



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2008

A Note From the Interim Pastor's Study

Dear Members and Friends,

News of the economic crisis dominates our headlines. High gas and utility bills and low property values affect us. This morning, as I write, the *New York Times* runs the headline, "In Sour Economy, Some Scale Back on Medications." "People are having to choose between gas, meals and medication," said Dr. James King, the chairman of the American Academy of Family Physicians..." in the article (10/22/08). Many of us are worried.



What will be the impact on churches and the people we serve? Westhampton Presbyterian Church has run a deficit budget the past couple of years. Many across the denomination were already facing tough times. The Presbytery of Long Island has requested extra help for its expected shortfall in 2009. **Within this context we begin to pray and think about stewardship.** And, we do need to maintain some perspective. These are difficult days.

Too often we think about our Annual Fall Stewardship Drive with what has been described as "a sagging sense of repetition." This will **not** happen this year! Something different is planned—something new and special for **all** of us!

It's the **Pony Express!** We've seen posters telling us it's coming. We've been told to "Watch for it!" Margretta Anderson has written a description of it in this newsletter. You will be receiving more word on it and how you can share in it!

I encourage you to look carefully at the needs and mission of our church as we are challenged to consider our giving during the next few weeks. Here at Westhampton Presbyterian Church we have **ongoing** work to support; we want to **maintain** that work, providing the financial base that will **attract** our new pastor. We want to offer our strength also to our presbytery, our denomination and the worldwide church. If people now have to choose between gas, a meal, and prescription medications, that means we will be needed more than ever this year!

Your **commitment** as you offer God your **estimate of giving** makes all this possible.



The Reformer Martin Luther continues to challenge us: "There are three

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Maureen's Haven

Many, many thanks, from our hearts, to Creighton Berry, and to Gale Spaulding, for guiding our Maureen's Haven volunteers in the recent past. And, we are most grateful to all you volunteers! Our church was honored in September for its standout contributions to Maureen's Haven. We appreciate our minister, Peter Sulyok's support, too.

This season,

Maria and Tom Moore (288-8782)

Lisa Finn (917-774-4019)

Rob Jenkins and

Walter Dawydiak

(of the Mission Committee) have graciously formed a subcommittee – to administer Maureen's Haven, from November to April. And we're delighted that a number of volunteers have signed up to greet, cook for, and stay overnight with our homeless guests on Mondays. **WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!** Please consider signing up, on the sheets in the Parish Hall, for this great chance to befriend our sympathetic neighbors.

It's likely 60% of our clients are capable of going back to work, if encouraged and given a chance at more job training. A number of our clients – our “graduates” – are now employed, and living in low cost apartments, thanks to our Achievement Program. This fall, we will again be teaching Computers, GED's, and English-as-a-Second-Language in our Riverhead office. NOW our church's volunteers can play a large part in this: in 4 hours, you can learn to teach people what they need for their General Education Diploma. You would then teach only 2 hours one day each week, for 8 weeks . . . Go for it! (If you know computers, you could teach computers.) Call 727-6831.

We would add that many of these clients are witty, bright, and engaging. You will also be able to enjoy other good-hearted, appealing, people and friends among the volunteers . . . if you opt to empower the least lucky among us – to embark on genuinely rewarding lives.

—Kay Kidde

SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, December 2nd

Wreath Making—Pizza Party 6 pm in Bailey Hall

Wednesday, December 3rd

Arrangement Making—7 pm in Bailey Hall

Saturday, December 6th

Christmas Bazaar 1:30-4 pm

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conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, of the mind, and of ‘the purse.’” The challenge is always to have an open heart, an open mind, and an open purse!

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



Annual CROP Walk

Many thanks to all who participated in the Annual Fall CROP Walk on Sunday, October 19th, following worship. As we go to print, the amount collected for CROP is still being totaled up. Sixty or more people participated on the walk this year to help rid the world of hunger locally and globally. Monies from the walk will go to local food pantries in the East End as well as go to Church World Service for CROP's worldwide help to fight hunger.

Presbyterian Women

Our place in the community was a beehive of workers Sat., Oct. 4th: PW Fall Rummage Sale, Youth Car Wash and the new venture, the Scrap Metal Drive. These activities benefited the mission funds of each group.

We are off to an enthusiastic start with a successful Fall Rummage Sale. There is always a welcome mat out for more workers. A sincere thank you to each and every one who helped

from set-up to clean-up. We could not support our mission pledges without you.

Plans for the Christmas Tea and Bazaar are being finalized. The phone calls and email requests for donations will be made as we near Dec. 6, 2008. Home baked treats, Tea Room refreshments and Twice-Nice treasures are most welcome.

Last month we voted to select to share 2 or 3 "Dress for

Success" ladies outfits from donations to the Rummage Sale. Our "personal shoppers" filled three cartons to be delivered to the Dress for Success office at the Town of Brookhaven complex in Medford.

It was worth waiting for to hear Linni Deihl present her reflections on the Peacemaking Conference she attended in Orange, California in July. Please ask Linni for a copy of the poem she read at our Oct. PW luncheon on Oct. 8th. You will find the poem thought provoking and inspiring.

If you missed the September Elizabeth circle meeting we hope you attended the October gathering. We are on a journey through the world and teachings of Jesus as written in the Book of Luke.

We hope to reintroduce the gifts of the Mitten Tree, a Sunday School sharing opportunity, started several years ago. More information will be provided.

Soup's On! Our next meeting will be held at noon, November 12, 2008. Bring a sandwich. Soup, dessert, tea and coffee await you.

Adele Becker will welcome news from our corner of the world as she shares her life with new friends at Spring Meadows. Add her new address and phone number to your church directory:

Adele Becker
Spring Meadows
41 Springfield Avenue
Summit, NJ 07901
1-908-273-0553



Presbyterian Women Christmas Wreath Order Form

Please mail to or bring this form to the office with a check to:

**PW Wreath Committee
Westhampton Presbyterian Church
90 Meeting House Road
Westhampton Beach NY 11978**

The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 30th.
Pick-up is on Friday, December 5th at 10 am.

Number of wreaths at \$25 each _____
Total _____

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Thank you for your order!

Pony Express Campaign Begins: How it works...

Our church's Pony Express RUN will get underway on Sunday, Nov. 2nd after morning worship. Thirteen Trail Bosses will be given a list of ten families, all in the same geographic area. The process is simple as the Saddlebag is run from one home to the next. Here is how it will work:

1. Trail Boss will deliver Saddlebag to first family on the list and leave it there.
2. In the privacy of your home, prayerfully consider what you can afford to give toward

the 2009 budget. Take out the envelope with your name on it and fill in your Estimate of Giving Card.

3. Seal envelope, and insert in opposite pouch of Saddlebag.
4. Hand deliver the Bag to the next family on the attached route list. Be sure to call first and deliver only to an adult family member.
5. Call your Trail Boss to report where the Bag is.
6. Last member returns Bag to Trail Boss.

We urge you to use and relay the Saddlebag as quickly as possible (within 24 hours). If you are unable to reach the next person on the list, skip to the following one.

A spirit of friendly competition could arise among our Trail Bosses, as they are eager to see who completes their "run" first.

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Youth Ministry News

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Youth Ministry focuses on the blessings of the harvest and preparations for Advent.

November programs include:

- REACH Workcamp presentation at the Harvest Dinner on Friday, November 7th. Dinner begins at 6pm. REACH Workcampers should plan to be there at 5:30pm for a final rehearsal of the program. Please wear either the white or orange t-shirts from workcamp this summer.
- Middle and high school youth will collect non-perishable foods for the community Thanksgiving Baskets on Sunday, November 9th from 11:30-3pm in front of Waldbaum's in Westhampton Beach and King Kullen in Hampton Bays. Come out and support our efforts to fill the baskets and the shelves at the food pantry at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Westhampton Beach. We will be standing outside of these stores so be sure to dress in layers, wear a warm coat, boots and bring your gloves.
- Sunday, November 16th from 11:30am-1pm middle and high school youth will bake bread and homemade cards for the community Thanksgiving Baskets. Meet in Bailey Hall after worship to work on this project.
- Register today for the middle school retreat at the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Holmes, New York. The theme of the retreat is "Got a Gift – Unwrap It!". We are looking for a volunteer to drive the bus to the camp on Friday night, November 21st. Pat and Gordon will meet the group there so the volunteer driver can drive their car back to Westhampton Beach on Friday night. Pat and Gordon will drive the bus back on Saturday, November 22nd at the conclusion of the retreat. The cost of the retreat is \$50.00.
- Middle and high school church school is suspended for Advent, and the Christmas and New Year's holidays between Sunday, November 30th and Sunday, January 18, 2009.

Our December activities include:

- Sunday, December 7th, the youth groups will host a homemade Christmas cards booth at the Advent Festival. We will make cards for the people we will sing Christmas carols for on Sunday, December 14th.
- Sunday, December 14th, All-Church Caroling Party from 3pm-6pm.
- Saturday, December 20th – Meals on Heels at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and lunch at our favorite youth group restaurant in New York City – Carmines!

Youth Group Pie Sale

Youth group pie sale begins on Sunday, November 23rd. Orders

are due on Sunday, December 7th for delivery on Sunday, December 21st. Support the Youth Ministry program and enjoy a Holy Moses cheesecake or pie on Christmas or New Years!

Please call Gordon Hubbard (631-553-6031) or Pat Hubbard (845-754-4745) with questions about the Youth Ministry program.

Youth Group Members—Are You Registered?

Both Middle School and High School Youth Group members are asked to fill out a Registration Form this year to bring our church records up-to-date. If you have not completed one, please pick up on at the Church Office or see Pat Hubbard. The form is the same one utilized for Sunday Church School. Please be sure you are on the church email list!

Parents—Is Your Child's Sunday School Registration Up-to-Date?

This is a reminder to parents that all children in childcare and Sunday Church School need to be registered each year, even if they have been registered in the past. These registrations keep our records up-to-date. If you have not yet done so, please complete a registration form from your children's teacher or the Church Office. Please be sure your family is on the Church Email List. Thank you!

Session Actions from the October meeting...

At the October 14th meeting of the Session the following actions were taken:

- the Elders approved the baptism of Anderson Speed Hipp, son of Kimet Speed and Michael Hipp on Sunday, November 9, 2008;
- approved the Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Anne H. McAnelly will be the guest preacher.
- Youth Elder, Joanna DeLeon, was elected to be our Elder Commissioner to the November 1st meeting of the Presbytery of Long Island in Bellmore. Elder Berry was elected as alternate.
- Westhampton Presbyterian Church will host the January 21st 2009 Winter Festival Story Telling presentation by the Rev. William R. Grimbol. The other two offerings for this program will be January 28th at First Presbyterian in Southold and Feb. 4th at First Presbyterian in Southampton. All of the programs will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m.
- the monthly financial reports were received
- elders voted to adopt the proposed budget for 2009 in the amount of \$370,735 and that the proposed budget be presented to the congregation at the October 26th meeting of the congregation and the corporation
- the new date of Friday, November 7th for the Harvest Dinner was approved

Seeker's Class Planned...

The Seeker's Class is an opportunity for you to learn more about Westhampton Presbyterian Church and what it means to be a Christian in the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition. Offered periodically, it is a good way to explore the faith and ministry we share and to become involved. It meets three times as we explore what being Presbyterian means, how the church runs, and the ministry and mission we do.

The next Seeker's Class will be held mid-November on Sunday mornings after church. The Class is a time to explore

how we live our faith today 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, contact Pastor Peter: 288-2576.

Concern for Violence Against Christians in Iraq and Beyond

The Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008), the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, and the Executive Director of the General Assembly Council have issued a statement in response to the increasing vio-

November Ushers

Nov. 2nd:

Bob Fox
Betsy Fox
Sara Lohneiss
Kyle Miller

Nov. 9th:

Bernie Giere
Sarajane Giere
Pat Shima
Jean Seyfert

Nov. 16th:

Tom Rogers
Bob Barravechia
Brady Munn
Dick Lutz

Nov. 23rd:

Korey Williams
Donna Williams
Louise Smith
Nancy Miller

Nov. 23rd: Evening Thanksgiving Service:

Kathy and Randy Dayton

Nov. 30th:

Tom Otis
Jane Otis
Bill Manker
Hanna Manker

lence against Christians in Iraq and other areas of the world. A full story about the current situation, the complete text of the statement, and other communication pieces on the subject are available in an article by the Presbyterian News Service (www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2008/08755.htm). Please keep these folks in your prayers.

Gift Cards Are Back!

These convenient cards are not only for gifts! Please consider purchasing these cards not only for others but for use at the places you shop every day. If you shop at Rite Aid, Tanger, Kohl's, Home Depot, CVS, Borders, or Kmart and eat at Applebee's, Panera Bread, Fridays, Subway, Starbucks, or Dunkin Donuts, you can be using a gift card for the occasion and help support the church.

New cards are now available from: Amazon.com, Home Goods, Stop & Shop, and Walgreens.

Orders will be placed the last Sunday of the month and cards can be picked up the first Sunday of the month. Please consider using the cards in your everyday purchasing and help the church's budget.

Advent Festival is November 7th

The Annual Family Advent Festival is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 7th. Fun activities, craft opportunities, advent stories and setting up the Manger Scene in the sanctuary are planned. This event is not just for families with younger children. All are invited to enjoy this festive time with the church family.



Are you on the WPC Email List?

WPC is moving more and more in the direction of communicating with the congregation through the email. It offers you the opportunity to receive late breaking announcements, prayer concerns, and information about church activities that cannot be done through the *Tidings* or in the weekly worship bulletin. Please email Pastor Peter with your email if you would like to be included in this email listing: pastor@westhamptonpresbyterian.org.



Peacemaking Offering Benefits Food Pantry

Thanks to all who participated in giving to the yearly special Peacemaking Offering collected on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. We had a wonderful Peacemaking Brunch and speaker. The quarter of the offering that remains for our local use was designated by the Session to go to our local food pantry to meet the increased needs during the rough economic time and as the winter season approaches.

Scotland Trip Opportunity September 2009

Jim Wallace – a native Scot and pastor at the Setauket Presbyterian Church – will lead a group on a visit to his homeland next September. The tour, entitled *Sacred Heritage: Scenic Land*, will include visits to Iona, St. Andrews, Stirling and Edinburgh, with a particular emphasis on the Reformation and our Presbyterian roots.

This promises to be a wonderful trip – a unique opportunity to travel in the company of other church people and with someone who can show us the real Scotland. The dates are September 1–9. If you would like more information, call him at 631-371-9965 or request details by email – revjwspc@hotmail.com.

Church Library Offers Many Opportunities

Have you checked out the church library lately? It is a good place to find a book to read or do some research. Not only does the library contain books about the Bible, Presbyterianism, spirituality and religion in general, there are also a number of special interest books as well. The Children's Section of the library is especially inviting to younger children, who often view videos during the Church Coffee and Fellowship Time. Drop in and borrow a book!



GREEN TIP of the MONTH

Go to www.catalogchoice.org

to opt-out of catalog deliveries through the mail to your home. Just log in and pick the catalog you choose to decline and fill in the details. You can access the same catalog information on the company's website. Almost 20 billion catalogs are mailed each year, amounting to 3.6 million tons of paper and accounting for the destruction of millions of trees. Studies have found these mail order solicitations have the lowest recycling rate of all printed raw materials, just 32 percent. Do your part, OPT-OUT!



Winter Allergies

Winter can be a difficult time for people with allergies. Chronic colds and sniffles may be caused by irritants, not germs according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. The recent study, composed of 21 professional health associations, reported that "frequent upper respiratory infections—colds, strep throat, middle-ear and sinus infections may be a sign of undiagnosed allergy."

The report concludes that "one of the ways the body responds to tiny particles that trigger allergies is by producing mucus, which turns out to be a terrific medium for trapping and growing viruses and bacteria." Getting rid of the mucus, which means diagnosing and treating the allergy, reduces the chance you will contact the germs. The

report also suggests that infants, who suffer more than six upper-respiratory infections a year, and school-age children and adults with more than three or four episodes, should be evaluated for allergies by a physician.

Eczema, a condition frequently occurring around a child's mouth, inside the elbow or behind the knee is frequently a reaction to food. The foods most commonly causing this reaction are eggs, milk, and peanuts. There are effective medical treatments, including prescribed medicine and allergy shots, which desensitize patients to the allergens.

Just as important, there are effective ways you can reduce problems in your home. First of all, make sure smokers stay outside when smoking. Ban Fido and Tabby from bedrooms, especially keeping animals off the child's bed. Old carpet can be a major culprit. Finally, be aware if foods that trigger allergies in the patient. Winter's dust, mold, pollen, mites, and insect parts linger in the dust and can make winter the worst time of the year for some allergy sufferers. A copy of this recent study may be obtained by calling 414-272-6071.



Baptism

Sunday, October 19, we welcomed *Logan Kyle Jessup*, into the church family through baptism. Logan is the son of Stacey and Cooper Jessup, brother of Jared, and grandson of SuzAnne and Frank Jessup.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy and prayers to:

- The family of Karen Andrews, on the death of her father, Carl Weisser, on Saturday, October 4th;
- The family of Kathleen Burke Frevert, on the death of her father Jack Burke, on Sunday, September 28th; and,
- The family of Nancy Winters, on the death of her mother Anita Romano, who died Wednesday, October 8th.

Can One Person Change the World?

Do you believe that one person can change the world? Each person can make a difference for the more than 100,000 people waiting for life-saving organ transplants in the United States. During **National Donor Sabbath** in November 2008, you can be that person. Watch for information this month. To find out more and to enroll to be a donor, call Karen Cummings at 646-291-4454 or visit www.donatelifeny.org.

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> WEEKLY: Sunday Worship 10 am Sanctuary Choir: Sunday 9:30 and 11:15am Jr. Choir: Monday 5:15pm (seasonal) AA: Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am Christmas Bazaar Workshop: Tuesday 10am Nicotine Anonymous: Wednesday 6pm Maureen's Haven: 5pm Monday (Nov.-Mar.) </div>						1 <i>Presbytery meeting at Bellmore</i>
2 <i>Daylight Savings Ends 8:30am Spiritual Conversations Stewardship Challenge Youth Hike</i>	3 <i>Maureen's Haven begins 6:15-7:45pm WHB Library Adult Pilates</i>	4 <i>ELECTION DAY 7pm Deacons</i>	5	6	7 <i>Harvest Dinner / REACH Presentation</i>	8 <i>1pm WHB Library Antiques Road Show</i>
9 <i>Stewardship Dedication 11:30-3pm Thanksgiving Food Drive</i>	10 <i>2pm WH Garden Club 6:15-7:45pm WHB Library Adult Pilates</i>	11 <i>VETERAN'S DAY—Office Closed 12:30pm *WH Woman's Club 7pm Session</i>	12 <i>12noon PW Luncheon</i>	13	14	15 <i>Tidings Deadline 8:30am—1pm Session Retreat</i>
16 <i>Fruits of the Harvest 11am-12 noon Pancake Brunch Fundraiser 11:30am Youth Bake Thanksgiving Bread</i>	17	18 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	19	20 <i>10am EEPP At WPC</i>	21 <i>Junior High Retreat @ Holmes (through Sat.)</i>	22
23 <i>10am Bread for World Offering of Letters Communion Fruits of the Harvest Youth Pie Sale *See Below</i>	24 <i>Nursery School Thanksgiving Feast 7pm Elizabeth Circle</i>	25	26	27 <i>THANKSGIVING DAY—Office Closed</i>	28 <i>Office Closed</i> 	29
30 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>		<i>*Special Set-up for WH Woman's Club (John)</i>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; color: orange;"> *Sunday, November 23rd: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7pm at WPC Rev. Anne McAnelly: Preacher </div>			

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Your issue of the November Tidings

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to:

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| 1 | Alison Nemeth | 20 | Jean Duffield |
| 2 | Chloe Rouhandeh | 21 | Cooper Jessup |
| 4 | Tom Otis | 22 | Kyle Hubbard |
| 5 | Margaretta Anderson | 23 | Bob Busking Jr. |
| 6 | Grace Ross | 23 | Ellen Pfaff |
| 7 | Karen Derryberry | 23 | Pat Lutz |
| 7 | Dan Pizzarello | 24 | Kayla Jones |
| 8 | Pat Shuttleworth | 24 | Lydia Frenzel-Sulyok |
| 8 | Xochitl Seyfert | 24 | Betsy Doyle |
| 9 | Bob Lohneiss | 25 | Glen Walker |
| 10 | Kayley O'Brien | 27 | Otis Bradley |
| 11 | John King | 28 | Megan Speer |
| 11 | Amber Schultz | 30 | Alec Jessup Levitt |
| 13 | Russ Babis | 30 | Katie Barravechia |
| 14 | Paula Dawydiak | | |
| 15 | Doug Oakland, Jr. | | |
| 15 | Micki and Bob Niebanck | | |
| 17 | Maria and Tom Moore | | |
| 17 | Lauren Bauer | | |
| 18 | Evelyn Overton | | |
| 20 | Maria Moore | | |



***Congratulations!
 Happy Birthday!***

Wanted: A Counted Cross Stitcher!



Our resident counting cross-stitcher is retiring! Marion Rupperecht has been tirelessly sewing beautiful counted cross stitch banners for each of our baptized children. She is ready to give her hands a well deserved rest! Are there any volunteers out there who would enjoy doing an occasional simple one-color counted cross stitch? Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer for this craft project. Marion will be glad to share her knowledge.