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WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2009

A Note From the Interim Pastor's Study

Dear Members and Friends,

With the sunny blue skies of spring, I am beginning to see folks fishing along the various bridges once again. I also noticed a bumper sticker: "A bad day of fishing is better than a good day on the job." Can't we all identify with this sentiment as the first 'coatless' days have us out there enjoying the day—the walk on the beach or time in the garden. Or, at least, day-dreaming through an open window!



Blue sky, the warm sun and the beautiful dunes around our town call us out on these fine days. They are good for our renewal—re-charging our batteries after the winter weather. On a great day, we no doubt feel we can do without God for a week or two. Perhaps we can. But can the church? If the season of Lent showed us anything, we discovered the needs of both ourselves and the wounded people around us. Good Friday highlighted for us there are those who sing,

**When morning gilds the skies
My heart awaking cries
Oh no, another day...**

And, at times, we are among them! As Easter People, we know the church needs us in the summer as in the winter, spring and fall. The call to the new life of Easter in each of us awakens us to hear the cries of those around us and to join together as the church reaching out with support, strength and love. This is our Easter faith: we offer our love with praying hands and outstretched hands to reach those who need to hear and feel the touch of the resurrection.

By the time you read this newsletter, the recently appointed Mission Vision Team will have met for the first time and will have in place their process for developing our congregational mission self-study. Read the news story inside this newsletter on their proposed work. And, watch for invitations to events where your input and advice is needed. Our Mission Vision will be as strong as those who contribute their sense of mission to its development!

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—our Mission Vision. 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

Session Selects Mission Vision Team to Lead Congregation Mission Study

The Session has selected a team of twelve persons to lead the congregation through a mission self-study and to write the mission vision for the congregation.

The members of the Mission Vision Team are: Fred Bauer, Rosemary Cline, Sarajane Giere, Marcia Rose Koziarz, Bob Larson, Andrea Lohneiss, Kyle Miller, Tom Moore, Kayley O'Brien, Kimet Speed, Bryan Wagner, and Stu Wood. Pastor Peter will work with and staff the team.

The Mission Vision Statement, when completed, will go first to the Session and then to Presbytery's Committee On Ministry (COM) for approval. Once the Mission Vision Report is approved, the COM will permit WPC to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and the Report will be used by the PNC to develop its Church Information Form (CIF), describing the congregation and its vision for ministry for the next installed Pastor.

The work of the Mission Vision Team is vital in determining the best set of skills and gifts required in the next pastor.

The Mission Vision Team's Orientation Meeting will be held on Monday, April 27th, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Founders' Room. Their initial task will be to:

- Select a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary
- Review the Process for Conducting a Mission Vision Self-Study
- Determine areas for Mission Study and Method for Obtaining Information
- Set TimeLine for Congregational Events and Activities
- Formulate Process for Drafting the Study and Vision

All members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to watch for notices of the first Congregational Gatherings to reflect together on our shared life and ministry together. The more members and friends of the congregation that respond to the events and activities of the Mission Vision Team, the more comprehensive and inclusive of the congregation will be the Mission Study Report.

Call for Special Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

The Session of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church calls a Special Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation following the Service of Worship on Sunday May 3, 2009 for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a report from the Nominating Committee. The Session further sets Ordination and Installation of Officers for Sunday, May 10, 2009 during the Service of Worship.

Session Actions from March and April

The following actions were taken by the Session at the March and April meetings.

- approved sending a letter of transfer for Laura Impomeni to the West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood, New Jersey;
- approved a baptismal request from Daniel Alexander Staniford and Kearney Harrington Staniford to baptize their son, Robert Hutson Staniford on the Day of Pentecost, May 31st; and
- approved a baptismal request from Abraham Cary and Lucy Cary to baptize their daughter, Laurel Williams Cary on Father's Day in the Quogue Chapel;

The session learned that the Quogue Chapel qualifies to have a plaque placed on the building celebrating the age of the building in conjunction with the 350th Anniversary of Quogue Village. Session approved that \$350.00 be taken from the Quogue Chapel Fund to purchase 350th Anniversary Plaque for placement on the Quogue Chapel.

Pastor Sulyok discussed with the session that our current software for maintaining and updating our church membership rolls is outdated and too cumbersome to use. The Session voted to allow Pastor Sulyok to research and purchase software for maintaining a user-friendly and up-to-date Church Membership

Adult Discussion Group takes on “Resurrection”

“Four Accounts of Jesus’ Resurrection” will be the theme of the next few Adult Discussion Group meetings. The account of Jesus’ burial and resurrection is found in all four Gospels and mentioned by Paul. While all accounts affirm his resurrection, they differ to various degrees. What do Christians believe about these differences, and what do we mean when we affirm that Jesus was raised from the dead?

The resurrection discussions began on Sunday, April 26th and will be led by Gloria Johnson. The Adult Discussion Group meets each Sunday at 8:30 AM (except the first Sunday of the month) in the Founders’ Room. The First Sunday of the month is “Spiritual Conversations” with Valerie O’Brien meeting around the “Kitchen Table” in the church kitchen.

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Roll.

The Worship Ministry, recognizing that WPC has lost several members and friends, recommended and the Session approved the recommendation to present roses to the families of those who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year (from last Memorial Day to Memorial Day this year). The roses would be presented on Memorial Sunday.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was celebrated at the retreat for the Confirmation class on March 6-7. The session retroactively approved the celebration of the sacrament.

Memorial Day Sunday to Be Wills Emphasis Sunday

On Memorial Sunday, May 24th, WPC will remember those who have died in the past year with our traditional procession at the end of worship to the Memorial Garden. Session has called the Sunday a Wills Emphasis Sunday and hopes to make available materials in the bulletins to assist members and friends with remembering the church in their wills. The Worship Ministry is planning to have a special floral arrangement with a rose for each family that is remembering a death during the past year.

Pastor Peter Elected President of the American Waldensian Society

Pastor Peter was elected President of the American Waldensian Society at their Annual Meeting in Valdese, NC on Sunday, March 22nd. He previously served as secretary of the Board of this organization that for more than a century has served through mission the needs of Waldensians from Italy, originally assisting in settlement here in the United States and now in supporting and partnering in Mission with the Waldensian churches in Italy and in Argentina and Uruguay.

While Pastor Peter was unable to attend the Board meeting, he offered a presentation of the work and mission of the American Waldensian Society at a Consultation held on March

23-24, 2009, called by the AWS to explore possible partnership in mission with the Reformed Church of America and the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Schenectady, NY. The consultation was very productive and several initiatives have been proposed for partnership in mission.

Session Receives Painting from Havana, Cuba

The WPC Session received a painting from Havana, Cuba, via Barbara D’Andrea, secretary of the Presbytery of Long Island’s Cuba Work Group. Accompanying the painting of a street in Havana, was a note reading: “Please accept this painting from Havana, Cuba, as a small thank you in recognition of your assistance to the Luyano Presbyterian Church’s hot lunch program. Without your help this successful mission might not be possible.”

Thanks to All Who Contributed to One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was collected on Easter Day as it has been done every year since 1949. Our children brought in their “fish” banks full of coins, offering their contribution to the special offering. Session thanks all who contributed in this way of sharing God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe

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From the Deacon's

Today our food pantry is not only used by more families than ever before but is also needed by more families than ever before.

We who are blessed to be able go to the grocery and purchase what we need when we need it are now needed to help others in less fortunate circumstances.

With today's present situation there are many of our neighbors with work hours cut, jobs lost and yet they still have families to feed -with no or next to no income.

Please consider purchasing two non perishable items next time you shop. One for your family and one for someone else. Please chose to make a difference.

Thank you and may the peace of Christ be ever with you.

Deacons Update Parish Vineyard Listings

The Board of Deacons, over the past six months, has been revising the Parish Vineyard listings of members and friends. Members and friends are selected into twelve vineyards with an elected Deacon assigned to their cluster of folks. The vineyard groups have been selected somewhat geographically as well as by extended families so that Deacons are better able to familiarize themselves with the families and possible needs that might emerge. The refinement of the Vineyard listing is an on-going process. If you have suggestions or would like further information, contact Jean Seyfert or Sarajane Giere.

Annual Daffodil Sale Benefits American Cancer Society

Our thanks to May Griffin for taking leadership in holding the annual Daffodil Sale benefiting the American Cancer Society in March. Bunches of daffodils sold for \$10.00 and the proceeds when to fight cancer.

Please add to your directory:

Jim and Cindy Relyea

9 Christina Lane

Middle Island, NY 11953-2085

Phone: 631-775-0917 Cell: 631-375-1274

Presbyterian Women

We met Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at noon for a Covered Dish luncheon. Thank you from all to Ellie Brubaker for treating us to dessert. We wish she could have joined us to enjoy the gourmet cheese cake.

May 6 we will meet at Jamesport Manor Inn. The May luncheon is a long-time tradition. The April 24th deadline for reservations is past. If you wish to join us, please call the church office to inquire about availability of seating.

Donations for the Spring Rummage Sale have been received on a daily basis. Out sincere appreciation to all who make our sales successful.

Time is of the essence. The Summer Treasure Sale was initiated as a substitute for the annual Antique Show, a major fundraiser. A volunteer or volunteers are needed to oversee this one-day event.

June 10 we will meet for Strawberry Shortcake. Please bring a sandwich. Beverages will be served.

Greetings to Adele Becker from all who could not be in person April 16th when our church bus traveled to Summit, NJ.

Long time PW members will remember the knit teddy bears made by Christine Ehlers for the Christmas Bazaar. She held a special place in the hearts of many and will be missed by all who had the good fortune to visit with her.

Habitat For Humanity Starts New House Where will you be June 6th?

Pastor Peter shared in the prayers during the Dedication and Wall Raising for the new Habitat for Humanity house on Avon Court on Saturday, March 28th. This is your opportunity for hands on mission work without traveling to New Orleans or a REACH work day, June 6th at 9 AM, come and donate a few hours building the Habitat for Humanity home on Avon Court (off of Hazelwood behind the beverage barn on Montauk Highway). Our Mission Ministry is sponsoring a work day to try and help ready the home so the three boys can move in by the opening of school. This local family was chosen through a rigorous screening process, performs a year of sweat equity and receives a 20 year mortgage. The Mission Ministry will provide lunch at the home of a church member. Put your faith into action. Call Gale Spaulding (902-6458) to sign up.



Banners Enliven Palm Sunday and Easter Day

Liturgical banners from the Parish Resource Center have brought color and joy to our sanctuary on Palm Sunday and Easter Day. Lush red banners with the words "Redemption" and "Reflection" hung on either side of the sanctuary on Palm Sunday. On Easter Day, a large banner hung high above the organ pipes with the word "Alleluia" offering praise to God. The Worship Ministry is considering making our own banners for the Advent Season next fall. If you are interested in this project, speak with Margretta Anderson.

Fund Raising Brunch Planned Youth Sunday, May 17th

The Fund Raising Team is planning a fundraising brunch to coincide with Youth Sunday, May 17th to follow the youth's worship service. What better



way to celebrate our youth's contribution to our worship than to take them out to lunch! Mark your calendar!

Confirmation Class 2009 to be Confirmed on Pentecost

Members of Confirmation Class 2009 will be confirmed on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 31st, during the morning 10:00 AM worship. The members of the class began

their journey with a retreat at Camp DeWolfe and have been together in Confirmation Classes this Winter/Spring season. They will be together on a "Is God In Your 5?" Retreat at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center Friday-Saturday, May 1-3, 2009. They will be examined by the Session at the May Session Meeting. We wish them well in the final weeks of preparation for Confirmation.

Scout Sunday held March 15th

WPC welcomed Boy and Girl Scouts to Scouting Sunday, held during worship on Sunday, March 15th. Scouts assisted in reading the Scriptures, greeting and distributing the bulletin, and ushering the service. Pastor Peter offered a special recognition of Scouts in the congregation, the leaders of Scouting in the congregation as well as recognition of previous scouts.

Thanks to Ben Larson for Youth Ping Pong Table

Ben Larson presented a special gift of a Ping Pong Table to the Youth Ministry for Bailey Hall. The table is being ordered and should be in the room as this newsletter goes to press. We thank Ben for his generous support of our youth.

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refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. It is not too late to give, please mail or drop off your offering in the Church Office.

Volunteer Tutors Are Needed

One-On-One High School Equivalency (GED) Tutoring Sessions are being held at many local libraries. Peconic Community Council will train tutors. No experience is necessary. More students are signing up and we really need more tutors. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining a GED diploma or you wish to volunteer as a tutor: contact the Peconic Community Council at 631-727-6831.

The PCC would also like us to remember the upcoming dates:

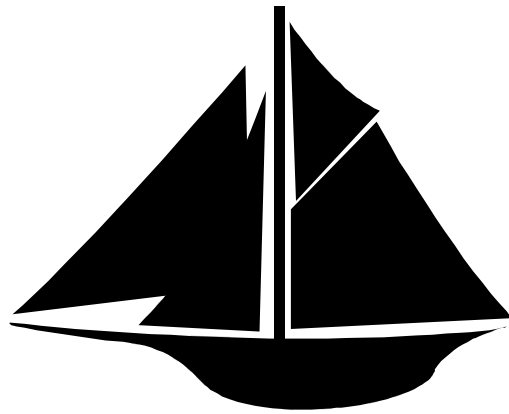
- On Mother's Day Weekend, May 7-8th, there will be a Family Carnival held at Our Redeemer Lutheran

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"Sail the Sound" Evening of Fun Planned Saturday, May 30th

The Church Life Ministry encourages you to "Sail the Sound" for an evening of dancing, food and fun aboard the Port Jefferson-Bridgeport Ferry. Tickets are \$35.00 (and \$17.50 is tax-deductible). This fellowship event for WPC members and friends is also a benefit for the Parish Resource Center, which we support and work with in a number of ways. Please gather your friends and family and let's get several tables. Price includes a door prize chance and a voucher for 2 free glasses of wine/beer per guest. See Karen Derryberry for more information.

SAIL THE SOUND



with the

Parish Resource Center

Saturday, May 30, 2009 7-10 PM

For an Evening of DANCING, FOOD, RAFFLES & FUN
aboard the

PORT JEFFERSON-BRIDGEPORT FERRY

Tickets \$35.00

Per ticket tax-deductible gift, \$17.50

Captain's Pkg. of 10 tickets @ \$300 per pkg.

Per pkg. tax-deductible gift, \$125

For tickets

Call PRC at: 631-821-2255 or email: info@prcli.org

Pay online: www.parishresourcecenter.org/least

*Price includes door prize chance and voucher for 2 free
Glasses of wine/beer per guest*

Sponsored by the Bridgeport-Port Jefferson Ferry Company
An event supporting the work of the Parish Resource Center

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Church, Route 25 - Main Road – Aquebogue. It will benefit the Maureen’s Haven Homeless Outreach Program.

- On Friday, June 12th, the Peconic Community Council’s Annual Conference on “Women’s Issues” will be held 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. More information is to come.

These are ways WPC can support the work of the homeless during the off-season.

Recent Births

We celebrate the following recent births and congratulate their families:

Parker Nicholas, son of parents **Kimberly Yuen** and **Nicholas Gerard Haff**. Parker was born at Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead on Thursday, March 12th, at 8:39 AM, weighing in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces and is 18 ½ inches. Congratulations to grandparents **Peggy and Denis Yuen** and family.

Reagan Faith, daughter of **Nikki and Bob Schindler**. **Reagan** was born at St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson on Tuesday, March 24th, weighing in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and is 19 ¼ inches. Celebrating with us in the new birth are older sister **McKenzie** and big brother **Cole**.

Daniel Joseph Nicholson, son of **Laurie and Mark Nicholson**. **Daniel** was born in Alexandria, VA on Saturday, March 28th, 2009, weighing in at 6 pounds, 1 ounce and 19 ¾ inches. Celebrating with us in the new birth

is big sister **Lily** and proud grandparent **Elva Stanley**.

Recent Baptisms

Brian Osmund Crowley, grandson of Raymond R. and Maura A. Hann, was baptized on Sunday, March 22nd. Brian was born on October 24, 2002 in Eureka, California. Janet Hann is Brian’s sponsor.

Rosemary Terchun Cline and her two children, **Sophie Calia Town Cline** and **Carter Nicolas Dodd Cline** were baptized on Easter Day, April 12, 2009. Sophie was born July 23, 2002 in Little Rock, AR, and Carter was born February 9, 20004 in Little Rock, AR. Chris and Rose-

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MOTHER’S DAY GERANIUM SALE

***Honor the mothers in your
life with a beautiful spring
geranium!***

Order a Geranium (or several) to memorialize or honor your mother or loved one on Mother’s Day. Geraniums will be placed on the chancel on May 10th. You may take them home after the service, or leave them for a shut in.

I would like to order _____ geraniums at \$5.00 each for a total of \$ _____. Please list my dedication as:

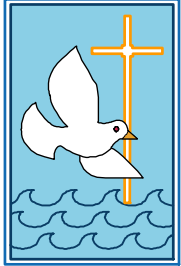
Given by _____
in loving memory of _____.

Given by _____
in honor of _____.

I will take my plant(s) after the service.
 I will leave my plant(s) for the deacons to take to a shut-in.

Enclosed in my check for \$_____ payable to Westhampton Presbyterian Church with “geranium” marked in the memo. Please submit by **May 3rd**.

Live Out the Easter Renewal and New Life in the Season of Pentecost!



The Day of Pentecost (May 31st) marks the end of the Easter church season.

The word 'pentecost' means 'fifty days' and is

derived from a Jewish festival: *Shavout*, which means the same thing, and took place fifty days after Passover. The Jewish festival was an annual commemoration of the giving of the Law to Moses, and a new relationship between Israel and God.

Pentecost is the celebration of the creation of the Church of Jesus Christ. It is the church's birthday! As Christ was raised from the dead, the Body of Christ is now given new life by the Spirit (breath) of God. This is the Church's spiritual birthday!

The life-giving Spirit sends the Church into the world to carry out Christ's mission. The church is clearly a world church, proclaiming the Word of God in Jesus Christ to all peoples—Babel is undone as the message is heard in every language. Now the Church goes forth into all the world, breaking down walls and overcoming divisions that keep people from knowing their true unity in God.

Join with the congregation the last Sunday in May to celebrate Pentecost! We will welcome our Confirmation Class members on that special day.

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mary presented their children for baptism and all have the following as sponsors: **Aram V. Terchunian, Marianne D. Terchunian, Lise B. Frielinghaus, Tyrone D. Terchunian, Denise F. Pennington, and William E. Pennington.**

Recent Deaths

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the family and friends of the following:

Christine Ehlers, who died Sunday, March 29, 2009. Christine had been our oldest living member at 101 years. A Memorial Service and Interment took place on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Westhampton Cemetery, with Pastor Peter officiating. Please remember especially her longtime friend and former student **Jean Halsey**, who provided day

to day care for Christine in her final years.

Clara Culver Hulse, who died on Monday, March 2nd, 2009. We remember especially her children Betsy Hulse Doyle, Chuck Hulse, Charlotte Lander, and Jamie Smith, who hosted family receiving hours Wednesday, March 4th at the Follett & Werner, Inc. Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be held in the summer.

Recent Marriages

We congratulate the following couples married recently in our sanctuary:

Lauren Harple and Steve Rolens were married on Saturday, April 11, in the Quiogue sanctuary; and

Lisa Piteris and Bob Stellato were married on Sunday, April 26th, in the Quiogue sanctuary.

Spring Clean-Up day Sunday, May 3rd

You are invited to participate in the Spring Clean-Up Day, Sunday, May 3rd sponsored by the Board of Trustees. We will be removing storm windows, washing windows and cleaning the church. Lunch will be provided. Come join the fun!



Have lawn mower will travel?

Volunteers are needed to mow the church field this Spring and Summer. We anticipate that the field will require mowing at least 6 times this Spring/Summer. If you can help, please sign up on the schedule on the bulletin board.

Gardening Fellowship, Saturday, May 16



Come join the gardening fellowship as we work together to give the church grounds some TLC. Volunteer for various gardening tasks: light weeding, planting annuals, removing ivy from the walls of the church. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Parish Hall. Please indicate your preference for am or pm gardening time on May 16th. If you have any questions, please call Louise Smith at 728-5435.

Discovery Canyon is Lots of Fun for Vacation Bible School: June 29-July 3

Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of the World! is this year's theme. *Discovery Canyon* promises to bring kids full-circle with amazing activities, lasting friendships and Bible adventures. Each day kids will explore the Word, make Bible connections, and collect critter friends—each carefully linked to the Bible verse and daily story.



This year Westhampton Presbyterian Church plans to host its own Vacation Bible School and hold it in our buildings and playing fields. It will be held the first week after school ends: Monday-Friday, June 29-July 3, from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. We want to deepen the relationships between the children and their families as well as invite friends and meet new friends!

The kids will learn about God's Word and God's World, as kids explore taking care of God's wondrous creation and each other. *Discovery Canyon's* Critter friends — Blossom the Burro, Max the Mantis, Felix the Fox, Olivia the Owl and Liz the Lizard — will delight our kids and remind them of the Bible lessons they learn at VBS. The theme word of the day is printed on each critter so kids will remember to **ask, pray, rejoice, tell** and **seek** as children of God.



Each day will begin with a Gathering Time and then each age group will rotate for crafts, music, storytelling and creative dramatics, and even some science experiments. We'll be together for snacks and games. We'll finish each morning with a time of thanksgiving and prayer. On Friday, parents are invited to join us for a "showcase" of our week together and have a celebration with a VBS Picnic Lunch!

Children who will be age 3 (by June 29th and who are potty-trained) through Grade 5 are invited to enroll. Please sign up by June 7th, so we can reserve a place for you! Registration is limited; sign up early. Church members and friends have priority until June 7th. Fee \$20/child and maximum \$40/family. We want you to join us! Friends are welcome, too! (Scholarships are available). Call Pastor Peter: 288-2576. Registration Forms for volunteers and kids are available at the Church Office, or, go to <https://toolkit.thevbsplace.org/wpc> and register online. You can also register by going to our church webpage: www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org.



VBS Mission Project to be Menaul School of Albuquerque, NM

The mission project selected for *Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of the Word* celebrates the joy of learning and explores the many ways we can be evangelists. Our mission project will support students at the Menaul School of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a Presbyterian School. We can tell the great story of Jesus and show real love and care for our neighbors at the

VBS Pot-Luck Supper May 15th to Organize and Plan!

The Christian Education Ministry plans a **Pot Luck Supper** on Friday, May 15th, at 6:00 PM to begin plans for the annual Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year's Vacation Bible School will be held Monday-Friday, June 29-July 3, 2009, from 8:45 am-12:00 noon. The Christian Education Ministry, which includes Session members and Sunday Church School teachers, invites all who would like to be part of this year's VBS to attend the Pot Luck Supper.

Be a VBS Volunteer and Help Kids

What children learn by age 13 forms the foundation of all their spiritual and ethical living for the rest of their life. More kids come to know God and Jesus in Vacation Bible School and summer camps than any other medium. Vacation Bible School is effective community outreach. VBS is healthy church ministry. VBS changes lives. It's God's message of love and hope. And, it's the time we invest that makes a difference!

WPC needs you the week of June 29-July 3rd in the mornings to help us make a difference in our children and church. **Volunteers are needed** to prepare snacks, lead games, tell stories, do crafts, lead music, and teach fun classes. We have a wonderful curriculum with DVDs for music and ideas for everything else. Fill out the volunteer form and take it to the Church Office.

Westhampton Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School 2009

Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of the World!

When: Monday-Friday, June 29-July 3, 2009: 9:00 am—12:00 noon
Where: Westhampton Presbyterian Church
Who: Children ages of 3 (by June 29th & potty-trained)—Fifth Graders
Why: Have fun discovering this great world God has given us! See how cool church is on a summer morning! We tell and act stories, sing songs, do cool crafts, eat great food, play some crazy new games and some good old familiar ones.

Sign up by June 7th so we can reserve a place for you! Registration is limited; sign up early. Fee \$20/child and maximum \$40/family. We want you to join us! Friends are welcome, too! (Scholarships are available). Call Pastor Peter: 288-2576.

Each day begins with Gathering Time and then each age group will rotate for crafts, music, storytelling and creative dramatics, and even some science experiments. We'll be together for snacks and games. We'll finish each morning with a time of thanksgiving and prayer. On Friday, parents are invited to join us for a "showcase" of our week together and have a celebration with a picnic lunch!

.....Detach Here.....

*******Registration Form*******

Child's Name: _____ **Nick Name:** _____

Birth date: ___/___/___ **Age:** ___ **Grade in the fall** _____

Parent/s/Guardian/s: _____

Address: _____

_____ **Email:** _____

Home Phone: (____)____ -- _____ **Cell Phone:** (____)____ -- _____

Payment Included: ___ Yes ___ No; **Amount Paid:** \$ _____ **Check #** _____

Health Concerns/Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

**Westhampton Presbyterian Church
 Vacation Bible School 2009
 Yes, I Want to Help With VBS!**

Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of the World!

Volunteers are needed to help out the week prior to VBS and, of course, helpers are needed during the week (June 29-July 3, 2009). We want to help you put your disciple skills to work. A variety of opportunities to serve are listed. Mark your preference.

1. Volunteer during VBS Week between 8:45 am—12:00 noon. You're your available days below:

____ Monday; ____ Tuesday; ____ Wednesday; ____ Thursday: ____ Friday
 (Schedule varies on Friday)

- ____ Tell Stories
- ____ Lead or help Craft Activities
- ____ Make Snacks (with children yes/no)
- ____ Help with worship
- ____ Supervise Games
- ____ Set-up, clean up activities and snacks
- ____ Will help wherever...

2. Volunteer to prepare and/or plan resources (done outside of VBS scheduled hours, the week before or at an earlier designated time):

____ Monday; ____ Tuesday; ____ Wednesday; ____ Thursday: ____ Friday

- ____ Provide or help locate supplies
- ____ Prepare supplies
- ____ Plan theme related fun snacks
- ____ prepare or plan games or craft activities

3. Both of the above! (List above days you are available, week prior to VBS and VBS Week)

Volunteer: _____ - _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ -- _____ **Cell Phone:** (____) _____ -- _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WEEKLY: Sunday Worship 10 am Sanctuary Choir: Sunday 9:30 and 11:15am Jr. Choir: Tuesday 5:45pm (seasonal) AA: Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am Nicotine Anonymous: Wednesday 6 pm Christmas Bazaar Workshop: Tuesday 10am Stretch and Tone: Thursday 6:30 pm					1 <i>MS Presbytery Retreat Center at Holmes PW Rummage Sale</i>	2 <i>PW Rummage Sale</i>
3 <i>8:30am Spiritual Conversations; Confirmation Class #7 11:30am Trustee Clean -up Day</i>	4	5 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	6 <i>10:30am Yoga (Library) PW Spring Luncheon</i>	7 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day 8:30am Adult Study 8:30am Confirmation Class #8</i>	11	12 <i>2pm WH Women's Club 5:30pm Confirmation Class Dinner with the Session in Bailey Hall 7pm Session</i>	13 <i>5pm Hamptons Interfaith Council</i>	14	15 <i>Tidings Deadline 6pm VBS Pot Luck Supper</i>	16 <i>5pm Pizza and Practice for Youth Sunday Trustee Flower Planting Day</i>
17 <i>Youth Sunday 8:30am Adult Study 11am Brunch</i>	18 <i>WH Garden Club</i>	19 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	20	21 <i>Ascension of the Lord EEPP Sag Harbor</i>	22	23
24 <i>Memorial Sunday / Wills Emphasis Sunday 8:30am Adult Study 1:30pm MS Mission Project at WCC</i>	25 <i>Memorial Day—Office Closed</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Genece/ Patterson to use kitchen (for wedding off premises on Saturday)</i>	30 <i>5pm Confirmation Practice for youth, parents and mentors Genece/ Patterson to use kitchen and parking lot</i>
31 <i>Pentecost—Communion Confirmation 8:30am Adult Study Pentecost Offering</i>						

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Happy Birthday and Anniversary to:

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1	Tony Thompson	16	Joey Nemeth
1	Madison Mosher	17	Terri and Fred Bauer
2	Chloe Mosher	17	Kathy Dayton
3	C.J. Andrews	19	Toni Stevens
3	Jean Seyfert	19	Jessica Fochtman
4	Bob Fox	20	Claire and Creighton Berry
5	Susan Rogers and Harold Williams	20	Aida Nielsen
6	Barbara Rempe	21	Laura Schultz
7	David Glover	21	Stacey and Cooper Jessup
8	Gini and Bryan Wagner	22	Kathy and Randy Dayton
8	Colleen McKennett	22	John Blydenburgh
8	Denis Yuen	23	Peter Sulyok
8	Chrissy Barravechia	23	Elizabeth Pizzarello
9	Gene Hubbard	25	Kathy Frevert
9	Cheryl Stevens	25	Henry Gardner
10	Nancy Miller	26	Cara Oslager
10	Jamie Carlsen	27	Alex Williams
12	Bob Tureski	27	Dwight Surgan
15	Grace Collins	27	Brooks Surgan
15	Dan Pearson	29	Alice Schultze
		29	Elizabeth and Lou Pizzarello
		29	Lenny Rempe

29	Colin Bester
29	Bernie Giere
31	Dave Derryberry
31	Marian Raynor



**Important Notice:
 Church Office**

Our Administrative Assistant, Nancy Hamma-Clavin, is back in the office. She would like to thank everyone for their well wishes, calls and cards. A huge thanks to everyone who pitched in to help out in the office: Eleanor Hoyt and Peggy Childs for doing the bulletin each week, Bob Lohneiss for doing the bookkeeping each Sunday, and the office staff: Jean Duffield, Jean Seyfert, Glorya Johnson, Sarajane Giere, and Pam Chance-Herzing.