



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 2009—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A Note From the Interim Pastor's Study

Dear Members and Friends,

Tuesday, January 6th, is the Epiphany of the Lord. On this day we remember the story of the Magi (or Wise Ones) who came to Bethlehem seeking the child Jesus. Bishop Stephen Neill called this “a story of those who knew hardly anything and found everything, and of those who knew everything and found nothing.” Herod’s chief priests and scribes knew precisely where the Messiah was to be born, yet they never used their knowledge to find him. The Magi, however, not knowing where they were going, nevertheless followed the star and found “great joy.”



The story of the Magi reminds us that we, too, need to continue to step out in new directions and to search in faith for the one who calls us. This is particularly meaningful as we begin a new year of prayer, spiritual formation, and service to God and love to one another.

As we begin the New Year 2009, I wish each of you much joy in your journey deepening the meaning and living of your faith. We will grow in faith this year as a congregation to the extent that we grow individually and in caring for one another. Our Mission Vision Team will be selected this month and begin their work in the Mission Study. The key to a broad and inclusive Mission Study is congregational participation.

Session heard strongly the congregations’ voice at the congregational meeting as Session was requested to balance the budget and not draw so heavily from the Memorial and Endowment Fund. This difficult task was done in a way that challenges us, with some fear and trepidation, but also with anticipation and expectation, to grow our children’s and youth ministry and its spiritual formation. As a congregation we have a strong history of Youth Ministry that goes way back. I am confident that we will move forward and prepare the foundations for an even better future as we unify and strengthen our work together.

To everyone who contributed Christmas well-wishes and gifts to my family and me over the holiday season, I offer our gratitude and appreciation. Throughout the whole year we have been blessed with supportive members in our congregation. As we live into the beginning of a New Year, let us do so with thanksgiving and hope.

As always, in our shared Interim Ministry, please do not be hesitant or consider it unimportant to involve me in your concerns. This is the time to reflect, and deal with, issues of grief and endings, trust, congregational identity, and expectations for the future. I am in the office Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Drop by or arrange with Nancy a more convenient time: 288-2576; my email: pastor@westhamptonpresbyterian.org .

Faithfully yours in peace,
Peter Sulyok, Interim Pastor

Youth Ministry News

This is the last Tidings article that I will write as your Youth Ministry Coordinator. The past few months have been an opportunity for me to reflect on my experiences with the Youth Ministry program over the past thirteen years. There are so many highlights: Youth Sundays, REACH Workcamps, working at the soup kitchen in Riverhead, canned food collections, helping with recreation activities at the Westhampton Care Center, Fajita Nite, pie sales, video scavenger hunts, French Toast breakfasts, Midnight Runs, Breakfast Run, retreats at Holmes, lock-ins at the church, Meals on Heels, annual Ski/Snowboard retreats, mission trip to New Orleans, Long Island Youth for Christ All-Nighters, confirmation classes, our wedding and so many more. Each activity or event was designed to teach our young people about our faith traditions, teachings of the Lord and to help them deepen their commitment to their faith. The mission focus gave them the opportunity to put their faith into action. The result has been countless youth who live their faith and contribute to the mission of their church and further the work of the Lord on earth. I am truly grateful to the Lord and this congregation for the opportunity I have had to be of service to Him here in this place. You will always be my extended family. Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for supporting my efforts. You made it possible for the Youth Ministry to change lives and to add to the number of followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the January calendar for the Youth Ministry program:

Sun. January 4 th	Communion – Church School suspended Youth Group suspended for New Year’s weekend
Sat. January 10 th	7-8:30pm French Toast Breakfast preparation at the church
Sun. January 11 th	French Toast Breakfast 11-12:30pm – Donation requested. 7pm meeting for youth and their parents in Bailey Hall to plan for the transition of leadership for the Youth Ministry program
Sun. January 17 th -19 th	Annual Ski/Snowboard Retreat to Belleayre Mountain
Sun. January 18 th	Middle and High School Church School resumes – Youth New Year’s Breakfast and Worship Service
Sun. January 25 th	Church School – 5:30pm Family Nite Potluck Supper
Sun. February 1 st	Church School – Souper Bowl Sunday

A special message for members of our Youth Ministry program: It is important that you continue to participate in church school and your youth group. The Youth Ministry program is not about who leads it—it is about following our Lord and doing His work. Do not worry. Pastor Peter will have a greater role – you can count on him and your parents who will be helping to make sure your activities and your opportunities to do mission continue. Gordon and I have volunteered to take the REACH Workcampers to Niagara Falls in July. Stay tuned for the dates

and times of our planning sessions. The summer will be here before you know it!

I am deeply grateful to Gordon for his many, many, many contributions to the Youth Ministry program. I would have not been able to stretch this program without his creative genius, willing spirit and his constant companionship. Do not let anyone tell you that you cannot meet a wonderful man at church! We met at the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center at Holmes. We have shared this ministry and I will always be grateful for his commitment. He continues to be an inspiration for me. I am also grateful to the members of the Youth Ministry Committee, especially Meg Baird and Lisa Finn. They have been steadfast workers and are trusted confidants for the young people they serve.

I continue to ask the Lord about where he would like me to serve next. We have begun to look for a church, but have yet to find a congregation like Westhampton. You are a family and we will miss you greatly. Be assured we will be back to visit. I leave you with one of my favorite poems. It is one I live my life by.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,

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Youth Ministry Grateful to Pat and Gordon as It Looks Ahead

We all have a lot for which to be thankful as we enter the New Year! At the top of our list is the ministry of **Youth Ministry Coordinator Pat Hubbard** over the years along with the ministry of her spouse—"You get two for the price of one"—**Elder Gordon Hubbard**. Together they have touched the lives of our youth and their families, and have stimulated many of us to transform the way we think and do ministry. Pat and Gordon leave us with a Youth Ministry Program that is energetic and vital, as well as a youth ministry history rich and firmly rooted for the future.

In balancing the church budget—to reach the financial stability we seek to attract our next pastor—Session, at the recommendation of the Finance Ministry, made the difficult decision not to fund (in Budget 2009) the youth coordinator position after January 31st. Session heard from a number of concerned people as it met, yet agreed with the Finance Ministry that it is a necessary move at this time. The money is not there. WPC is between pastors, and the new pastor needs direct involvement in any new hires. **We are fortunate to have a firmly grounded Youth Ministry Program with committed youth and parents.**

As we look ahead to plan for our youth, **where** is the Youth Ministry Program heading? Rest assured, **there will be great continuity in the ministry**. There is also **the possibility and opportunity for something new**. Part of my role as Interim Minister is to help us take a fresh look at the way we do things, to open ourselves to God and wait, and to discover new ways of being and doing church.

In terms of continuity in ministry, **many key traditions are already tentatively on the youth calendar:**

- Souper Bowl Sunday (February 1st, with Hunger Awareness)
- Fajita Night (March 22nd, 4-7:00 pm)
- Youth Mission Auction (April 24th)
- Middle School Retreat (May 1-3)
- High School Retreat (TBA)
- Confirmation Class (with two retreats planned: March 6-7; May 1-3)
 - February 2nd: Confirmand and Parent Orientation
 - May 31st: Confirmation Day
- Youth Sunday:

- March 29-May 16: Planning and Practice
- May 17th: Youth Sunday
- REACH Mission Trip (Yes, Pat and Gordon have agreed to run the REACH!!!)
 - June 14 & 28: Two planning sessions
 - July 3-11: REACH Mission Trip to Niagara Falls

Popular traditions in the Program will carry it forward with its own momentum. Pat and Gordon have shared a number of their "tricks" with me. However, this transition offers youth and parents an opportunity to step back and take a fresh look and ownership in the ministry. That's what Interim Ministry is all about! **Our challenge is to transition from one way of**

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Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide-
Why build you this bridge at the evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today,
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Thank you and God bless you,
Pat Hubbard
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Wellness Brief... Remedies Not Recommended For Children under Four

Earlier this year, the U.S Food and Drug Administration suggested to drug makers that they no longer market cough and cold remedies for children under the age of four. On October 10, 2008, the Association representing most makers of non-prescription over-the-counter (OTC) cough and cold medicines announced that they were modifying the product labels for consumers to say "do not use" with children under four years of age. In addition the industry will be introducing new child-resistant packaging and new measuring devices for use with the products.

Once the repackaging and process is completed, according to the industry, "some" OTC medications will instruct that they not be used for children under two years of age.

Parents and caregivers are cautioned to read labels. If you have questions, consult with your pharmacist or physician. Despite these changes, some FDA advisers and other pediatric organizations strongly question the use of OTC

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Deacon's Special Receptions Committee

The Deacon's Special Receptions Committee is available to provide a reception in the Parish Hall following church funeral and memorial services. At the



request of the family, we arrange for and provide according to their needs a small and informal or a larger formal reception that requires fine china, silver and centerpieces. Having access to linens, china, tables and chairs, we bake, set up, serve and clean up.

Receptions are also provided for special church services, informal gatherings and notable occasions that take place within the church. We are happy to accommodate our church family at times of need.

The Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar was again a great success. The whole church looked exceptionally beautiful. Many happy shoppers walked away with treats and gifts.

First I'd like to thank Eloise Carter for coordinating our annual wreath making party. The Mankers again provided the basic wreathes and baby's breath. Ben Larson with his son Donn provided the greens to give the wreathes a distinguished touch. We had fun putting them together after pizza. Leftover greens made attractive centerpieces. Eloise sold them on the day of the sale.

Karen Andrews and crew made for an attractive Twice Nice. Ellie Brubaker headed up the baked goods and another successful Cookie Walk.

Peggy Childs manned the Founder's Room which displayed lovely hand made gifts and ornaments. She and others from the Christmas bazaar workshop worked all year on them. Peggy provided our posters.

Gail Klepper and Gini Wagner made Bailey Hall into a delightful place for the children to shop and do crafts. Lise Frielinghaus again helped out.

Thanks to Jane Otis and Hannah Manker for decorating the tree and with Meryle King for making the room look so elegant.

Jean Seyfert got the publicity out to local papers and sold gift items in the back hall.

There aren't enough words to thank Marge Beckwith who heads up the Christmas Bazaar Workshop each Tuesday. She and Peg Childs made the clever centerpieces. She and her crew provided the trays of sandwiches and cookies for the tea room and she baked and helped out in ways too numerous to mention. It's safe to say that she and Gale Spaulding, our ongoing treasurer, are the backbone of Presbyterian Women.

Thank you too, to all the unnamed who helped bake, sell, clean up and of course, shop.

Sincerely,
Christine Haddad,
Chair Person

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will continue to study Luke on January 27th at 7 PM at the home of Marge Beckwith. Check out the WPC website for details.

Session Actions from November and December, 2008

At the November meeting, Session enthusiastically welcomed as new members Kathy Tureski and Tim Eufrazio.

Session thanks the following with thank you cards: the Hoyts, in recognition of their initiative and service selling grocery cards; and, Marion Rupprecht, for the beautiful needlepoint hangings she has made for newly baptized children.

The elders approved the following dates for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for 2009:

January 11: Baptism of the Lord

July 12 and August 9

February 22: Transfiguration of the Lord

September 12: Reunion Sunday

April 5: Palm Sunday

October 4: World Communion Sunday

April 9: Maundy Thursday

November 1: All Saints Day

May 31: Pentecost

November 22: Christ the King

June 7: Trinity Sunday

December 24 (11:00 P.M.): Christmas Eve

Session held a retreat on Saturday, November 15, 2008 to discuss the financial health of the church and make preparations for the Mission Study the church must complete prior to electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) as part of the process of calling a new installed pastor. The Finance Committee was charged with preparing a balanced budget based on discussions from the Congregational

Meeting and the retreat.

The Session at its December meeting approved a Termination Agreement with the Interim Pastor, fulfilling one final step in the Interim Pastor's yearly contract. That agreement will now be forwarded to the Committee on Ministry and a copy will be spread upon the minutes of the Session as well. This does not mean Pastor Sulyok will be leaving soon; it's just part of being "decently and in order." Also the session voted to approve the Interim Pastors Contract for a 12 month period beginning January 1, 2009 at the same terms as the previous year.

Pastor Sulyok reported that the Trustees have been informed that the furnace by the kitchen in Bailey Hall is in need of replacement. The Session voted to use the Capital Reserve Fund of \$2345.45 for this expenditure and the necessary balance would be taken from the Elsie Plainver fund to cover the cost of a replacement furnace.

Session accepts with great joy Elder Nancy Winters' offer to continue the work begun by the Hoyts on the grocery gift cards. Under her capable leadership this will provide continuity for this wonderful program.

After much discussion, Session approved a balanced budget of \$325,571 as prepared by the Finance Ministry. The session then rescinded the action taken in September with respect to raises for the staff and voted to freeze salaries at the 2008 level.

Finally, Session approved the annual letter to the congregation soliciting donations for staff Christmas gifts with the distribution to be proportioned the same as last year.

What is the 2009 Per Capita?

As Presbyterians in the Westhampton area we value greatly our connections with other Presbyterians – around the corner, and around the world. We are united by beliefs and traditions, and united in spirit and love.

This unity takes tangible form when we "pool" our resources, for the purpose of doing Christ's work together. One of the ways this happens is by means of the "*per capita*" apportionment. Each congregation agrees to support the essential functions of the larger church by a donation based on membership.

In 2009, the *per capita* apportionment for churches on Long Island is \$28.72. This is split between the three governing bodies in this way:

- Presbytery of Long Island: \$18.81;
- Synod of the Northeast: \$ 3.76; and,
- General Assembly: \$ 6.15.

This year the Session of Westhampton Presbyterian Church encourages its members to pay the *per capita* as a special, designated donation, in addition to their support of the overall church program. This will help us to move toward financial

Tributes to Dottie Dudley

Dottie Dudley Poems

At the Memorial Service for Dottie Dudley, Kay Kidde read a poem written on the occasion of Dottie's 95th birthday. Written in the present tense, Kay noted that "Dottie is in the present tense." Here it is, with our gratitude to Kay:

A Happy Birthday to Dottily Dudiley

She has whimsy. She is brave.
She is on the ball.
Her dimple is charming,
She gets to us all.

She has led the League of
Women Voters,
She has sung in the choir.
She has borne gallant sons,
In her eye there is warm fire.

To the Corps of Army Engineers
She gave what for
When they tried to shift the
ocean,
And they heard her, what's
more.

Se has served on the Quiogue
Association Board.
She's a gardener, she's a cook.
She knows good music, and, we
think, the Lord.

She's so merry that it's catching,
She's the best we've got.
She is honest. She is giving.
With love, we hail our Dot!

And, another poem written by our administrative assistant, Nancy:

Dottie Dudley was a very cool lady,
She drove an old Toyota till she was well past eighty,
It had stickers on the bumper, like "Peconic County Now",
She wanted to "Free Tibet" and had probably read the *Tao*.

The *New York Times* was on her daily list,
As were many books, I think you get the gist.
Dottie was smart, and compassionate too.
She loved to watch the birds, and cared for me and you.

Her son Robbie took her on trips, I'm telling you, that lady was hip.
The Botanical Garden, the Met, and more,
They'd pick up a wheelchair and go out the door.

I think she knew opera,
We never got that far,
Our conversations were short,
She was humble, not a star.

A sweeter lady, you never could know.
Her eyes would tell you she loved you so.
So glad for your visit, someone she wanted to see,
She'd welcome you in, with a glass of iced tea.

I wish I'd met her sooner,
Had more than some lunch.
But one thing is sure,
She enriched my life much.

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drugs for children, noting that "there was no data suggesting that the drugs were effective in kids under 12." FDA recommends the following to parents or caregivers:

- Do not give children medications labeled only for adults.
- Talk to your physician if you have questions on whether to use OTC drugs for children.
- Make sure the OTC drug has a child-resistant safety cap when available.
- Check the active ingredients section of the DRUG FACTS label of medicines that you choose. These drugs often have more than one active ingredient including anti-histamines, pain reliever/fever reducer, or/and cough suppressants.
- Be very careful if you are giving more than one medicine to a child.
- Carefully follow directions for how to use medicine in the DRUG FACTS part of the label.
- Only use measuring devices that come with the medicine or those specially made for measuring drugs.
- UNDERSTAND that using OTC cough and cold medicines do not cure colds or coughs. They only treat symptoms such as runny nose or cough.

In Memoriam

DOROTHY LAWSON
DUDLEY

August 23, 1913 -
November 15, 2008



Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper to be January 25th

Session set the date of January 25th, 2008 following worship for the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation at which time annual reports will be received. All annual reports of organizations, boards and church treasurers should be completed and sent to the church office by **January 11th** (or sooner), so they can be compiled and assembled.

The meeting is a time for us to reflect upon our work together this past year and to dream of ways in which we can better serve God and Jesus Christ in the New Year. Session will include in the report the budget for 2009 as it was approved at its December Session meeting.

Seeker's Class Planned...

The Seeker's Class is an opportunity to learn more about Westhampton Presbyterian Church. Offered periodically, the group explores the faith and ministry we share at WPC and how to become involved. Meeting three times, we discuss what Presbyterian means, how the church runs, and the ministry and mission we do.

The Class is a time to reflect on the WPC community and service and does not mean a commitment to becoming a member at the end. WPC maintains both list of members and a list of friends of the church. If you would like to attend the

Seeker's Class or would like more information when the next group meets, contact Pastor Peter: 288-2576.

Leadership Fair for Church Leaders

A Leadership Fair is planned by the East End Presbyterian Parish for all Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Treasurers, Sunday School and Youth Leaders on Saturday, January 10th at the First Presbyterian Church of Southampton. It will begin at 9:30 am with Coffee and Fellowship with a joint opening worship and then move to the Leadership Development workshops from 10:30-12:00 noon. This is especially helpful for newly elected church officers and leaders.

First Winter Festival Happening to Be at WPC

The Winter Festival this year will feature Story-Telling with The Reverend William R. Grimbol, pastor at Shelter Island. The Winter Festival is a popular yearly program of the East End Presbyterian Parish featuring a delicious home-cooked meal and a intriguing program. This year's story-telling program is entitled: "I'm Not Very Religious, But I Am Spiritual: Finding a Faith I Can Live With." All programs will begin at 6:00 pm with the program at 7:00 pm. The first Winter Festival will be held at Westhampton Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, January 21; the second at the Southold Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, January 28th; and,

the third at the Southampton Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 4th.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service

The Westhampton Clergy Council is sponsoring a Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service at St. Paul's A.M.E. Zion Church in Quogue on Monday, January 19th, at 7:00 pm. The Reverend Tammie-Rae Keeler will be the honored preacher at this year's service. An ecumenical choir combined from members of choirs of area churches will sing during the service. See Pastor Peter or Linda Howard if you would like to be part of this choir.



Per capita (Continued from page 5)

stability over the long run. To facilitate *per capita* donations, a special envelope is included in each box of offering envelopes, right at the front. Members are urged to use this envelope to make *per capita* donations for all members in the household.

Since the church "covers" unpaid *per capita* donations from the operations budget, individual payment frees-up resources for other important programs and priorities and so multiply the good work it does! *Per capita* donations are welcomed all year, of course, but are especially appreciated as early in the year as possible.

For more information on *per capita*, click on this link:

<http://www.pcusa.org/percapita/index.htm>.

Epiphany: Meaning and History and the Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of Epiphany, January 6th, originating in the Eastern Church, early centered on three mysteries:

1. The incarnation, God's coming to us in Christ;
2. the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River; and,
3. Jesus' first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

Together these portray the way God is manifested to the world in Christ. (Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth.")

With the acceptance of December 25th as the feast of the incarnation, Epiphany in Eastern Christianity now focuses primarily upon the Baptism of the Jesus. In those portions of the East where December 25th has never been accepted, it still retains its centering upon the incarnation as well.

In the Western Church, the adoration of the magi has long been associated with Epiphany. It therefore had a focus on Christ as the light to the Gentiles. Since Epiphany is a day and not a season, it may be regarded as the end of the Christmas season. White is the traditional color for Epiphany, since it is a festival of the Lord.

The Baptism of the Lord is closely related to Epiphany and should be considered in relation to the feast. Jesus' ministry to bring in God's rule was inaugurated in his baptism. Coming out of the water, the Spirit rested

on Jesus, and a sign of God's approval was heard. On this day, we celebrate not only Jesus' baptism but our own as well, for our baptism is rooted in Christ. Baptism joins us to Christ and his church, and with all of the baptized we are called to share Jesus' ministry. In the waters of baptism we are buried with Christ, cleansed of our sins, and raised to share in his resurrection. The Spirit is given us and we are declared the children of God. White is the traditional color, for it is a festival of the Lord.

Youth and Parent Confirmation Supper Planned

All Eight Graders and older youth are invited to be part of the Confirmation Class 2008. Interested youth and their parents are invited to a Confirmation Class Supper, February 8th, 2009, from 5:30-8:00 pm in Bailey Hall.

This will be an opportunity to learn about the confirmation process at Westhampton Presbyterian Church this year and to fix dates on the calendar.

Former WPC Pastor Dies

According to the December 8/15th edition of the *Presbyterian Outlook*, The Reverend Glover Alexander Leitch, once pastor of WPC, died on February 28th in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he once served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Ironically, he was pastor of WPC at the time Dottie Dudley began her relationship to the congregation. He served as pastor at WPC during the years 1939-1943.

thinking to another as we creatively staff the youth ministry utilizing a greater part of my role as Interim Minister as well as volunteers in the congregation working with me. Our greatest challenge will be in letting go of what feels right and normal to create a new normal for ourselves.

On Sunday, January 11th, I am inviting all youth and parents to a Youth Ministry Planning Night. Meeting at 7:00 pm in Bailey Hall, we will do what congregations have done through the ages—discuss our needs and desires for Youth Ministry, as anchored in our biblical and historical understanding of the purpose of the church. The Bible calls us to nurture and challenge our youth in their faith and in service to each other, our community, and the world around them.

We will take a fresh look at how and why we do youth ministry. We will divide the time together into two parts: first, discernment; then, planning. In the **Discernment Phase**, we will open ourselves to God and discern our current vision for Youth Ministry. We will ask, what do we like about our current program—its strengths and weaknesses? How do we envision youth ministry in the coming years? In the **Planning Phase**, we will get down to brass tacks and give life to our vision, offering ideas, events and activities, and how to run them.

One of the ways I like to guide Youth Ministry planning is to think of activities in four categories. In each four-week-

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> <i>New Year's Day—Office closed</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> <i>8:30am Spiritual Conversations</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Epiphany of the Lord— Communion 7pm Deacons</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> <i>9am Audit 10:30am Finance Committee</i>
<i>11</i> <i>Communion French Toast Breakfast (Youth Fund-raiser) Annual Reports Deadline Youth & Parent Planning Night</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>7pm Session</i>	<i>14</i> <i>12noon PW Luncheon</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Tidings Deadline</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Youth Ski Trip (through Mon.)</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Martin Luther King Day— Office Closed</i>	<i>20</i> <i>7pm Trustees</i>	<i>21</i> <i>7pm EEPP's Winter Fest at WPC</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> <i>Annual Meeting 1:30pm MS Mission Project at WCC 5:30pm Youth Winter/Spring Pot Luck Supper</i>	<i>26</i> <i>7pm Elizabeth Circle</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> <i>7pm EEPP's Winter Fest at Southold</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> <i>9am Presbytery</i>

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Your issue of the January Tidings

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month, we might have an activity or program for each of the following:

- Issue Ministry Event (on a youth-selected health or social justice related topic);
- Spiritual Formation Event (deepening our faith);
- Mission Action (service to community or world); and
- Recreation Activity (Fun! Fun! Fun!).

Where there is a five-week-month, we add a special Recreation Activity, such as building a Halloween Haunted House, Game Night, a Valentine's Dance, Roller Skating, and other fun stuff.

Some conversation is un-

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 2 | Paul Pfaff |
| 4 | Briana Oakland |
| 6 | Diane Perry |

derway suggesting the start of a **Youth Club (Grades 4-5)**. This initiative—a step to offer younger youth a foretaste of the Youth Groups (Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12) would also help them get to know each other better around fun events. It provides growth opportunities and prepares them for Youth Group. Parents of this age group are also invited.

With a plan in place—youth, parents, congregation members, and the interim pastor—all are challenged to create the future envisioned. Together we live into a new way of being and doing church.

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| 6 | Nancy Hamma-Clavin |
| 7 | Jared Jessup |
| 9 | Mackenzie Schindler |
| 11 | Adele Becker |
| 11 | Ralph Hubbard |
| 12 | Jessie Deihl |
| 13 | Karen Neubauer |
| 14 | Seamus Naughton |
| 14 | Cole Schindler |
| 15 | Bob Busking |
| 15 | Derik Herzing |
| 15 | Claire Berry |
| 15 | Suzanne Jessup |
| 16 | Sarah Shenker |
| 18 | Steve Ravenhall |
| 18 | Vytas Nielsen |
| 20 | Gordon Hubbard |
| 20 | Christian Carter |
| 21 | Mark Klepper |
| 22 | Jennifer Collins |
| 23 | Jenna Klepper |
| 23 | Brian Mosher |
| 23 | Bob Schindler |
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| 25 | Cynthia Diers |
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| 31 | Sophie Rouhandeh |
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