

November 2025 Tidings



Faithfully Friendly For All – Always
Welcome . Include . Involve

A Word from your Pastor

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” – 1 Peter 4:10

November, regardless of what corporate America promotes by way of holiday consumerism and our apparent need to find that perfect Christmas gift for a loved one, is truly a month that reminds us to be thankful. My wife has truly taken that to heart as she has created a daily practice of proclaiming what she is thankful for. I love hearing her expressions of gratitude for the many things that one would normally overlook but she offers a frame for an appreciation of things both great and small. In a world whose mantra is the projection of deficiency so that we may buy and consume all the more, gratitude offers a punk rock perspective of appreciation and contentment. The 14th Century Roman Catholic German priest Meister Eckhart is attributed to stating, “If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.” That offers a word of hope in the midst of the constant drum beat of “more, more, more.” I find that grace is also supplied to us in abundant measure. The grace of God’s unmerited love and favor supplied to us warrants both the opportunity for us to appreciate such a magnificent gift but also the means of active appreciation of that gift: its supply is abundant, and its appreciation is an active use of that gift. Peter addresses this action in what would be the most Christlike way: service. Serve one another through the appreciation of God’s grace to each. Service is, to Peter, stewardship. Stewardship is the active appreciation of God’s gift of grace to everyone.

Soon enough we will begin our stewardship campaign for 2026 but during the conversations of budgets, appeals, and requests, may we take to heart the core of what stewardship really is: an active appreciation of the God whose loving grace continues to pour upon us in Christ in abundance. For that, may we truly give thanks and live out our appreciation.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love,

Pastor Michael



Prayer Concerns

Recent: Maura Anziano, throat cancer (friend of Karen Derryberry); 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, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller

Church Family News

BIRTH

September 29, 2025

Congratulations to Kyle & Jackie Hubbard on the birth of their baby girl, Cory Marie Hubbard!

Shakespeare In Love, High School Edition

Free Admission! Westhampton Beach High School Play- Nov, 7 & 8 at 7pm and Nov. 9 at 2pm.

Harvest Dinner!
Thursday, November 20th
6:00 pm



Come share great Food, Fellowship & Fun! John & Meryle King and The Kitchen Crew will provide turkey, dressing and dessert. Eastbound Freight Bluegrass Band is back for your entertainment! Please sign up to bring a side dish to share! Desserts will be provided.

Men's Fellowship Group Thursday, Nov. 6th

Whether a member or friend, join us on the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at 10am. Discussion and open conversation on current events and other topics. Coffee and goodies are always served.



Mark Your Calendars!

Wreath Decorating & Pizza party!
Tuesday, December 2nd at 6pm in Bailey Hall !

Sign up in the Parish Hall on the bulletin board. (*Wreath Order Forms on page 5*)

MONDAY NIGHTS: Bible On-Line Study with Pastor Michael

Join us on Zoom every Monday evening at 7:00pm as we journey through the liturgy together. All are welcome. The Zoom ID and passcode are the same each week.
Meeting ID: 989 7751 5413 Passcode: 645951
We will not meet during Advent and Christmas. Our last Zoom before Advent will be Nov. 17. We will resume on Jan. 5th.

2026 Stewardship

Pledge season is now. Stewardship letters and pledge cards are being mailed out soon! Please return your pledge cards to the offering plate or the church office.

Food Pantry Needs

Our local food pantry is in need of donations: non-perishable food items, necessary male & female personal products and children's snacks. Thank you for supporting our community. According to the most recent US Census, close to 10 million children Nationally are living in poverty. LI food banks are desperately low.



Save the Date CHRISTMAS FAIR



**Saturday
December 6th
11:00AM-
2:30PM**



**Handmade
crafts, gifts and treats!**

See Christine Haddad if you would like to help or Eloise Carter if you would like to bake.

The 3 F's Committee Thanksgiving Pie Sale!

Give thanks (and enjoy dessert!)—the Thanksgiving Pie Sale has arrived! Please fill out your order forms and include payment and bring them to the church office no later than November 10th. You may pick up your pies on Sunday, Nov. 23rd! Perfect timing to stock up on delicious pies for your holiday table!

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Order Form

Please drop off your form with cash or check made payable to "Westhampton Presbyterian Church" to the office by November 10th.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Please indicate the amount next to each item you wish to purchase.

10 INCH PIES \$20 EACH

PUMPKIN _____
 HARVEST APPLE _____
 PEACH BERRY _____
 FRUIT OF THE FOREST _____
 CARAMEL APPLE NUT _____
 BLUEBERRY LEMON _____

9 INCH QUICHE \$20 EACH

BROCCOLI CHEDDAR _____
 QUICHE LORRAINE _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____



A Note from the Presbyterian Women

We had our second, after many years, sweater sale. The ladies did a bang up job of collecting, sorting, and displaying the coats, sweaters, jackets, and sweatshirts. In spite of widespread publicity in multiple media, the attendance was below what we hoped for. We feared that we are still competing with fall festivals. Next year, we are considering having the event in early November.

We had two meetings in October, our usual lunch meeting and an evening of tacos, fellowship and sharing ideas. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12th at noon. Rumor has it that soup made by Gini Wagner's husband, Bryan, will be served. Bring a sandwich to accompany it. We will be firming up plans for this year's Christmas Fair and our December meeting.

If you are feeling especially grateful at this Thanksgiving season, please consider donating to the PW Thank offering. Monies collected go to many worthwhile causes, both in the US and abroad.

And lastly, save the date for our annual Christmas Fair on Saturday December 6th from 11 to 2:30. Our wreath decorating pizza party will be on Tuesday December 2nd at 6 pm. We will need volunteers to bake, decorate wreaths, set up, sell, and take down, and of course come and enjoy.



Fundraising Committee Ornaments

Once again we are selling ornaments of our beloved church during coffee hour for \$20. They will look great on your Christmas tree and will also make excellent gifts.

We will continue to sell them through Christmas. Stop by the table in the fellowship hall and check them out.

Adopt A Family



It might be only November but it isn't too early to consider the Adopt a Family program which will be coming up at the end of November, beginning of December. Adopt a Family is a program in which we can help people in our community receive Christmas gifts which they might not otherwise be able to afford. The recipients make a wish list and members of the congregation select a family member and shop for them. Some people don't ask for much so any extras are always appreciated. The request will be spelled out on a paper along with age, gender and sizes. More information will be forthcoming but Tracy Zollweg and Sharon Conway will be heading up this wonderful endeavor. Stay tuned and be generous.

Scrap Metal

We had another successful Scrap Metal Drive Fundraiser on Saturday, September 27th.

A big thank you to everyone who came out to help.

We collect scrap metal year round, so if you have any steel, copper, aluminum, old appliance, etc., they can be dropped off in the parking area behind the church. The \$2,225 from the 27th brings the total so far this year to \$11, 487.50. This goes toward the church's operating budget.

Thanks again,
Tom Rogers

Grocery Cards

Starting November 2nd, Grocery Gift Cards will be on sale during the first part of coffee hour (please see Lynne before choir practice) . It's just like using a credit card at the store, only the church gets 5%. We have Stop & Shop and Shop Rite cards, which you can purchase with cash or a check made out to Westhampton Presbyterian. Buy them for you or for someone else. Every little bit helps!



Thanksgiving Baskets

Fall is here and while most of us are thankful for the beauty and bounty around us, some families are dreading the coming of the cold. The least we can do is try to make Thanksgiving a special celebration for some of our less fortunate local families. Each year our Deacons and Youth Group assemble large Thanksgiving "Baskets" (boxes really) full of food and gift cards for about 15 families. You can help by bringing non-perishable food items to church—things like canned corn, cranberry sauce and stuffing mix. Don't forget the mayo for leftover turkey sandwiches!

Many people like to donate a grocery gift card so that families can buy milk, eggs, butter, fresh vegetables, pie or cider...something to make their Thanksgiving dinner memorable. A couple of cards in a family's basket full of canned and packaged goods can make a real difference! It's a win-win situation: buying grocery gift cards for others or yourself during coffee hour nets the church gets 5%. We primarily have \$25 and \$100 cards for Stop & Shop and Shop Rite, starting the first Sunday in November. You can pay with cash or a check made out to Westhampton Presbyterian.

CROP Walk



The CROP Walkers on October 19 are pictured here. They are Linda Borenstein, Pam Chance-Herzing and friend, Christine Haddad, Donna Goebel, Gwyn Evans, Stu Wood, Lynne Jones, Kimet Speed, Rev. Michael Hafele, Janet Hann, Jessica Howard, Gini Wagner, Cheryl Van Tuyle.



November Outdoor Adventure with Janet!

The next hike will be at Broad Cove Preserve in Aquebogue which is a waterfront parcel on Flanders Bay. There are views of Terry Creek and Broad Cove. This nearly 100 acre parcel is the site of the former Broad Cove Duck Farm and was purchased by the Peconic Land Trust saving it from development.

All interested in exploring this preserve on November 22nd at 9:00 am see Janet Hann during coffee hour or call her at C#631-871-7240 or H#631-288-6884 and leave a message.



Presbyterian Women Christmas Wreath Order Form

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

90 MEETING HOUSE ROAD
WESTHAMPTON BEACH NY 11978

ORDERS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, NOV. 30TH

PICK-UP IS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 10 AM.

NUMBER OF WREATHS AT \$40 EACH _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE BRING FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE

Christian Education

November is the month that reminds us to be thankful. It's a time for us to reflect on how we support our missions that graciously give to others. Also, a time to be thankful and blessed for those around us. The youth at Westhampton Presbyterian have big hearts for the work that they do, (Heifer, Food Drives, Souper Bowl, preparing meals, collecting clothing, pop up service projects, etc.) and our congregation is the best for supporting all of it!

During November we help the Deacons collect Thanksgiving food items to prepare "Thanksgiving Baskets" to give to local families in need. Each Sunday in November through the 23rd, there will be a box on the table by the "youth bulletin board" to collect "Thanksgiving" items to fill the boxes (food, grocery cards & cash). They also will be shopping for non-perishable food items to put into the boxes on November 15th with any monies received. We have grocery cards from our Souper Bowl for Caring soup sale to put into the boxes so a family can purchase "fresh" items too! In addition, we'd like to create something extra special to include in the boxes this year. If you have a family recipe and can include the ingredients in a bag along with the recipe and maybe a note (looking for about 15 recipe bags) it will make the Thanksgiving Boxes extra special!

We will have a "family" advent festival on November 22nd, from 4-6pm. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Watch for an email to follow with specifics to dinner. We will start with "the meaning of Advent" in the sanctuary, then proceed to the parish hall for crafts, ending with dinner & birthday cake for Jesus!

Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant (Sunday, Dec. 14th) will be here before you know it and our Sunday School kids always tell the best story of Christmas! Parents - don't forget to sign your child(ren) up when you're checking out the happenings of the children and youth! Everything can be found at the Youth table during Coffee Hour or see Kathy Tureski with questions.

For those interested in being confirmed, Pastor Michael and I will have an informational meeting on November 16th, immediately following worship in Bailey Hall.

Lastly, let's not forget about our thespians at Westhampton Beach High School. The show is *Shakespeare In Love, High School Edition*. Showtimes are on Friday and Saturday, November 7th and 8th at 7:00pm and Sunday November 9th at 2:00 pm in the Westhampton Beach District Auditorium and admission is free! Always a fabulous show.

I hope your Thanksgiving table is full of your favorite food and surrounded by your favorite people, and full of peace, love and joy....Kathy

Check out the WPC online portal!

Dear Members and Friends,

We want to ensure as much communication as possible with **all** of our congregation near and far, because each and every one of you has a special place here.

Please contact Erika in the church office at admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org or 631-288-2576 if you need additional assistance.

The Member Portal: You will create **your own** unique password for privacy purposes. Use the link below to sign up, update your own contact information, check your pledge givings, print out statements, add photos and more! <https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/westhampton-presbyterian-church>



Warm Up For Winter Sale



Paint Night!





Wishing you a Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary...

2	Chloe Rouhandeh	22	Kyle Hubbard
3	Leif Neubauer	23	Bob Busking Jr.
4	Tom Otis III	23	Keri Shiu
5	Margretta Anderson	24	Kayla Jones
7	Karen Derryberry	24	Betsy Doyle
8	Xochitl Seyfert	25	Glen Walker
9	Kristina [Carter] & Micah Bennett	25	Shaun Holliday
11	Amy Gwinn	28	Ryan Napolitano
11	John King	30	Alec Jessup Levitt
11	Amber Popper		
12	Billy Campbell		
13	Russ Babis		
14	Jim Rowbotham		
14	Collin Chattaway		
17	Maria and Tom Moore		
17	Ellen and John Campbell		
18	Evelyn Overton		
18	Tracy Speed-Zollweg		
19	Laura Impomeni		
19	Maura Hann		
20	Maria Moore		
20	Mike Campbell		
21	Cooper Jessup III		
21	Sarah Miles Williams		
21	John Gillin		



November 2025

Sun

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Sat

<p>AA: Sat. 10am –Choir Rm Sun. 12pm—Conference Rm Sun. 6:30pm– Parish Hall Wed. 6:30pm– Parish Hall</p>						<p>¹ All Saints Day</p>
<p>² 10am Worship Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>³ 7pm Online Bible Study</p>	<p>⁴ 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement 7pm Deacons</p>	<p>⁵ 9:45 am The 3 F's meeting 11am Membership meeting</p>	<p>⁶</p>	<p>⁷</p>	<p>⁸</p>
<p>⁹ 10am Worship</p>	<p>¹⁰ 7pm Online Bible Study</p>	<p>¹¹ Veteran's Day Office Closed 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement 5:15pm M&W 6pm Session</p>	<p>¹² 9:15am Mission meeting 10:30am Staff meeting 12pm PW Meeting</p>	<p>¹³</p>	<p>¹⁴ Preschool All Day event</p>	<p>¹⁵ YG Shop for Thanksgiving</p>
<p>¹⁶ 10am Worship Cong.-Corp. Meeting after worship 11:15am Confirmation Meeting</p>	<p>¹⁷ 7pm Online Bible Study (last Bible study until Jan. 5th)</p>	<p>¹⁸ 2-3:30pm EEH Adult Bereavement 7pm Trustees</p>	<p>¹⁹</p>	<p>²⁰ 6pm Harvest Dinner</p>	<p>²¹</p>	<p>²² 3:30-6pm Advent Family Festival</p>
<p>²³ 10am Worship Stewardship Sunday</p>	<p>²⁴</p>	<p>²⁵</p>	<p>²⁶</p>	<p>²⁷ Thanksgiving Office Closed </p>	<p>²⁸ Office Closed</p>	<p>²⁹</p>
<p>³⁰ 1st Sunday of Advent 10am Worship</p>						

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Your issue of the November Tidings



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*