



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MAY 2026

## A Word from the Pastor

*The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.*  
-Acts 2:39

Early this month, I will be heading for a couple days to go and pick up our son from college. Later in the month, Claudia will do the same for our daughter. Interestingly, both our kids are about 800 miles away from us here; one in Wisconsin and the other in Georgia. There are times when being a parent of young adults tests the patience and comfort level. We are, after all, still parents to our “kids” and that moniker carries the concerns and uncertainties that can creep into this parental enterprise.

I remember both of their baptisms. They were just big enough to be cradled in my arm as the water was being poured on their heads. For both of them, the words from Peter’s sermon at Pentecost, quoted above, were recited at their baptisms. The promise Peter describes is the continual ministry of the Holy Spirit. The ministry of care and forgiveness when hearts and souls are wounded. The ministry of presence in seasons of feeling alone. The ministry of love in the chaos of violence and hatred. As a parent, I take great comfort in the heart of these words, especially when the 800-mile distance of “all who are far off” seems to come to the forefront of my anxious parental heart. Yet, this promise reminds me that the caring ministry of the Holy Spirit is continually with them, upon them, and even, at times, in spite of them.

That gives me great assurance and comfort in the God who continues to keep promises whether one is across the hall or across the world.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Michael Hafele



## Church Family News

### Memorial Service

*Patricia Kottl-Bebon*

Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 12pm  
Westhampton Presbyterian Church,  
reception to follow.

### Men's Fellowship Group

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

### Summer Tidings Edition Reminder:

Please have your articles, photos, event dates and any other information emailed to the church office no later than May 20th. The Summer Tidings Edition will include June, July and August. This is THE edition to have to start planning your summer events and activities with your church family!

### Prayer Concerns:

**Recent:** **Kathy Tureski**, healing prayers; **John King**, healing prayers; **John Sprague**, healing prayers; **Mariko & Leandro Pichardo**, healing prayers; **Austin Lock** (friend of the Jornitz Family); **Gale & Pete Seidler**, home; **Dick Anderson**, healing prayers; **Carolyn Manker Smith**, breast cancer (Hanne & Bill Manker's daughter); **Lenny Rempe**, (longtime member of WPC); **Susan Sullivan**, friend of John and Mary Hull; **Leslie Johnson**, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); **Libby Hirsch**, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin)

**Long Term:** **Suzanne Truscott**; **Ralph Neubauer**; **Chelsey Carter Collins**, Hamptons Center for Rehab; **Dana Barrett**, friend of Nancy Miller

**PW "Ladies Outing" Luncheon, May 13th at noon, see page 4 for more details.**

**Community Yard/Craft Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd, more details on page 4!**

### Wanted AD:

Do you have a passion for children/youth ministry? Teaching? Spiritual growth? Looking for 2-4 individuals who would like to join our Christian Education committee (Sunday School teachers & Kathy). Looking to strengthening our programs, supporting our teachers, expanding mission work/programs that will help shape their spiritual life. Email Kathy @ [whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com](mailto:whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com)



### Annual Church Picnic!

Save the date for our annual church picnic on **Sunday, June 14th** 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. A sign-up sheet is located in the parish hall. Please let us know you'll be joining in and also indicate what side dish you will contribute to accompany our spread. 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 contact the church office if you would like to help in any way. Hope to see you there!!

### East End Women's Choir Cabaret

You are cordially invited to attend a fundraising Cabaret sponsored by East End Women's Choir. It will feature singers, dancers, a 50/50 raffle, refreshments, and a silent basket raffle. This fun filled event will take place on May 3, 2026 at 3 PM at Westhampton Presbyterian Church.

## EASTER 2026



Easter Sunrise Service at the Swordfish Beach Club  
Sunday, April 5, 2026  
Sponsored by the Hamptons Interfaith Council  
Pictured from left to right:  
Rev. Michael Hafele and Fr. Chris Jubinski

## Food Basket

There is a basket for food contributions in the left front entrance of the Sanctuary (Church Vestibule). The contributions of food as well as hygiene products are needed throughout the year but especially during the summer when the schools are closed. The food and items are taken over to the Food Pantry located at the Immaculate Conception by the Deacons to be distributed to those who are in need. This is the best way for us to spread our love to our community so please when you are shopping remember to pick up something extra to donate just one thing can add up to helping others.

## Online Portal

Use the link below to update your own contact information, view and print your statements and add a photo too! You will create your own unique password for privacy purposes. You are also able to view the Church Directory! Questions, contact the church office. <https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/westhampton-presbyterian-church>



## Why Do We Wear Red on Pentecost?

Sunday, May 24th marks **Pentecost**, the day liturgical churches celebrate the Holy Spirit's descent upon the early followers of Jesus, as recorded in **Acts 2**.

The word "Pentecost" translates to "the 50th day," occurring exactly 50 days after Easter Sunday. It is often considered the "birthday of the Church."

## The Symbolism of Red

During this celebration, you'll notice many churches and clergy wearing **red**. This vibrant color serves as a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" described in the Bible:

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind... Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." — **Acts 2:1-4**

By wearing red, the congregation honors the fire of the Holy Spirit, which empowered the apostles to spread their message across the world.

## BY GIVING TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING

you're supporting ministries  
that unite young people and  
inspire them to share their  
faith in Christ.



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

The Presbyterian Women are looking for a few good men... and women for our annual Community Yard Sale on May 23rd. We appreciate people who will help bring items down from the closets, help set up tables, bake, sell items, and help clean up and put things away. And of course, we are looking for anyone who wants to take a space to sell their wares. Applications will be in the office or see me for more information. The event will run from 9-1. Rain date is June 6th.

Having had a covered dish luncheon and an evening taco night gathering in April, we will be having our annual restaurant meeting on Wednesday May 13th at noon at Mary's restaurant in Speonk. We hope that you can join us.

The weather is teasing us but when it decides to really stay warm, we will be filing away those winter clothes. Put aside and bring to the church any sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and coats that you plan to no longer wear. We want these clothes in good condition for our fall "Warm Up for Winter" sweater sale.

Readers look for an announcement about the in person book club. Meanwhile continue to share your favorite reads with Gini Wagner via our group email.

Christine Haddad

BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY



April's volunteer opportunity at LI Cares was another success. Our last scheduled sessions before our summer hiatus are Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you are already registered for the Westhampton Presbyterian Church Group on the LI Cares website, please sign up today. **Spaces are limited.** Please remember to donate to local food pantries. Non-perishable food, especially proteins (canned meats, tuna, beans), as well as toiletries and cleaning supplies are always in need. For more information, please contact Donna Goebel 631.838.2984.

## Paint Night!

Our next Paint Night with Ginger Baer is scheduled for **Friday, May 15 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. 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.

## Memorial Scholarships

Memorial Scholarship applications are now available in the church office for all church members who are working towards college or graduate degrees. Completed applications and personal statements are due by June 14, 2026. One can also be emailed to you, please contact the church.

## Deacons Closet

The Deacon's Closet is open to everyone in our congregation and community. We have a variety of items available for loan, including walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, transport chairs, shower chairs, rollators, knee scooters, ramps, bed rails, sock helpers, and grabbers. If you need something not listed here, please feel free to ask a Deacon.

We accept donations of items in good repair. Please note that we cannot accept items requiring sanitization (such as used commodes) or items that run on battery or electricity.

If you borrow an item, we kindly ask that you fill out a waiver form, as required by our insurance company. These forms are located on the clipboard in the Deacon's Closet and are also available in the church office. We're here to help!

Your Deacons,  
Bob and Kathy Johnson

## Christian Ed.

April showers bring May flowers! Mother nature teased us with some nice warm days in April, and then winter/spring came back. May is the celebration of springtime. The flowers are blooming, warm weather is more constant, daylight is lasting longer it's a renewed energy month with lots of happenings.

April recap: I didn't really know if mother nature was going to be on our side Easter morning as rain was predicted. As I awoke to attend sunrise service it was so foggy and damp I decided I would skip this year and try to figure out what I was going to do with the annual Easter egg hunt of 500 eggs! Well, she surprised me, the rain held off, sunrise service happened, so sun but it looked like a beautiful tranquil morning. We had some showers as I getting ready to leave for church told my husband, we'll just have to wait until after church clears out and hide the eggs in the sanctuary. Not an ideal situation. Forecast changes again it going to hold off until noon...yeah! I took the gamble and the kids went out before church, and we put the eggs out. We did keep them close incase mother nature had something else planned! Alleluia! The rain held off, the annual hunt was successful. We had about 25 children attend and all seemed very happy with their bounty. I want to thank the adults who donated the candy for the eggs and the youth group and adults that helped stuff them. Parents if your children still have eggs we recycle them... please bring them in anytime. Thank you.

Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> is Youth Sunday; Sunday School and youth group kids will be doing the entire service. Our theme is "Let Your Light Shine" What a terrific message for them to give, you won't want to miss this one! Please check your emails often, as I will be sending material home, and practice times. It's also Mother's Day...thanks for sharing Youth Sunday with us Mom's.

Our confirmation class will be concluding this month too. Our confirmands, Gabby, Philip, Samantha, Talia and Tucker will be meeting with session on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> during regular worship. It's also Memorial Sunday and Pentecost. Be sure to wear your red too. Wearing red is to "signifies the birth of the Church and the start of the Apostles' mission to spread the Gospel". Red can also honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and who we have lost over the year from our congregation.

Scholarship applications will be sent out next week. Please make sure we have your child's current email address if they are interested in receiving one. They can send it to: [whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com](mailto:whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com) Applications will also be available in Church office and hopefully online. Please let us know about any graduates too, High School, College or a Vocational School. (School, Graduate Day (photo would be nice!) degree/career, trade/school program)

Lastly, I'm looking for 2-4 individuals that are interested in sitting on The Chrisitan Education team with the Sunday School teachers. Shoot me an email: [whpresbytrianyg@gmail.com](mailto:whpresbytrianyg@gmail.com)

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." John 1:4-5

Let Your Light Shine....Kathy



Westhampton Presbyterian Church presents

# Summer Concert Series

**Moka Pot Duo**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2:00 PM**  
**Lisa Casal-Galietta, Violin**  
**Daniel Keene, Guitar present**  
**"French Roast"**  
**A deliciously aromatic blend of works for violin and guitar to be performed on period instruments.**



**Sunday, July 26, 2:00 PM**  
**Vanessa Trouble, Jazz Vocalist**  
**"Jazz Goes to the Movies!"**  
**Unforgettable songs from iconic films.**

**Ethel's Mermen**  
**Sunday, August 23, 2:00 PM**  
**"We Sing Songs By the Seashore"**  
**Anchored at the nautical East End of Long Island, this inter-generational a capella crew performs shanties and folk songs for the simple pleasure and preservation of this spirited music.**



General Admission: \$30

Tickets on sale at the church office or  
Lynne's Cards & Gifts on Main Street, Westhampton Beach

Westhampton Presbyterian Church  
90 Meeting House Road, Westhampton Beach  
(631) 288-2576



# 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	Jessica and David Aiello
8	Gini and Bryan Wagner	30	Ellen Brenner
10	Nancy Miller	31	Dave Derryberry
10	Christopher Lynch		
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 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 5th Sunday of Easter 10am worship Baptism 3pm EEW Cabaret	4 7pm Online Bible Study	5 8am-5pm Preschool set up— Parish Hall 7pm Deacons Meeting	6 9am-5pm Preschool Mother's Day Event-Parish Hall	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 6th Sunday of Easter 10am worship Youth Sunday Scout Recognition	11 7pm Online Bible Study	12 5:15pm M&W 6pm Session Meeting- Confirmation Meeting	13 9:15am Mission 10:30am Staff meeting 12pm PW "Ladies Outing" Mary's Pizza in Speonk	14 9:30am 3 F's Meeting	15 7-9pm Paint Night!	16
17 7th Sunday of Easter 10am worship	18 7pm Online Bible Study (Summer Study Break)	19	20	21	22	23 *9am-1pm Community Yard Sale—church parking lot
24 Day of Pentecost (wear red) 10am worship Memorial Sunday Confirmation	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27	28 8am-5pm Preschool setup Graduation	29 10am-3pm Preschool Graduation—Field (rain moves event inside Parish Hall )	30
31 Trinity Sunday 10am worship						