



October 2026 TIDINGS



*Faithfully Friendly For All – Always
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A Word from your Pastor

Spice Up Your Life...in Faith

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? -Matthew 5:13

We have approached the season that is, by far, my favorite: Autumn. Cool, crisp mornings (assuming there is no nor'easter), afternoons with relative low humidity, sweaters awaken from their slumber, and the ubiquitous herald of the season: pumpkin spice. Pumpkin Spice is not the 6th Spice Girl nor contains any pumpkin but is the flavor that resonates with many, particularly women dressed up as Han Solo in Star Wars, as the outset of the season. For many, pumpkin spice embodies Autumn with the combination of warming spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, cloves, and allspice. It is the flavor of coffee, donuts, pies, muffins, pancakes, you name it. The Autumn season is seasoned with the ubiquitous aroma of pumpkin spice everything.

In Matthew's Gospel account, Jesus is asking a rhetorical question after an affirmation that his disciples are "the salt of the earth." Salt was, by far, much more poignant than pumpkin spice during Autumn. Salt was used for currency, used for preservation of food, a staple of keeping the body working and functioning properly. Obviously, more than merely a marketing ploy for seasonal goods. It is also a pleasant reminder of God's faithfulness reminding us that salt indeed cannot "lose" its taste. Yet, this rhetorical question is a realization that salt has purpose otherwise, its saltiness is not genuinely utilized like a rock merely sitting there doing nothing.

We find ourselves in seasons of our own life and faith whether we are geared up like pumpkin spice or realizing our seasoning requires a little kickstart. I want to invite you to live out your own seasoning this Autumn as the opportunities for involvement in ministry, growth, worship, and service encourage you to find your own seasoning restored.

Please let me know how many other Pumpkin Spice things you notice this Autumn. It's pretty interesting how many there are.

Blessings in Christ,

Rev. Michael Hafele

Pumpkin Pie Spice

4 T cinnamon

2 T ground ginger

2 tsp nutmeg

2 tsp allspice

2 tsp ground clove



Prayer Concerns:

Recent: John Cooling, cancer (friend of Jornitz Family); Lois Kilpatrick, cancer (sister of Karen Derryberry); John Sprague, healing prayers; Mariko & Leandro Pichardo, healing prayers; Gale & Pete Seidler, home; Dick Anderson, healing prayers; Susan Sullivan, friend of John and Mary Hull; Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother)

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



Goonies Eventbrite Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goonies-movie-pizza-night-tickets-2001882506466?aff=oddtcreator>

Use this link to RSVP on Eventbrite by Wednesday, Oct. 14th! We would like to get a headcount for pizza. Bring your family and friends and come out for a great night! Questions, ask Jenny Gillin on the Fellowship Committee.

Church Family News

Deaths & Services

September 4, 2026

Rev. John Kloepfer

A Celebration of Life

October 10, 2026 at 11:00 am

Westminster Presbyterian Church

17 William St., Auburn, NY 13021

Facebook Livestream service:

facebook.com/westminsterauburn

September 10, 2026

Suzanne Truscott

A Celebration of Life

October 17, 2026 at 1:00pm

Westhampton Presbyterian Church

90 Meeting House Rd. Quogue, NY 11978

September 28, 2026

Lenny Remppe

A Celebration of Life

October 7, 2026 at 10:00 am

McLaughlin-Heppner Funeral Home

336 Marcy Ave, Riverhead, NY 11901



Evening Chapel Services: Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2

Join us on the first Wednesday each month at 7PM for an evening Chapel service of worship. These services will be an extension of our Sunday morning services and will give our congregation and community who are unable to attend, the opportunity to join us in fellowship. Save these dates! We'll see you there! (1 Beach Lane, Quogue)

Mission Committee: World Communion Brunch Sunday, October 4th after worship

As we have done for many years, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a light brunch and a speaker after church on October 4, World Communion Sunday. The lunch features a sandwich, homemade soup and a dessert table. Our speaker this year will be Janet Hann, This is part of our Mission Committee's wish to be involved in a hands-on ministry. You can't beat the food and friendship, and there's lots to learn about Patagonia. Please join us at what would usually be coffee time on October 5.

THANK YOU! - Scrap Metal Drive

Our Scrap Metal Drive was a huge success! A big thank you to those who came out to help and for all the donations that came in. All proceeds go towards our church budget.



CROP Walk

Our old friend the CROP Walk is coming again soon, Sunday October 18 to be exact. It's typically a brisk walk on a sunny fall day with friends, good conversation, and a snack at the end of two miles (or six miles if you are adventurous). Don't let the camaraderie fool you into forgetting the purpose of the walk.

Our world is full of need for even such necessities as basic food and shelter. Consider that our government completely dissolved USAID last year, one of the most important aid organizations in the world, potentially serving millions. Think of the Ukrainians being bombed out of their homes, the Palestinians displaced. Church World Service is a Christian consortium of churches dedicated to feeding the hungry with this annual walk. Twenty-five per cent of what we collect comes back to our local food pantry in Westhampton Beach. If you Google Charity Navigator you will find that none of your money is wasted; administration is kept to a bare minimum.

How can you help? Be a walker, ask everyone around you to support you as you walk. Can't walk? Support someone who is walking. You will see them in coffee hours, looking for you. This is likely to be the most practical charitable donation you make all year.

Presbyterian Women

Happy Autumn. We had quite a crowd turn out for our first meeting after the summer break. We tossed together our salads and had many lively discussions.

Volunteering to help out at LI Cares has begun again in September. Future dates are October 13th, November 17th and December 15th from 10 am until 1 pm. See Donna Goebel Williams for more information if you would like to help out at this worthy cause aiding people in our community with food insecurity. (If you are unable to do the physical work but want to help, the deacons are still collecting food year round which goes to the Immaculate Conception Church for their food pantry.)

Our next event is our Warm up for Winter Sale where we will be selling gently used sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and coats. We are still collecting these items in good condition so please bring them to the church. The sale will be on Saturday, October 24th from 10-2. Set up is Friday the 23rd at 5 pm. See Gini Wagner for more information.

We are having two October meetings. The first will be on Wednesday the 14th at 12 noon. This is going to be a covered dish event so bring a dish to share. Then on Thursday the 29th, we will have a make your own taco night at 6 pm. Gini will be coordinating this too. Something to consider for these meetings is thinking about how we are going to go forward. We tend to focus on fundraising. Do we want to get more involved with our community? I am going to say here that volunteering is not a dirty word. We get the job done but we also bring a sense of humor and have a lot of fun.

Informally, some ladies are still meeting on Tuesday mornings around 10 am. Bring your knitting or crocheting or just come and spend time together.

The crafters continue to meet. If you have hidden talents and want to share them, contact Gini, Donna or Cheryl Van Tuyle. They get together and have a great time while the creative juices flow.

I have given up on an in person book club but feel free to share a good read via email to Gini so she can pass it on. Maybe we will make this part of the Tidings. If you are not on the email and would like to be, let Gini know and she will add you to the list.

Lastly, something to keep on your radar, is our Annual Christmas Fair which will be on Saturday December 5 from 10-2:30. I hate to think about it and want to go back to the beach but alas time seems to move right along. Meanwhile, enjoy the cooler temperatures and the fall colors.

Christine Haddad



Christian Ed & Youth Group

Sunday School is off and running! We received 14 applications to date with some regular attendees still waiting to turn in applications. Our classes are divided as follows: PreK - 2nd (3 kids); 3rd - 5th (6 kids); 6th - 8th (2 kids); and 9th - 12th (3 kids). Applications and Sunday School schedule are at the youth bulletin board if you need them. Our teachers are Eloise Carter, Loren Bennett, Dorette Jornitz, Scott & Cindy Campbell and Betsy Doyle as our special music/group teacher. Julie Bennett is our Substitute. We are looking for snack donations for our classes: juice boxes, small water bottles, and prepackaged individual snacks. Our youth group has a wonderful committee that is helping me to grow a new program that serves 5th graders through 12th grade. We have 10 registered so far. Six 5th - 7th graders and four 9th - 12th grade. Like our Sunday School we have regular attendees that have not yet submitted a registration form. These forms and schedules are also available on the youth bulletin board and have been sent in an email.

September & October was/are filled with a wide range of activities for the kids. The first was a drive for school supplies for the Shinnecock Indian Reservation that happened in September before we came back. Thank you to all who participated, we had a wide range of supplies that were collected and given to the Shinnecock Indian Boys & Girls Club, the advisor was very appreciative. We may have other opportunities in the future to work with them. Our first beach clean-up on September 26th was canceled due to the prediction of coastal flooding as I write this.

The youth group has once again partnered with the Mission committee to make chili and serve for their World Communion Sunday (October 4th) brunch after worship.

Other activities for the month that the kids can participating in:

Inlet to Inlet beach clean-up that benefits Dana Barrett on October 10th.

Walk as a YG team for the Crop Walk on October 18th.

Trunk of Treat sponsored by WHB Library on October 24th

Always check the weekly bulletin for any updates or the youth bulletin board.

I leave you with this home lesson I came across.....



Family Devotional Idea: The Gratitude Pumpkin

- **Gather:** Place a pumpkin on your kitchen table.
- **Reflect:** Each evening, take a sharpie and invite every family member to write one thing they are grateful for directly onto the pumpkin.
- **Pray:** Read Psalm 107:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" and thank God together for His seasonal and spiritual blessings.

Look for our "Gratitude Pumpkin" in the Parish Hall for the month and add what you are grateful for.....
Kathy



Fellowship Committee Presents Paint Night! "Autumn" Themed

Our next Paint Night with Ginger Baer will be Friday, October 16 from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$40 which covers the cost of materials as well as the refreshments that will be served. There will also be a number of basket raffles! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall Oct. 4th. If you have any questions, you can speak to any member of the Fundraising Committee. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 9:30am.

2026 SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

*A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO THE PERFORMANCES!
AND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CONCERT SPONSORS!*



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JUNE 28
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AUGUST 23
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WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



1	Chelsey [Carter] and Daniel Collins	25	Samantha Mazurkiewicz
2	Ryan Campbell	26	Christian Tureski
2	Kayla Coffey	26	Richard H. Schneider
4	Alexandra Carrick	28	Heather Hanley
6	Abigail Levitt	29	Joseph Nemeth
6	Katrina Hering	30	Jennifer Schultze
7	Amee and Frank Mazurkiewicz	30	Barbara Patterson
8	Eloise and Keith Carter	31	Rev. Jeanne Baum
10	Gale and Pete Seidler		
11	Ashton Lundborg		
12	Gabriella Mazariegos		
12	Mimi Wood		
12	Meredith Imber		
13	Sarajane Giere		
15	Lynn Frielinghaus & Steve Rouhandeh		
15	Tyler Chattaway		
17	Terri Bauer		
19	Alison and Geoffrey Strong		
20	Phillip Jornitz		
20	Judy Sprague		
21	Mary Hoch		
22	Cynthia and Scott Campbell		
23	Grace Jackson		
23	Jenny and John Gillin		
24	Andrew Schultze		
25	Talia Stevens		



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30am	2 Wedding rehearsal	3 10am Youth: Chili for Sunday 4:30pm Wedding
4 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10am worship 11am World Communion Brunch	5 A.M. Preschool event- Parking Lot	6 7pm Deacons	7 10am Service for Lenny Rempe at McLaughlin Heppner Funeral Home 7pm Chapel Service	8	9	10 11am Service for Rev. John Kloeppfer at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Auburn, NY
11 20th Sunday after Pentecost 10am worship 11am Financial Presentation	12 Indigenous People's Day Office Closed	13 6pm Session 7pm Trustees	14 9:15am Mission Committee 12pm P.W. "Covered Dish" Luncheon Preschool Event-Back Field	15 Preschool Event-Back Field 6pm "Goonies" Movie & Pizza Night!	16 7-9pm Paint Night	17 10am Service for Suzanne Truscott at WPC
18 21st Sunday after Pentecost 10am worship CROP Walk	19 7pm Children & Youth Committee	20	21	22	23 Preschool Event-Parking Lot & Field 5pm Sweater Sale Set Up	24 10am-2pm Warm Up For Winter Sweater Sale!
25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 10am worship	26	27	28	29 6pm P.W. "Taco Bar" Evening Gathering	30 9am-4pm Halloween Preschool Event-Parking Lot & Parish Hall	31 Halloween 

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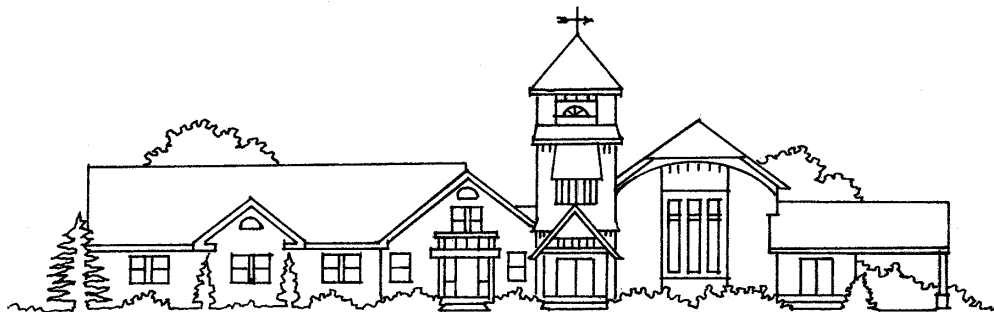
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Your issue of the October Tidings



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