



TIDINGS

September 2026

A Word from your Pastor

What's Going On?

That always seems to be a question as we move from the Summer to Autumn. For parents of school-age kids, the new school year is already in our midst and brings a plethora of new activities. For others, we are excited to see the unclogging of streets and the heralding of Tumbleweed Tuesday.

Here at Westhampton Presbyterian, we have been enjoying the opportunity to worship at both the chapel and sanctuary. The youth group had their kickoff bonfire with s'mores at the Quogue Village beach, the concert series was a great success, and the Star-Spangled Summer Soiree was a great celebration of the country's 250th birthday and a great time of food and fellowship.

Things do not taper off for Autumn as there is a lot going on. Here are some upcoming events:

First Wednesdays at the Chapel- Worship service on the first Wednesday of the month on October 7th, November 4th, and December 2nd at 7:00PM for those who find it challenging to worship on Sundays due to other commitments.

State of the Church's Financial Health- Following the service of worship on Sunday September 26th, representatives of Finance and Memorial & Endowment will give a presentation on our Financial Health as we move to the Stewardship season for 2027.

Denomination Family Tree Sunday School Class- Starting on Sunday September 20th at 9AM in the Parish Hall; an 8-week series about how the Christian denominations came to be.

Youth Group Activities- The youth group has a wonderful calendar of activities and events for the Autumn season. Please see Kathy Tureski for more information.

Vision & Mission- Your Session has been working on the Church's Vision and Mission to effectively live out the calling the Church has for this new chapter of ministry. The hope is to present the updated vision and mission for our Annual Meeting.

We give thanks to the Lord for the continued ministry of the Holy Spirit, who leads and guides us toward a faithful and fruitful future! Your presence in worship and service in ministry here at WPC is so critical for us to authentically live out our calling as individuals and the people of God here on this beautiful island.

To God be the glory!

Rev. Michael Hafele

Prayer Concerns

Recent: John Cooling, cancer (friend of Jornitz Family); Phil Thompson (Tony Thompson's brother), healing prayers; Lois Kilpatrick, cancer (sister of Karen Derryberry); John Sprague, healing prayers; Mariko & Leandro Pichardo, healing prayers; 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)

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

Church Family News

Check out your Tidings for church events and volunteer opportunities this fall!

September Ushers

Sept 6

Chapel: Janet Jann & Sharon Conway
Sanctuary: Vern Hackworth

Sept 13

Betsy Doyle and Janet Hann

Sept. 20

OPEN

Sept 27

David Glover and Louise Smith

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

Reunion Sunday, Sept. 13th

Join us as we reunite for our 10am service.

Bagels and baked goods will be served during coffee hour.



Calling All Bakers!

Anyone who enjoys baking is encouraged to bake for the coffee hour. Beginning in September, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the usher and flower chart.

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursday, September 3th at 10am in the conference room.

All are welcome. Goodies are always served.

P.W. Sept. "Salad Bar" Luncheon

Wednesday, September 9th at noon.

See page 5 for details



Local Food Pantry

According to the most recent US Census; close to 10 million children Nationally are living in poverty. LI food banks are desperately low. Please donate non perishable food items, necessary male & female personal products and children's snacks. Thank you for supporting our community."



Scrap Metal Drive!

Saturday, September 26th from 9am-2pm

There will be a GIANT Gershow Recycling container in our church parking lot. We will be accepting any and all metals including house hold appliances, bicycles, metal patio sets, pots and pans, grills, washers and dryers... you name it we're collecting! Bring it down or contact the church if you have large items that you cannot get here for the Scrap Metal Drive. All proceeds will be donated to the church operating budget! (see page 3 for full article)

Fundraising: Scrap Metal Collection



Scrapping Crew

Cheryl Van Saun
Tom Rogers
Ralph Hubbard
Frank Jessup

Not pictured
Steve Pesce
Phil Van Saun
Janet Hann

SAVE YOUR SCRAP METAL! This year's scrap metal drive has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 26th.** We are accepting all types of metal: steel, copper, aluminum, old appliances, cars, etc. **Bring all items to the church parking lot from 9AM to 2PM.** If you have large items that have to be picked up, contact Tom Rogers or the church office. We have received over \$7, 000 towards the church budget from scrap metal this year! Tom is always looking for some helpers...come for an hour or come for the day...all help will be greatly appreciated!

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.

Community Volunteer Opportunities

After a summer hiatus, our group is gearing up for another season of volunteering at the LI Cares, Hampton Bays Food Pantry. Our duties include unloading the delivery truck(s), stocking shelves, and assisting clients as they shop.

Our shifts begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m., on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 8
Tuesday, October 13
Tuesday, November 10

If you are already registered through the LI Cares website, please sign up today. If you would like to learn more about this amazing program or are considering joining our group, please visit the LI Cares website, or contact Donna Goebel 631.838.2984. Volunteer spaces are limited.

We welcome Westhampton Presbyterian Church members and friends who are looking to give back to our community through fellowship and service. No experience is necessary.

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.

Christian Ed & Youth Group

“New Beginnings: Sowing Seeds of Faith” “Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.” **Deuteronomy 32:2**

As the new school year begins, September calls us back together to learn, grow and deepen our relationship with God. Christian Ed is not just about filling our minds with facts; it is about shaping our hearts to look more like Jesus. Let us pray this month for our students and teachers as they step into new classrooms for opportunities to experience God’s grace.

Sunday School resumes on “Reunion Sunday”, September 13th at the 10 am service. If you have received emails from me, you will receive an email to register for the coming year. If you miss the email, we will have forms to fill out on the 13th or one the youth ministry bulletin board. Our annual photo will take place too. Our teachers this year will be Mrs. Eloise Carter, Mr. Loren Bennett, Mrs. Dorette Jornitz and Cindy & Scott Campbell. Ms. Betsy Doyle is again our special group Sunday School and musical director for our “special Sunday’s”. Our substitute for the year is Mrs. Julie Bennett. We are looking forward to another exciting year of Sunday School. The yearly schedule of Sunday School and events dates will be emailed out with the registration forms, available on September 13th, and on the youth bulletin board. Please make notes in your calendar, our program relies on the children participating in Sunday School, Advent & Lenten Festivals, Christmas Pageant and Youth Sunday! It’s a wonderful way your child(ren) can develop:

spiritual growth with interactive lessons and age-appropriate stories & crafts

social connections through events offering a safe, structured environment, character development through group activities and service projects reinforcing values like sharing, kindness and cooperation

a sense of belonging by interacting during Sunday school and church events can make them feel valued, seen and essential to their peers and community!

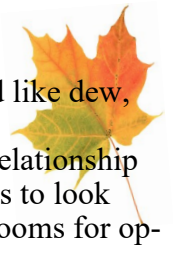
For more information email whpresbyterianss@gmail.com.

We also have an active **Youth Group**. It is a group of preteens and teenagers that combine social activities, games and mission work to help young people build their foundation with faith, their peers and community service. It is open to children in 5th - 12th grade. Registration will take place on Reunion Sunday. Forms and calendars will be available at the parents’ meetings scheduled at 11:15am in the conference room during coffee hour. If you have participated before a registration form will be emailed to you. We now have a YG committee: Kory Williams, Pastor Micheal, Claudia Hafele, Joy Sobhani, Amee Mazurkiewicz and Kathy Tureski.

Our first mission project is taking place now! We are collecting school supplies for the children at the Shinnecock Indian Reservation. We will be collecting until September 13th. Supplies can be dropped off at the table by the Youth bulletin board. We also have a beach clean-up scheduled for September 26th from 9 - 10:30 at Southampton Town’s Hot Dog Beach @ 35 Dune Road East Quogue, NY. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Some of our October activities include a soup/chili making day for the Mission committee’s World Communion Sunday brunch and help serve at that event and the annual Crop Walk (Team YG!). The calendar will be emailed with the registration form and posted on the Youth bulletin board.

For more information email whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com. Looking forward to an awesome year...Kathy



When counting my
Blessings,
I count you
Twice.

Presbyterian Women

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. Gini will be sending out an email for you to sign up with what you are bringing. We will be discussing the Sweater Sale, Christmas Fair and our plans for the rest of the year. We hope that you can join us. Volunteering with LI Cares will begin again on **Tuesday September 8 from 10-1**. Some of us from the PW helped last year, once a month. We can have up to four volunteers. If you have any questions please contact Donna at dmgoebel@hotmail.com.

Also, there will be two October meetings: Oct. 14th lunch meeting at 12pm and Thursday, Oct. 29 evening "Taco Bar" gathering at 6pm. More details to follow.



2026 Fellowship Committee Events

Mark your calendar for some fun fellowship events! You won't want to miss this fall and winter line up! Questions, contact the church office or Committee.

Saturday, September 26	9AM-2PM Scrap Metal Drive
Friday, October 16	7-9PM Paint Night with Ginger Baer "Fall Themes"
Thursday, November 19	6PM Harvest Dinner
December	Christmas Cocktail Party—Date: TBD

Farewell Bob Bebon, We wish you well!!

Wishing our good friend Bob Bebon the very best.

We'll miss you Bob! Come and visit us soon!



"Stars & Stripes" Summer Soiree!

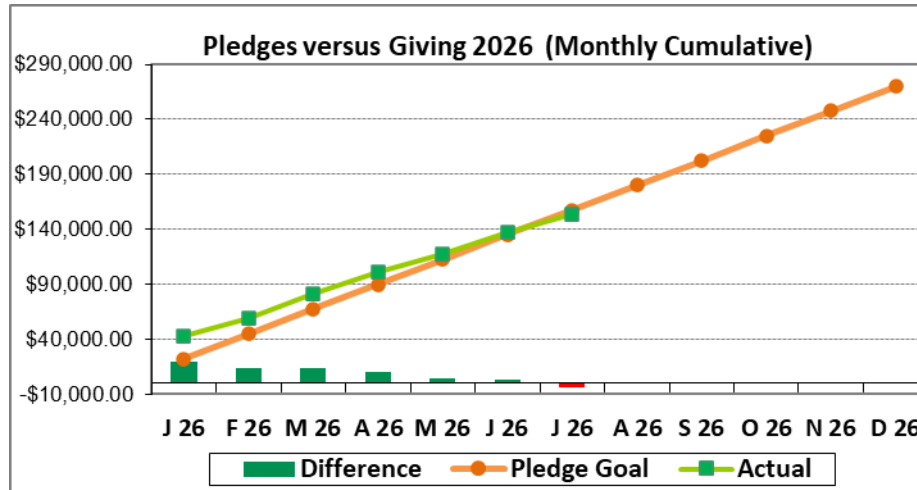
Once again, we were blessed with a wonderful summer evening for our annual summer fundraiser. The weather couldn't have been nicer. The fellowship, food, service all added up to a delightful event. Drinks were artfully prepared and donated by Jim and Sharon Conway. I don't know which was better, the Presbyterian Rebellion or the Betsy Ross! The raffle tickets were sold by Jenny and Charlotte Gillin. Raffle baskets were donated by Nancy Vigarito, Sharon Conroy and Jenny Gillin. The *beautiful* quilt that was raffled was made and donated by Karen Peterson. Clams and oysters were opened by Eddie Chiofolo and John Gillin. The clams and ice were donated by John Gillin. Wine was donated by Nancy Vigarito. Our servers, who do an excellent job cooking and cleaning up are Jennifer Cooke and her daughters Megan and Stephanie. Lynne Jones made her famous cole slaw and Betsy Doyle made tortellini salad. We are blessed to have such good cooks on this committee. Thank you to Sandy and the Schmitt's Farm for the donation of corn, thanks to Russ Babis and Wes Winters for making sure the lawn was mowed and ready for the tent. Thank you to Pastor Mike for rounding up volunteers to help set up all the tables and chairs and then to return them after the event. And thank you to all who always help with that chore. Many hands make light work. A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets, made donations or volunteered. A good time was had by all.



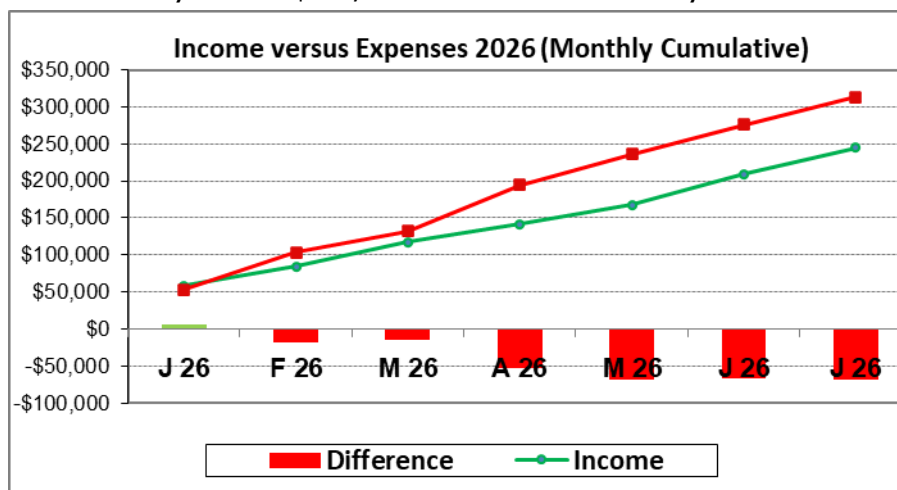
JULY 2026 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

A bit over the half year mark 2026, we ended on concerning note in respect of the financial health of our church.

The year-to-date pledge goal is \$157,500 and the year-to-date actual giving is \$153,337, which means we have a negative difference between goal and actual of (\$4,163). Since January, we were well below the giving pledges. Our monthly givings continue being an average \$4,000 below the pledges made and anybody who pledged please review your pledge versus givings balance. If you need the status of your givings, please do not hesitate to contact Erika. Thank you !



The church's seven months actual income year-to-date total is now \$244,416 and expenses \$313,000, which means the year-to-date difference between income and expense is a negative (\$68,613), the highest deviation level so far. Our expenses are \$30,000 higher than last year and last year was already much higher than previous year. Moreover, our income this year is \$15,000 lower than last year.

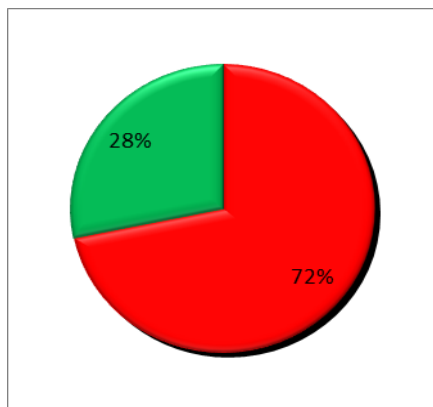


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Our anticipated givings below the seven-month plan and we need to understand that this includes pledge members which paid their giving in full at the beginning of the year, meaning the giving level will decline throughout the year. Since the givings are our majority income for our church, this will have an impact on the church's financial health.

Since our income is on the lower side, we require to diligently review our expenses and need to stop spending, if it is not absolutely necessary !

Our budgeted mission giving to the Presbytery for 2026 is a total of \$8,552. In the first seven months our Per Capita mission income was \$4,418, which means our church right now would need to compensate \$4,134 for members who have not yet contributed their Per Capita mission payment. We have only 34% our members support their Per Capita mission. We would like to ask you for your Per Capita giving of \$47.09, as it will greatly help our church to finance other activities. We thank you in advance !



Our church is blessed by your contributions, your support and all the volunteers who add to our financial stability. Hereby, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all you !

Respectfully submitted, Your Finance Committee

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WISHING A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO....

1	Ralph Neubauer	18	Gary Martin
1	Karen & Ralph Neubauer	18	Mark Jones
2	Rev. Ann Van Cleef	19	Kimet & Mike Hipp
3	Tracy Martin	21	Karen & Chris Andrews
4	Donna Goebel Williams	22	Stu Wood
4	Fred Bauer	22	Mike Hipp
5	Jessica Howard	24	Nancy & Harry Miller
5	Kathy Johnson	24	Jola & Christian Carter
5	Jane Otis	25	Seth Stevens
8	David Aiello	26	Holly Hubbard
8	Karen Peterson	27	John Sprague
8	Margery Gosnell-Qua	28	Dante Thomas Aiello
9	Blake Busking	28	Traci Duke
11	Maureen Nelsen	28	Lorenzo Vigorito
11	Grant Babis		
11	Jennifer & Andrew Schultze		
12	Margery & Bruce Qua		
13	Vern Hackworth		
13	Stephanie & Kyle Miller		
13	Kimberly & Tommy Otis		
15	Nancy & Wes Winters		
15	Hanne & Bill Manker		
15	Micah Bennett		
15	Susan Lipp		
16	Hannah Wagner		
16	Cindy & Robert Schneider		
16	Caroline Aslin Imber		
16	Mimi & Stu Wood		
16	John Hull		
17	Bonnie & Eric Wootten		
17	Lily & George Burns		
18	Keaton Campbell		



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm Nominating Committee 7pm Deacons Meeting	2	3 9:30am Fellowship Committee 10am Men's Group	4	5
6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9am Quogue Chapel 10:15am WPC (Summer schedule ends)	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 5:15pm M&W Committee 6pm Session	9 9:15am Mission Committee 10:30am Staff 12pm P.W. "Salad Bar" Meeting	10	11 	12
13 16th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Reunion Communion Sunday YG & Sunday School registration	14	15 7pm Trustees	16	17	18	19 Parking lot reserved
20 17th Sunday after Pentecost 10am worship	21	22	23	24	25	26 9am-2pm Scrap Metal Drive—church parking lot 9-10:30am Youth Beach Clean-Up at Hot Dog Beach
27 18th Sunday after Pentecost 10am worship 11am Finance Presentation—Parish Hall	28	29	30			