 6th from 7-9pm.

Sign up and join us for a "Beach" theme Paint Night with Ginger Baer! \$40 includes refreshments and supplies.

Numerous Basket Raffles to win!



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Summer Party! Fundraiser Event

"Summer Time Social"

Date: August 16 5:00 pm

Location: Church picnic field

Menu: raw bar, steak, chicken, portobello mushrooms, corn on the cob, pasta salad, green salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake, beer, wine, signature drink, ice tea and lemonade. Live music!



Sunday Audio Volunteer needed

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, we livestream our Sunday services to reach those in our church community who are unable to attend in person. Each week, a small team of dedicated volunteers manages the video and audio equipment and ensures the stream goes live on our YouTube channel. Because the team is quite small and not always available, we are looking for a committed volunteer to join and support this important ministry on a more regular basis. If you are interested—or know someone who might be—please reach out to Bruce Qua, who leads the team. Thank you for your continued support!

Blessings,

Maik Jornitz

Elder, Communication & Tech

Spotlight on the Music & Worship Committee

The Music & Worship Committee, a subcommittee of the Session, is responsible for planning and preparing for worship by assisting and supporting our Pastor and our Director of Music. We strive to make our Chapel and Sanctuary a pleasing place to worship. Here are just some of the responsibilities of the Music & Worship Committee:

- Communion: providing of elements and servers
- changing the paraments (banners and Bible markers) based on the liturgical calendar
- decorating the Lord's Table to reflect the harvest season and Thanksgiving
- adorning the Chapel and Sanctuary with festive holiday greens, wreaths, swags, and the Chrismon Tree during Advent and Christmas preparing for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter

Our committee is a small group, made up of church members and friends (one of the few church groups that you do not need to be a member to join). We meet at 5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (no meetings during the summer months). If you are seeking a way to "do a little more" for the church, then Music & Worship may be your calling. We are always looking for new members. Contact the church office or reach out to one of our members; Jenny Gillin, Donna Goebel, Jessica Howard, Karen Neubauer, or Judy Sprague for more information. We can't wait for you to join our team!

Fundraising Concert featuring Daniel Keene



Food Pantry Needs

Our community food pantry desperately needs assistance. Please help by donating nonperishable food items, personal care items (such as shampoo, soap, diapers, toothpaste, etc.) and household cleaning supplies. All donations should be unexpired and unused. Please leave your donations in the basket located in the church entryway or in the church office. Thank you for supporting our community.

Christian Education

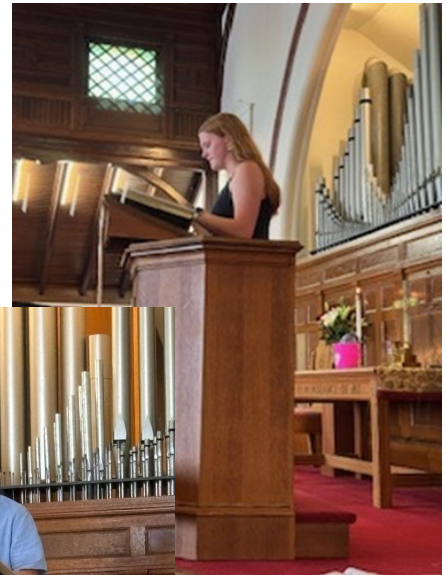
A round of applause to all the youth who participated in Youth Sunday, they did a fabulous job! It was so nice to see them sharing their talents with us and delivering the message / service for the day. Our Sunday School year is coming to an end but we're already making plans for the fall. If you are interested in being a "team" teacher (teach with another teacher alternating months), or be on our sub-list, or help in another way (Advent/ Lenten Festivals, Christmas Pageant, VBS or any new ideas) please contact me whpresbyterianss@gmail.com.

Lastly, middle & high school youth who want to make their confirmation, Reverend Michael and I will be hosting an informative meeting. Details to follow soon. Be safe and have a wonderful summer....Kathy

"A Summer's Blessing"

Author Anonymous

May you walk with God
This summer
In whatever you do
Wherever you go
Walking with God...
Walking with honesty
And with courage,
Walking with love
And respect
And concern for the feelings of others
May you talk to God
This summer And every day and
In every situation
Talking with God ... Praying words of praise
For the beauty of creation Saying prayers of thanks
For friends and good times, Asking God's help
In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow
When you have failed
May you talk with God
Every day.
Amen.



Presbyterian Walkers & Friends



On June 7th let us return to Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge to experience the refuge in a different season. In January we saw some wintering ducks and all the trees and plants were resting for the winter. Now hopefully we will see more birds that have returned to raise their young. Also, in late spring and early summer the plants begin to bloom. Look for more information on the refuge and the signup sheet this morning or contact Janet Hann, C# 631-871-7240. For carpooling, meet at the church **no later than 8:10am**, if you do not plan to carpool meet at the Refuge at 9am.

For the month of July, anyone interested in outdoor fellowship while kayaking, biking or a simple picnic on the beach look for more information in the July/August Tidings.

Presbyterian Women,

We are happy that our Community Yard Sale was a success. We delayed it for one week because of the threat of rain and the committee decided that we will continue to have it on Memorial Day weekend. The wind blew things around but overall it went well. Special thanks to everyone who helped plan, prepare, set-up, cleanup, provide baked goods and reserved a spot in the parking lot.

Our next meeting will be on June 11th and strawberry shortcake will be served at 12 noon. Yum, yum! Anyone who would like to contribute a quart of strawberries, please contact Cheryl Van Tuyle 516-528-6797. Thank you to Marge Beckwith and Cheryl for continuing to make this an annual treat!

Our annual summer Wine, and Hors D'oeuvres gathering on my deck will be on Janet Hann's patio as my deck is suffering structural issues. Bring an appetizer, bottle of wine or other beverage to share on Wednesday July 9th. at 6 pm. It is a nice relaxing evening enjoyed by all. See side article for our Warm Up For Winter Sweater Sale. We are collecting sweaters, jackets, coats and sweatshirts in GOOD condition for a sale in October.

Have a good and blessed summer,
Christine



A BIG Thank you!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped get the manse ready for Rev. Michael's arrival. Special thanks to Janet Hann, Cheryl Van Tuyle, Pam Chance-Herzing, Matt Hoge, Nancy and Wes Winters, Tom Rogers, Brian Babcock and Derik Herzing. We were a great team, and it was wonderful working with all of you! Betsy

Presbyterian Women: WARM UP FOR WINTER SWEATER SALE

Wanted: sweaters, coats, jackets and even sweatshirts in GOOD condition for the PW's " Warm Up For Winter Sweater Sale" coming in October. While you are putting away your winter clothes and getting out the summer clothes, put aside sweaters and the above that no longer fit, that you are tired of or you just don't want anymore. GOOD condition means no stains, no holes and no one-step away from the rag bag! It would be helpful if they are labeled. Bring them to the church office and Gini and crew will be sorting them out and storing them for the fall. We will continue to be doing this throughout the summer and into September. Thank you. More information will be coming. Stay tuned.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Every once in a while something unforeseen happens in our church to one of our parishioners. I am writing this so people will know where the emergency equipment is located.

There is an AED located in the foyer of the parish hall on the wall across from the Men's Room. We own a manual blood pressure machine and it is now located in the same box as the AED. There is a wheelchair located in the entryway of the church on the Quogue (east) side.

A First Aid kit is located in the kitchen on the wall next to the exit to the deacon's closet.

Most of the time, there might be a medical professional in the building but if not, do not hesitate to call 911.

The landline might be better as EMS can identify our location. Describe to the operator what you see and don't forget the address of the church: 90 Meeting House Rd, WHB

Christine Haddad RN

Update from the Deacons Closet

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our members and friends, we were able to donate excess items from our Deacons closet to some very needy brothers and sisters.

We made two deliveries to S.I.L.O. located in Medford. (Self initiated living options). This organization enables people with disabilities to live independently and safely. The staff were very grateful for our donation as they can distribute our equipment to individuals to use for as long as needed. The medical equipment that they purchase through grants must be returned within a time period. Many thanks to Janet Hann and Kathy Dayton for assisting us with sorting, loading and delivering these items.

We were also able to make a large donation to the Ukraine. A sister church in Riverhead picked up the items and will ship them directly to the Ukrainian people. Again, thanks to Janet Hann for her continued work and support of this important ministry. And a shout out to Erika who is most often the person that fields the calls, and receives and lends out the equipment!

Please take note...we can no longer accept commodes and elevated toilet seats as these particular items are hardly ever requested. We can accept them if they are unused and in the box because then they can be shipped to the Ukraine.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Deacons closet ! - Bob and Kathy Johnson

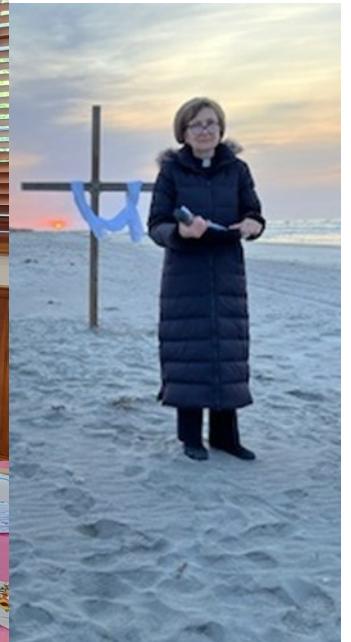
Ham Dinner Fundraiser & Welcome Rev. Michael Hafele!

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our annual Ham Dinner fundraiser this year. It was a special evening as we welcomed Rev. Michael Hafele in to our church family as our new pastor. A Huge thank you to all who helped in making this event a success!



We are thankful for you, Rev. Candy!

We thank you for your strength and comfort as our church searched for a new pastor. We truly are grateful for your time with us.

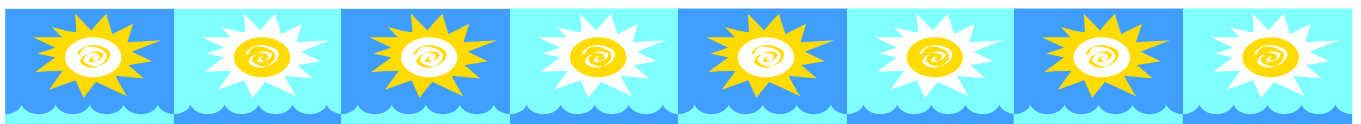


*Our Tidings is a great way to spread good news, photos, events, activities, and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to share an article!
All articles are due on the 20th each month.*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

- 3 Mary and John Hull
- 3 Hunter Wootten
- 4 Lynne & Mark Jones
- 7 Joan Larson
- 8 Tom & Linda Rogers
- 9 Nalda & Desider Rothe
- 9 Amy and Brian Mosher
- 10 Bob Johnson
- 12 Carol & Joe Nemeth
- 12 Frankie DiBiaso
- 14 Julia Ketner
- 14 Janet Hann
- 15 Meryle & John King
- 15 Tucker Collins
- 17 Abigail Ketner
- 18 Matt Hoge
- 18 Ellen Campbell
- 18 Ryan Zollweg
- 19 Holly Haile Thompson
- 23 Holly & Ralph Hubbard
- 25 Bruce Qua
- 28 Cindy Campbell
- 29 Madeline Campbell



June 2025

Sun

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Sat

1 7th Sunday of Easter 10am Worship Communion	2	3 7pm Deacons meeting	4	5 10am Men's Group	6 7-9pm Paint Night	7 Hike with Janet! 9am Wertheim Nat. Wildlife Refuge
8 Day of Pentecost 10am Worship Annual Church Picnic Choir & Teacher recog- nition	9	10 5:15pm Music & Worship Committee 6pm Session Meeting	11 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff 12pm PW Strawberry Shortcake	12	13	14
15 Trinity Sunday Happy Father's Day! Summer Worship Begins 9am Chapel 10:15am WPC	16	17 7pm Trustees Meeting	18	19	20	21 11am Interment: David LeBleu
22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Chapel 10:15am WPC	23	24	25	26 9:30am Membership Committee	27 5pm W.H. Pines Meeting	28
29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9am Chapel 10:15am WPC Baptism Graduate Recognition	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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