



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June/July 2026

## A Word from your Pastor

### Once Upon a Bagel Shop...

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*

It was about 3 weeks ago and as I was going to one of the local bagel establishments (salt bagel with plain cream cheese, to be precise) I noticed a man sitting at one of the tables looking quite disturbed. His face exuded an internal challenge that was difficult to mask, even as he was burying his face into a bagel and coffee. As I was waiting for my order to arrive, I asked if it was ok to sit with him as I waited. He nodded and so I sat down. He noticed my clerical collar and struck up the familiar question, "Which church are you a priest of?" My reply was two-fold, the answer as well as a reciprocal question, "Are you ok?" Once again, as hard as he was trying to don the mask of his difficulty, the more the mask melted before him. His reply, "I just don't know what to do." He offered no more clarity as to the nature of his challenge but I offered to pray with him. "Right here? Is that appropriate?" My reply was an instant, "Absolutely." I asked him his name and he responded. The prayer was short, direct, and lacked any elegance but after the "Amen" was spoken, his face no longer sought to hold onto a mask. It reflected kinder eyes, looser face, and now bearing a smile. His response was a simple "thank you" but I sense that it was not directed to me.

I couldn't help but be reminded of the above text from Philippians. The chapters of our own lives and the lives of others can be riddled with anxiety as the challenges and stresses of life reveal themselves at inopportune and uncertain times. Yet, the God who calms the storms is also the God of eternal presence, who is present with us in all the seasons of life, including the challenging ones. It is my hope that in your seasons of challenge or in the ones of friends, family, or even strangers at the bagel shop, you lay your anxieties, your prayers, your challenges before the Lord who welcomes us to do so in the assurance of his eternal presence and love. Even if it is too much of a challenge, know that both the Spirit prays for us in our challenges and a family of faith, here at Westhampton Presbyterian, who can offer words for us when it is too difficult for us to do so.

Remember, you are not alone.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Michael Hafele



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:** **Janet Schneider**, healing prayers(Rich Schneider’s wife); **John Sprague**, healing prayers; **Mariko & Leandro Pichardo**, healing prayers; **Austin Lock** (friend of the Jornitz Family); **Gale & Pete Seidler**, home; **Dick Anderson**, healing prayers; **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

## Men’s Group

Whether you are a friend or member of the church, we welcome you to join us on Thursday, June 4th at 10am in the conference room. Coffee and goodies will be available.

**PW “Strawberry Shortcake”**  
**Wednesday, June 10th at noon.**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH**  
**After worship on the back field.**

**Sign up in the Parish Hall!**  
**Bring a side dish to share!**

**Volunteers are always needed too!**

## Church Family News

### Deaths

Sunday, May 31, 2026  
**Marjorie Beckwith**

### Baptism

May 3, 2026  
**Grant Hanley**  
**Parents: Patrick & Heather Hanley**



### Memorial Service

**Patricia Kottl-Bebon**  
 Saturday, June 6, 2026  
 12:00 pm  
**Westhampton Presbyterian Church**  
**All welcome to reception after the service.**

### Summer Worship Schedule

June 14th—September 6th  
 9am Quogue Chapel  
 10:15am Sanctuary

## PW Evening Gathering in July

The ladies will meet at Christine’s house on Wednesday, July 8th at 6pm. Bring an hors d’oeuvres and/or drink of choice.

## Summer Concert Series

See flyer for dates and details! For sponsorship, contact the church office.

## “Stars & Stripes Summer Soiree”



Date: August 15 5:30 pm  
 Location: Church Field  
 What to expect: An evening of food, fellowship and fun!  
 Including a raw bar, dinner and drinks  
 See flyer for more details!

## East End Women’s Choir

East End Women’s Choir is presenting Vivaldi’s “Gloria “ on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Westhampton Presbyterian Church. This performance features a chamber orchestra including strings, oboe, Bach trumpet and harpsichord. Francesca Lunghi and Emma Ozman will be featured soprano soloists. There is a \$25 suggested donation.

*Reminder: the next issue of Tidings is the August issue. Please have your submissions in by July 20th.*

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.**



## **Vanessa Trouble, Jazz Vocalist**

**Sunday, July 26, 2:00 PM**

### **"Jazz Goes To The Movies!"**

**Unforgettable songs from iconic films.**

## **Ethel's Mermen**

**Sunday, August 23, 2:00 PM**

### **"We Sing Sea Songs By The Sea Shore"**

**This intergenerational 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,  
Lynne's Cards & Gifts on Main Street or  
Use our QR code!**



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(631) 288-2576**

## Mission Committee

The Mission Committee supports twenty organizations from local, regional and national places using an annual budget of \$15,000. We learn of these places from people who are familiar with them and know of their need, meaning you, our people. We try to get representatives of the twenty to come here and give a minute for mission to the congregation, but many of them are too far away so we give the minutes for mission ourselves.

So far this year we have supported a shelter for domestic violence, an emergency food and clothing center, a homeless shelter, a food kitchen, a Presbyterian camp, a peace fellowship fighting violence, a mission to Cuba, a Presbyterian volunteer organization, an Indian reservation, an orphanage for Ukraine and a national educational foundation working to prevent violence in schools.

We want to move beyond just talking about our projects—we want to work on them *together* as a congregation. We will have more details on how you can get involved this fall! We always welcome your suggestions for organizations and causes that need our support. Please remember that every dollar we contribute is made possible directly by your generous pledges and donations to the church.

Stu Wood for the Mission Committee

## Music & Worship Committee



We would also like to thank sexton, Brian Babcock for constructing the beautiful wood cross that was used during the sunrise Easter Morning Service. It was suggested and approved by the Trustees, to place the cross in the garden near the front of the church, for all to see year round.

If you are wondering what the Music & Worship committee is all about, or, if you want to become part of a church committee, then please accept our invitation to join us at our next meeting on, Tuesday, June 9, at 5:15 p.m. Please note: this committee is open to members and friends of the church. If you cannot attend the meeting, but are interested in learning more, please contact Erika in the church office. She will connect you with one of the committee members.

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

## 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.

BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGRY



I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered at one of our LI Cares outreach opportunities these past several months. We proudly represented Westhampton Presbyterian Church as we volunteered one Tuesday a month at the Hampton Bays location. Our work consisted of unloading the delivery truck, stocking shelves, freezers and refrigerators, as well as, assisting the clients as they shopped. What an amazing way to spread love and kindness to others. We have one more event on Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. before we take a summer hiatus. We will resume our program in September. If you wish to join us or have questions, please contact Donna Goebel 631.838.2984.

## Presbyterian Women

It is Memorial Day and I am reflecting on our recent Community Yard Sale. In spite of the drizzling weather, we managed to pull it off and successfully so. Thank you to those who baked, crafted, sorted and sold. Thank you also to all those who came out and volunteered their time, helping set up and taking down our tables, tents and displays. We are contemplating the future of this fundraising event. It is difficult to control the weather. The vendors can be a challenge to obtain and we are reviewing the available help in an aging church.



On a different note, we had thirteen ladies come to Mary's for lunch in May and a brief meeting. On June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, we will have our annual Strawberry Shortcake lunch. It is up to you if you want to have lunch first or just enjoy this treat. We will review and discuss, the future of the Yard Sale as well as other business.

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will gather again at 6pm on my deck for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. My deck has been rebuilt and will be ready for entertaining! Ladies bring either a beverage: wine or a softer drink, or an appetizer/hors d'oeuvres to share. Check the bulletin or Gini's email for updates. This is a fun social event with no business except to get to know each other better. Hope to see you there.

Lastly, if you are putting away your winter clothes and no longer want your sweaters, coat, jackets or sweat-shirts don't put them away. Bring them to the church for our Warm Up for Winter Sale in the late fall. Please only bring items in good condition. Gini Wagner and crew will be sorting and storing them throughout the year



## Presbyterian Walkers & Friends



### Broad Cove Preserve Hikers:

Stu Wood, Gwen Evans, Donna Goebel,  
Chris Haddad, Bob Bebon, Gini Wagner and Janet Hann



### Next Hike!

Our next hike will be Saturday June 20, 2026 at Laurel Valley County Park located at 2400 Deerfield Road in Noyac; south of Noyac Golf Club. The hike will be a 2.5 mile loop hilly hike. The trail terrain is considered moderately difficult with 45 feet to 230 feet elevations consisting of ravines, kettleholes, hilltops and ridges. There are dense stands of mountain laurel and is an oak-hickory forest. Also there is a grove of American Beech trees.

Dress for the weather, wear hiking boots or supportive walking shoes, light color pants and tuck them in your socks. Bring water & snack if you like. There are no bathroom facilities but it is not too far from Morton Wildlife Refuge where rest rooms are available after the hike.

Meet at the church parking lot at 8:00 am to carpool. Contact info: Janet H#631-288-6884 or C#631-871-7240. Rain cancels.



### Prickly Pear

The prickly pear cactus is the only native cactus species found here on Long Island and northeastern United States. It is a low growing perennial found in sunny, dry patches near shorelines and maritime forest.

In late June to early July they bloom bright yellow flowers. In late summer they yield red/purple fruits. The flowers support native pollinators and the fruit are eaten by local wildlife like deer, rabbits and box turtles. They survive our harsh winters by dehydrating and shriveling up to protect their cells from freezing. They plump back up in the spring.

Prickly pear pad/paddles called “nopoles” and fruit called “tuna” are edible. It is a Mexican cuisine used to make a variety of sweet and savory dishes including jams, candies, syrups, desserts, salads vegetables and tacos. The tuna are sweet and juicy with a cross between watermelon and strawberry taste. The young green tender noploes are eaten as a vegetable. The tiny spines of the pad need to be carefully scrapped off before preparing them.

## Christian Education

A round of applause to the Sunday School children who helped deliver the message of “Jesus Is the Light” on Youth Sunday. Everyone did an amazing job — whether reading, singing, ushering, or sharing how they shine their light in their everyday lives.

We are so proud of each child for using their gifts to glorify God and inspire our congregation. It was also wonderful to celebrate our scouts and recognize the many ways they shine their lights through service, leadership, and kindness.

As I was preparing our schedule for the year, I came across an advertisement for the movie “*Jesus Is the Light*.” I immediately knew this would be the perfect lesson theme for Youth Sunday. Throughout the year, I gathered materials from Scripture, Sunday School lessons, and crafts to help prepare the children for this special day.

The message truly touched my heart after attending a Celebration of Life ceremony the day before our lesson was to be delivered. It reminded me that we, as a congregation, educators, and families, are the “spark” that ignites the “Light” within our children.

Beginning with their Baptism, we make a commitment to guide them toward “the Light.” As they grow through life, we encourage that Light to shine brightly through faith, love, kindness, and service to others.

Today, I encourage each of us to revisit our own “Lights” and make sure we are shining brightly for others to see.

We closed out May on Pentecost with five youth members — Tucker, Philip, Samantha, Talia, and Gabriella — confirming their faith and becoming new members of Westhampton Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to each of them for making this meaningful commitment to be part of our spiritual family. Their faith, dedication, and willingness to grow in Christ is truly inspiring.

As a congregation, let us continue to encourage and support them on their faith journey, helping them to keep shining their Light brightly for all to see.

Please join us after worship on June 7th during coffee hour to hear a brief description of our new Children-Youth Ministry Committee.

We are looking for congregation members who are interested in working with the Children-Youth Ministry of this church. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith, encourage our youth, and help guide the next generation in their spiritual journey.

Whether you enjoy teaching, helping with activities, crafts, music, special events, or simply building meaningful connections with our children and youth, your time and talents would be greatly appreciated.

If you feel called to help our program for young people to grow in faith and continue shining their Light brightly, our first meeting will be on June 8th at 7pm in the Founders Room.

I’m excited to see our program grow as we continue to nurture the spiritual journey of our youth ministry together.



**Memorial Scholarship applications are due by June 14<sup>th</sup>.** If you need a new application, email me @ [whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com](mailto:whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com) or contact Erika @ [admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org)

**High School & College Graduates:** We’d love to highlight you on Graduate Sunday recognition on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please email me @ [whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com](mailto:whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com) or Stu Wood @ [stuwood@fastmail.net](mailto:stuwood@fastmail.net) with a brief description of where you graduated from, where your attending, Major? Work? Graduate school? Thank you!

Happy Summer – Kathy

**“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.” – Edith Wharton**



## 2026 SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

We have an exciting line up of performers for this year's concert series.

**June 28**, Daniel Keene and Lisa Casal-Galietta will present a concert of French music for violin and guitar, played on period instruments. Dan and Lisa have blessed us with their talents in the past and we are happy to welcome them back!

**July 26**, we are pleased to present Vanessa Trouble, Jazz Vocalist as she takes us on a trip through some unforgettable jazz favorites from feature films.

**August 23**, Ethel's Mermen will entertain us with sea shanties and folk songs. You might even see a familiar face or two in the group!

All of the concerts start at 2PM and run about an hour in length. Tickets are \$30 General Admission, and are available after worship during coffee hour, from the church office during the week, or at Lynne's Cards and Gifts on Main Street in Westhampton Beach. We are also offering an online purchasing option via the QR Code printed on the flyer. If you are interested in sponsoring all or part of one or more of the performances, please speak to Betsy Doyle during coffee hour, or you can call her at 631-495-5179.

## YOUTH SUNDAY & SCOUT RECOGNITION



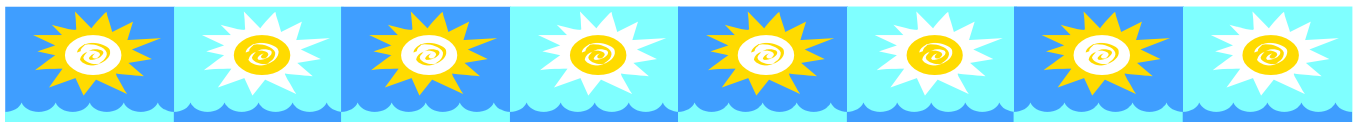
# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## 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

## JULY

1 Henry Neubauer  
 1 Nalda Rothe  
 3 Christian Charles  
 3 Jennifer Truscott & Gale Sheridan  
 4 Kyle Miller  
 5 Gale Seidler  
 5 Charlotte Gillin  
 7 Gil Frevert  
 7 Ashley Jade Harvey  
 9 Frank Jessup  
 9 Jennifer Truscott  
 10 Millie Cary  
 11 Cheryl Van Tuyle  
 11 Grant Frevert  
 12 Rev. John Kloepfer  
 14 SuzAnne and Frank Jessup  
 16 Linda Howard-Kloepfer  
 17 Stephanie Oakland  
 19 Korey Williams  
 23 Jennean Jessup Levitt  
 23 Sophie Cline  
 24 Jackie Moore  
 24 Lauren Babis  
 27 Pat Speed  
 27 Stacy Jessup  
 29 Rev. Michael & Claudia Hafele  
 29 Scott Frevert  
 29 Bill McDaris  
 29 Kathy and Bob Johnson  
 30 Daniel Qua  
 30 Leland Qua  
 31 Mary and John Hoch  
 31 Deborah Busking



**WPC Invites  
you to**

*Stars & Stripes  
Summer Soiree*

**Join us under the tent on the  
church field for good food,  
fellowship & fun!**

**Raw bar, dinner & cocktails**

**Saturday, August 15th  
5:30PM**

**Suggested donation:  
\$65 Adults; \$20 children under 12**

**Tickets available:  
Lynne's Cards & Gifts,  
coffee hour and the church office  
631-288-2576**

**Use our QR code too!**



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# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 2pm EEHospice Adult Bereavement Group 7pm Deacons meeting	3	4 9:30am Fellowship Committee meeting	5	6 12pm Memorial Service: Patricia Kottl-Bebon
7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10am worship	8 7pm Children & Youth Committee meeting	9 2pm EEHospice Adult Bereavement Group 5:15pm M&W meeting 6pm Session Meeting	10 9:30am Mission meeting 10:30am Staff meeting 12pm PW "Strawberry Shortcake" meeting	11 6:30-9pm dress rehearsal	12 7:30pm East End Women's Choir Concert	13 1-6pm Parking lot overflow use
14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10am worship 11:30am Annual Church Picnic	15	16 2pm EEHospice Adult Bereavement Group 4pm M&E meeting 7pm Trustees meeting	17	18	19 Juneteenth Office Closed	20
21 Father's Day 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC	22	23 2pm EEHospice Adult Bereavement Group	24	25	26 8am-5pm Preschool Field Day 5-8pm WH Pines Assoc. meeting-Parish Hall	27
28 5th Sunday after Pentecost Graduation Sunday 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC 2pm Concert #1	29	30 2pm EEHospice Adult Bereavement Group			<b>AA:</b> Sat. 10am -Choir Rm Sun. 12pm—Conference Rm Sun. 6:30pm- Parish Hall Wed. 6:30pm- Parish Hall	

# July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Office closed	4  Independence Day
5 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC	6	7 2pm EEHospice Adult Bereavement Group	8 6pm PW Evening Gathering @ Christine's	9	10	11
12 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC	13 12pm Staff meeting	14 2pm EEHospice Adult Bereavement Group	15	16	17	18
19 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC  2pm Concert #2	27	28	29	30	31	

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Faithfully Friendly For All—Always  
Welcome . Include . Involve