



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2026

A Word from your Pastor

The Dog Days

The phrase “dog days of summer” refers to the season in July and August when the heat and humidity pumps, particularly here in the Northern Hemisphere, decide to run full blast. Originating in Ancient Rome from the Latin *dies caniculares*, “days of the dog star”, the phrase was in the belief that the primary star Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (the Greater Dog) partnered with the sun to provide extra heat to scorch the earth, bring drought, fever, and bad luck. As the science of Astronomy revealed that both the tilt of the earth and thermal lag were greater contributors to the blast furnace of the summer than Sirius, we find ourselves still using the phrasing to signify the season before the culmination of the summer where last hurrah vacations, visits to relatives, and preparations for families to either college or the start of the school year. There can be a sense of immediacy to accomplish the plans before the seasons of school, work, and the inevitable rise of the “holidays” on the horizon. When it comes to conjuring an image of the “dog days of summer”, I think of a scene on a porch in the Southern part of the country, flanked with a bloodhound in the foreground, and a series of rocking chairs creaking to a slow and deliberate pace as sips of tea mark the hours that go by. That image is a form of romanticism that longs for a slower, genteel, and meditative way of being. However, maybe that is akin to believing the same as the star Sirius has any effect on our current weather condition. It’s a fallacy more than a reality. Maybe that is the same in our spiritual lives as well. Perhaps, conjuring the seasons of romantic opportunity for a deep and abiding spiritual life is not waiting for a conclusion of the frenetic times in our lives but is found within them because life seems to move us from one frenetic season to another. Maybe, our spiritual journey can be woven into and amongst the frenetic rather than waiting for the frenetic to end to continue our spiritual journey.

My encouragement to you is not to wait for life to slow down to take a moment to pray, read Scripture, corporate worship, or even find where Sirius is in the night sky. Find those moments in the frenetic, the chaos, and the seasons where the calendar is filled with more scribbles than paper. Quiet the heart and soul for just a moment per day and perhaps the heat of the frenetic will not be as intolerable.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Michael Hafele



*Prayer Concerns:

Recent: Phil Thompson (Tony Thompson's brother), healing prayers; **Lois Kilpatrick**, cancer (sister of Karen Derryberry); **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



Worship with us this Summer through Labor Day!

9am Quogue Chapel service

10:15am Sanctuary service

Church Family News

Celebration of Life

On July 18, 2026, a Celebration of Life reception was held in honor of WPC's beloved longtime member Marjorie Beckwith, at the home of her son and daughter in law, Rorey & Patty Beckwith. All who knew Marge were welcomed.



Check it out!
A new flag pole has been installed in our Community Memorial Garden!

"Stars & Stripes Summer Soiree "

Get your tickets for our Summer Fundraiser, Saturday August 15 at 5:30pm under the tent on the church field. Raw bar, dinner and drinks! Suggested donation \$65. Use this QR code to get tickets now!! Tickets also available during coffee hour, in the church office or at Lynne's Cards and Gifts. You won't want to miss the fun!

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact a member of the Fellowship Committee, Rev. Michael or Erika.



QUILT RAFFLE

Karen Petersen has donated one of her beautiful, hand-crafted quilts to be raffled for the benefit of the Fellowship Committee. (The quilt is on display in the church office.) Raffle tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held during the Stars and Stripes Summer Soiree on August 15th. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at the church office, or at Lynne's Cards and Gifts on Main Street in Westhampton Beach.

SCRAP METAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with scrap metal collection. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A TRUCK.** We are compiling a list of people who would be willing to be called if help is needed with a scrap metal pick up. For example, Tom Rogers gets a call that there is scrap metal to be picked up, he sends out a group text with the time and place of pick-up, and if you are available to help, you respond. You get there, you help load his truck and if necessary, head to the church to help unload the truck in the back parking lot. If you are interested, please give your contact information to either Tom or Erika.

Christian Ed

I can't believe it's already August!

First up, we'll be holding **Sunday School preregistration** so we can begin planning class assignments for the 2026–2027 school year. Registration forms and the 2026–2027 Sunday School schedule will be available via email, in the church office, and on the Youth bulletin board in the sanctuary. Keep an eye out for them! Please return completed registration forms by **August 23**.

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Reunion Sunday on September 13** as we gather back at the sanctuary for 10:00 a.m. worship. It will also be our first day of Sunday School, which means it's time for our annual Sunday School photo! We are also collecting donations of classroom snacks and drinks, including small bottles of water, juice boxes, and individually packaged snacks. Thank you for helping us keep our classrooms stocked!

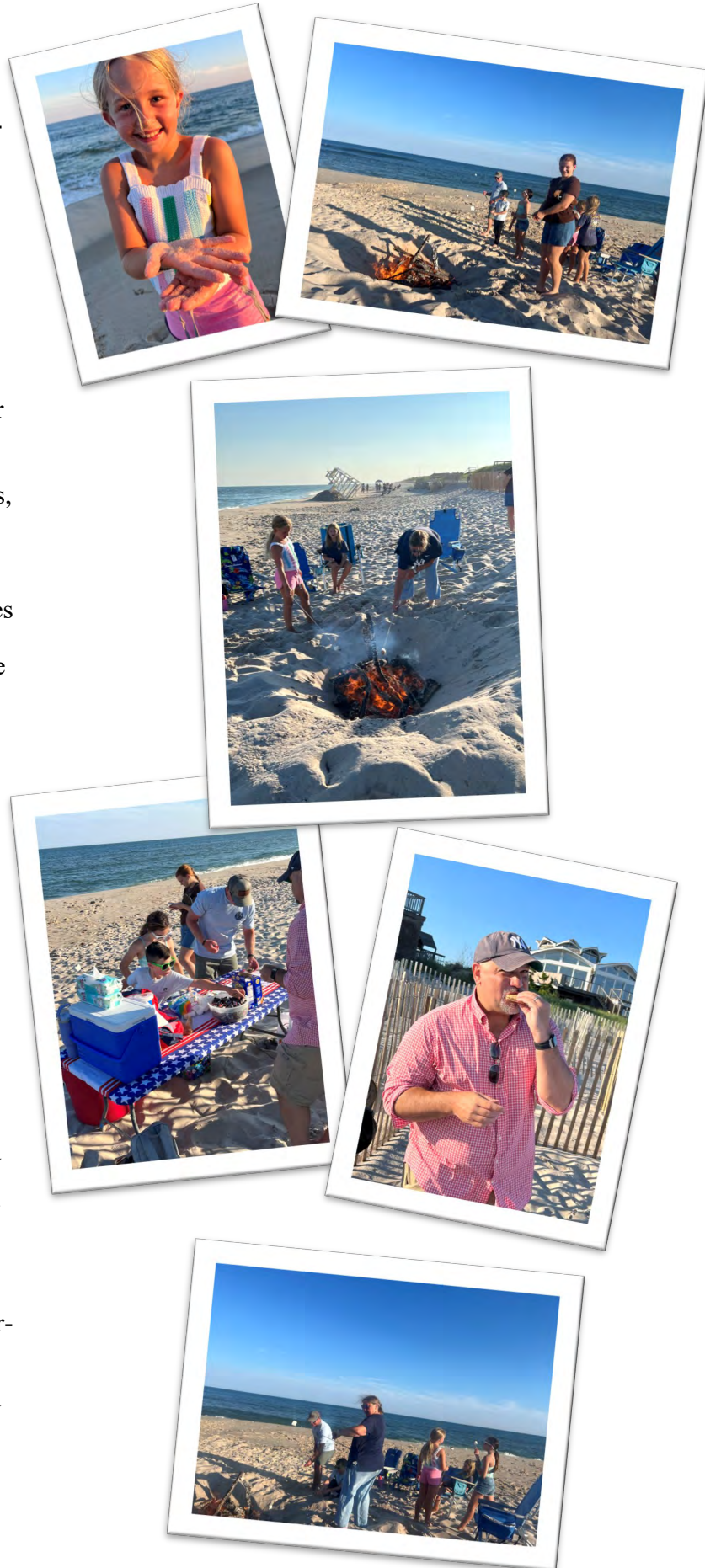
Our newly formed **Youth Group** hosted a S'mores & Bonfire event at the Quogue Village Beach Club on July 12. It was a beautiful evening, and everyone had a wonderful time! Charlotte was the master at catching sand crabs, while Dante and Evelyn became skilled architects, creating detailed "crab homes" along the shoreline as they waited for the waves to roll in. Gianina impressed everyone with her gymnastics skills, and we all enjoyed delicious s'mores around the bonfire. Be sure to check out photos from the evening in this month's *Tidings*!

The Youth Group is open to students in **5th through 12th grades**. Some activities will include everyone together, while others will be divided into middle school (grades 5–8) and high school groups to better suit each age level. Watch for more details as plans unfold through email and on the Youth bulletin board.

As summer winds down, we want to wish all our past Youth Group members a wonderful year ahead as they head off to college! We are so proud of each of you and look forward to hearing about your new adventures. To help us stay connected, please email your college mailing address to whpresbyterianvg@gmail.com. We'd love to keep in touch throughout the year—and don't be surprised if a few midterm goodies find their way to your mailbox!

The dog days of summer are here, but I'm already looking forward to a wonderful year ahead! I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I can't wait to see everyone back in September!

Gratefully Yours.....Kathy



Westhampton Presbyterian Church presents

Summer Concert Series

Ethel's Mermen

Sunday, August 9, 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.**



Vanessa Trouble, Jazz Vocalist

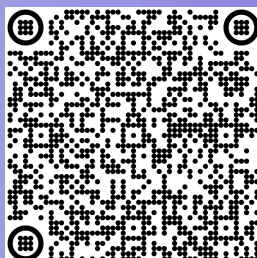
August 23, 2:00 PM

"Jazz Goes To The Movies!"

Unforgettable songs from iconic films.

General Admission: \$30

**Tickets on sale at the church office,
Lynne's Cards & Gifts on Main Street or
Use our QR code!**

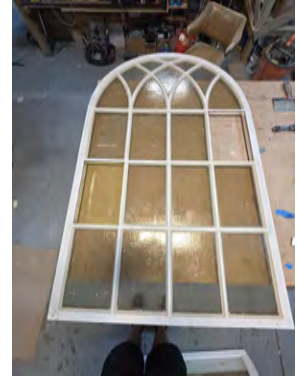
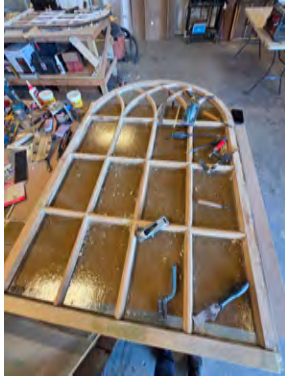


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THE CHAPEL WINDOWS ARE IN!!!!!!

The two windows on the east side of the chapel have been restored and reinstalled and they look wonderful. Artan Window Restorations of Oceanside removed the two windows in April, took them to their workshop for renovation, and were able to finish them and reinstall them in time for the first summer chapel service in June. A complete photo journal of the project will be available in September.

Next up...getting quotes and writing grant proposals to fund the restoration of the remaining windows.



**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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Westhampton Beach, NY 11978**

To each Memorial Scholarship Recipient,

The Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to award you a memorial scholarship in the amount of \$1300.00 for the 2026-2027 academic year.

We join with all the members of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church in congratulating you on your achievements to date and in wishing you God's blessings. Know that you are loved and supported by your church family.

We hope you have a rewarding and productive school year!

Best Regards,

Karen Neubauer, Kathy Tureski, and Mimi Wood
Memorial Scholarship Committee



MISSION COMMITTEE

Cuba Mission News

You may remember that Sandy Jugkh from the First Presbyterian Church of Southampton spoke at our World Day of Prayer luncheon in October. At that time she reported on her Church's mission trip to Cuba in March of 2025. They are partnered with the Presbyterian Church of Los Palos through the Cuba Work Group of the Presbytery of Long Island.

Sandy reported on efforts to provide solar panels and charging stations to the church. The need was dire due to frequent lengthy power outages throughout the island. The Mission Committee donated \$500 to the project which has been completed and is now fully functional and providing valuable service to congregants. Since October, the situation in Cuba has become even worse: power is now off for days on end, food is scarce and vital medications are unavailable. Through Sandy, the Mission Committee is keeping a close eye on the needs in Los Palos and will help as we are able. Eventually we hope to offer our congregation an opportunity to join a mission trip to see for ourselves how we can provide hands on support to the people of Los Palos. For now, please keep them in your prayers.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The weather was perfect for our annual gathering on my deck on July 8th. Thank you to Gini Wagner who lent me a table and helped me set up the chairs. Twenty-four of us mixed and mingled and noshed. My hope was that people would talk to people that they don't normally talk to and that seemed to have happened. During the year, we have evening gatherings which I hope will attract more of those busy people who can't make it to a lunch meeting.

Our next meeting will be a lunch meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 12 noon. We will be doing a "make your own salad" salad bar. Just put it on your calendar and then go back to thinking about summer. Gini will be sending out an email later on.

Lastly, we lost one of our pillars recently, Marge Beckwith. I would be remiss if I didn't pay tribute to her and all that she contributed to the PW.





Marge Beckwith 12-3-11

Memories of Marge

One of the first memories that I have of Marge Beckwith was that she was the treasurer for the Quogue School when my mother was the clerk. They shared many smoky board meetings with Principal Clough. I understand that she worked for a caterer and know that she



May 14, 2016 PW Lunch Outing

worked at the Quogue Village Office.

Marge was my Girl Scout leader. I have a memory of us all camping in her backyard. S'mores were part of the equation. Needless to say, a bunch of giggling girls didn't get much sleep.

Marge was the glue for our church. If I can recollect correctly, she was on the board of Deacons. She ran circle meetings, the sewing circle and Presbyterian Women. She helped out at many rummage sales, Christmas Bazaars, Antique Shows and other fundraising events. After she retired, she was a fixture in the kitchen on many weekday mornings, eager to talk to Jean Duffield, Peggy Childs and anyone who would wander in. She was especially fond of our secretary, Erika. Later, this evolved into an informal gathering on Tuesdays with chatting and maybe some knitting thrown in. The branch wreaths in the Parish Hall were decorated every season by Marge. She was also a force behind including a Christmon tree in the sanctuary.

Marge was a mentor to a lot of us. I had learned to knit from Peggy and was making a lot of mistakes. After fixing many errors, Marge nicely told me that maybe I should stick with crocheting. Ah the wisdom of Marge.

Some years ago, she started to make coffee cakes for coffee hour. Everyone clamored for one of her delicious baked good creations. She always cooked something interesting for our PW lunches, like her Reuben casserole.



Cheryl VanTuyle & Marge Beckwith 12-5-15

She was also a good friend. After my mother died, I would sometimes go and sit in the kitchen or even stop by her house and be the benefactor of her good advice.

We most likely all have fond memories of Marge. She loved to laugh, loved a good story, a good cup of coffee and a whole lot more. Marge, you will be missed.

Christine Haddad

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August

1	Kathy and Warren Frevert	23	Rico Johnson, Jr.
2	Bill Brenner	23	Sandy and Ed Surgan
4	Tom Rogers	23	Kathy and Bob Tureski
4	Guy Napolitano	24	Ava Lundborg
4	Joan King	24	Nancy & Harry Miller
5	Gini Wagner	25	Rob Tureski
6	Chelsey Carter Collins	25	Edmund Carey
6	Wes Winters	26	Ellen & Bill Brenner
7	Jamie Walsh	26	Claudia Hafele
8	Mateo Castro	27	Skye Lily Charles
9	Carson Campbell	28	Jane & Tom Otis
10	Warren Frevert	28	Rev. Michael Hafele
10	Cynthia Drayton	28	Kristen Conway
13	Susan Rogers	30	Gianna Aiello
14	Stephanie Miller	30	Lochan Francis Miller
14	Chandi Jackson	31	Dick Anderson
15	Owen Williams	31	Anderson Hipp
16	Kaitlynn Mazurkiewicz	31	Edward T. Otis, V
16	Judy and John Sprague		



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sunshine

August 2026

Join us for Summer Worship through Labor Day!

9am Quogue Chapel
10:15 Sanctuary at WPC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC	3	4 6pm Deacons/Session Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC 2pm Concert #2	10	11	12	13	14	15 5:30pm Stars & Stripes Summer Soiree
16 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC	17	18 All Day Building Use: Police & FD Training 7pm Trustees Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC 2pm Concert #3	24	25	26	27	28	29
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