



October 2025 TIDINGS

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

A Word from your Pastor

Autumn is upon us, Beloved! I absolutely love autumn with sweater weather, the vibrant colors of the changing leaves, the crisp air that yields to sunshine, the flannel, the pumpkin spice everything, the annual migration to the New England area; gourds, pumpkin carving, cider, cider donuts, and the cornucopia of everything else that makes this season, in my not so humble opinion, the best of the four. The outset finds the fluctuation between a stubborn summer and a casual reminder that 68 degrees and no humidity is perfection. As we march through the Autumn season and find that winter is as stubborn as summer; the leaves brown and dry out, the grass begins its dormancy, the cloud cover greys with shortened daylight, windshields are glazed with crystals of ice. Once again, we are reminded that there are indeed seasons for everything under heaven. The cool, crisp, and comfortable seasons of life can be disrupted with the cold, the dark, the dreary.

I love the season of comfort, the season of a perfect fitting sweater that warms the body and eases the soul. Yet, I have been on this big blue marble long enough that the seasons of comfort are not permanent, but with the same wisdom neither do the seasons of discomfort and challenge. Both are temporary, they ebb and flow through our days to which gives us both resilience through the seasons of challenge and appreciation through the seasons of comfort. I say this with the encouraging reminder that regardless of the ebb and flow of the seasons, we lay our claim to the permanence of God's enduring presence both collectively as a community of faith and to us individually.

I am reminded of the prophet Isaiah's words, later reinforced by Peter, "the grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." What a wonderful reminder of the God who is present in all seasons. The God who pronounces God's love in Christ to you no matter the comfort or discomfort you are experiencing. I love the witness of the Word of God; written in the Scriptures as they testify to the Living Word in Jesus Christ. That is the greater comfort and one that is not bound to the ebbs and flows of the seasons of our life. It is an indelible reminder of the continual love of God for you in Christ. I invite you, whatever season you are currently experiencing, to wrap yourself in the unfading words of God in Christ. To be reminded and reclaimed in the unfailing love of Christ.

Love you!

Rev. Michael Hafele



Prayer Concerns:

Recent: **Brady Munn**; **Angel Knoedler**, breast cancer going through chemo (friend of Vern Hackworth), **Jan Vinokour**, recovering from a serious fall (friend of Mary & John Hull); **Dick Anderson**, healing prayers; **Linda Rogers**, lymphoma; **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**, Hamp-ton Center for Rehab; **Kimberly Rogers Murawski**; **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller

Church Family News

Deaths

September 4, 2025

Robert Cheeseman

Sign up to usher on Sunday mornings! Inquire through the church office or speak with a Deacon!

Monday Nights at 7pm

Online Bible Study with Pastor Michael

October 6th, Luke 17:11-19

October 13th, Luke 18:1-8

October 20th, Luke 18:9-14

October 27th, Luke 19:1-10

Zoom Meeting ID: 989 7751 5413

Passcode: 645951

Every Monday, Pastor Michael will offer a Zoom online Bible Study for those who would like to journey through the lectionary, and sermon texts for the following Sunday. The zoom link is provided and everyone, regardless of denomination, is welcome. The Zoom meeting will begin at 7PM and last an hour.



Mission Committee: World Communion Brunch

Sunday, October 5th after worship

As we have done for many years, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a light brunch and a speaker after church on October 5, World Communion Sunday. The lunch features a sandwich, homemade soup and a dessert table.

Our speaker this year will be Sandy Jungck, mission elder at Southampton Presbyterian Church, bringing a power point discussion of their church's connection to Los Palos in Cuba. They have been sending money to buy food six times a year, and church members visit Cuba every other year, taking medicine in suitcases to help out. We would like to learn of this mission with the idea of joining it or starting a similar one. This is part of our Mission Committee's wish to be involved in a hands-on ministry. You can't beat the food and friendship, and there's lots to learn about Cuba. Please join us at what would usually be coffee time on October 5.

THANK YOU! - Scrap Metal Drive

Our Scrap Metal Drive was a huge success! A big thank you to those who came out to help and for all the donations that came in. All proceeds go towards our church budget.





CROP Walk

Our CROP Walk is coming up in three weeks, on Sunday, October 19 after church and coffee hour. Whether you are a walker or one who supports walkers, please know how important your effort will be in fighting worldwide hunger. Hunger is the #1 risk to global health, killing more people each year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, and it is a big risk right here on Long Island. 25% of what we raise will stay right here in our community at the food pantry of the Roman Catholic church.

Please consider walking with us. You can choose the very short half mile to the duck pond and back, the main two mile walk to St. Marks Lutheran Church and back along Main Street, or the six mile walk along Dune Road, for super walkers. Sandwiches will be provided to returnees whenever they may arrive. Between now and the walk, ask everyone you know and church people you may not know to support you with donations. The good news is that the money really goes to help the hungry; it's not wasted on fake administrative costs.

If you can't walk, please look for one of the walkers and give generous support before or on the day of the walk. Checks are preferred, but you can also donate online. This is your chance to be directly involved in a most worthwhile cause. Please help!

Christian Ed. Teacher Awards

Several of our faithful Sunday School teachers were recently recognized for their long-standing commitment to the children and youth of our congregation. Sponsored by the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters, **The Celtic Cross Award** recognizes adults who have given exceptional service to children and youth with a minimum tenure of two years. In recognition to their service to God and the Church and as an affirmation of how much they mean to us and our children, the Session recognizes the following teachers: Cindy Campbell, Scott Campbell, Eloise Carter, Kathryn Tureski and Marie Yervasi. In addition, Scott Campbell was awarded **The God and Service Award for Adults** for his distinguished volunteer service in ministry to young people through both the Church and Scouting America. Eligibility for this prestigious award includes a minimum of five years service to both the Church and another youth agency in promoting religious observance, encouraging and assisting youth to earn the P.R.A.Y. award and serving as a person who Christian example is a model for young people. Congratulations to all our recipients!



Christian Ed & Youth Group

Where did September go! We opened our Sunday School year with 19 children in attendance. We took our annual photo and went into our classrooms. Our sections this year are as follows: PreK – 2nd, 3rd -5th, 6th – 8th, and 9th -12th grades. We have registration forms (in case you haven't filled one out) available at the youth bulletin board in the Parish Hall along with sign-ups and our Sunday school yearly schedule. We had four youth inquire about confirmation class, Pastor Micheal & I will be setting up a meeting to discuss and answer questions. Lastly, we had 6 of our older kids stay for youth group after coffee hour and started our plans for the year.

On Saturday, October 4th from 3:30-5:30pm, the youth group will be making a beef chili and dessert and setting up for The World Communion Brunch which will take place after worship on Sunday, October 5th. If you are a 7th – 12th grader and would like to join us, please come or email for more information whprespyter-iany@gmail.com

The youth group has also made plans to collect food in November for the Deacons Thanksgiving Baskets. We will go shopping to fulfill the items needed for the baskets and also have lunch after. If you'd like to donate towards that we will be collecting during coffee hour the first couple weeks of November.

Lastly, thank you to the session for recognizing the following individuals for **The Celtic Cross Award: Cindy Campbell, Scott Campbell, Eloise Carter, Kathy Tureski and Marie Yervasi.** Scott also received the **The God and Service Award (2024).**

Dates to highlight for youth activities:

World Communion Chili Making: 10/4

World Communion Brunch: 10/5

WHB High School Play, *Shakespeare In Love* High School Edition: 11/5 at 7:30 pm, 11/6 at 7:30 pm, 11/7 at 2pm

Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive: 11/1–11/23

Shop For Thanksgiving Baskets: 11/15 time TBD

Advent Festival & Dinner: 11/22 - 3:30-5:30pm

Christmas Pageant 12/14

As always check your emails and Youth bulletin board for updates in reference to Sunday School & Youth Group activities. We're off to a great start, looking forward to another fantastic year!

Let your light shine... Kathy



The 3 F's Committee

Paint Night! "Autumn" Themed

Our next Paint Night with Ginger Baer will be Friday, October 17 from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. 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! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall Sept. 28th. If you have any questions, you can speak to any member of the Fundraising Committee. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9th at 9:30am.

Church Outdoor Adventure By Janet Hann



I feel we are blessed living in our location on Long Island with the woodlands, ocean, bays, creeks and estuaries all around us. Once the hot, humid weather descends upon us, my thoughts are chilling out either on, by or in the water instead of hiking in the woods.

In July, Gini Wagner, Donna Goebel, Cheryl Van Tuyle, Kathy Dayton cruised on the water in our kayaks. Paddling around was relaxing. Listening to the sounds of the ducks, gulls, herrings, terns, cormorants and osprey was nature's music. Occasionally, we saw a turtle's head pop up and then disappear in the water as we paddled closer. In shallow water, a blue claw crab was crawling around the creek floor. Also, several jellyfish were floating on the surface.

Observing nature and the surrounding shore line is just as relaxing as a hike in the woods but with the fall here it is time to put our hiking boots on and take a hike. Our next hike will be at the Long Pond Greenbelt in Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor area on Saturday October 25th. The details and sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall prior to the hike.



Cheryl, Donna & Janet –Photo by Gini



Kathy Dayton



Presbyterian Women

Happy Autumn. The leaves are changing and the weather is going to get cooler. Inspired by this, we are going to have a Warm Up for Winter Sale which will be mainly sweaters but also jackets, coats and sweatshirts on Saturday October 18th from 10 am until 2 pm. It is not too late to donate the above in good condition. We especially are looking for men's and children's outer garments. At the same event, we are having a bake sale. We are looking for bakers and are requesting that the baked goods will be labeled and packaged ready to sell. See Eloise Carter to sign up.

The PW will have our October meeting on Wednesday, the 8th, at 12 noon in the conference room. Bring a covered dish to share. We will button up our plans for the Winter Sale and further discuss our annual Christmas Fair.

For those of you ladies who are working and would like a night out or just want to get out, we are going to have a gathering on Wednesday, October 22nd at 6 pm for fellowship and to discuss some of the PW happenings. Bring an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to Gini Wagner and let her know what you are bringing



WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 1 | Chelsey [Carter] and Daniel Collins | 22 | Cynthia and Scott Campbell |
| 1 | Joey and Jason Cole | 23 | Grace Jackson |
| 2 | Ryan Campbell | 23 | Jenny and John Gillin |
| 2 | Kayla Coffey | 24 | Andrew Schultze |
| 3 | Judy Sartorius | 24 | Talia Stevens |
| 4 | Alexandra Carrick | 26 | Christian Tureski |
| 6 | Abigail Levitt | 26 | Richard H. Schneider |
| 6 | Katrina Hering | 28 | Heather Wootten |
| 7 | Amee and Frank Mazurkiewicz | 29 | Melanie Bass |
| 8 | Eloise and Keith Carter | 29 | Joseph Nemeth |
| 9 | Andrea Lohneiss | 30 | Jennifer Schultze |
| 10 | Gale and Pete Seidler | 30 | Barbara Patterson |
| 11 | Ashton Lundborg | 31 | Rev. Jeanne Baum |
| 12 | Alyssa Klepper | | |
| 12 | Gabriella Mazariegos | | |
| 12 | Mimi Wood | | |
| 12 | Meredith Imber | | |
| 13 | Sarajane Giere | | |
| 15 | Lynn Frielinghaus & Steve Rouhandeh | | |
| 15 | Tyler Chattaway | | |
| 17 | Terri Bauer | | |
| 19 | Alison and Geoffrey Strong | | |
| 20 | Phillip Jornitz | | |
| 20 | Judy Sprague | | |
| 21 | Mary Hoch | | |



October 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 4-6pm Youth Group soup making |
| 5 10am worship 11:30am World Communion Brunch No Choir Rehearsal | 6 | 7 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement Group 7pm Deacons | 8 12pm PW "Covered Dish" | 9 9:30am Fundraising Meeting | 10 | 11 |
| 12 10am worship | 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day Office Closed | 14 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement Group 5:15pm Music & Worship Meeting 6pm Session | 15 | 16 9:30am Staff Meeting and webinar | 17 7-9pm Paint Night | 18 10am-2pm P.W. "Warm Up For Winter Sale" |
| 19 10am worship CROP Walk | 20 | 21 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement Group 7pm Trustees | 22 6pm P.W. Evening Gathering | 23 | 24 | 25 Outdoor Adventure with Janet! |
| 26 10am worship | 27 | 28 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement Group | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween  | |

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