



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2014

An April Word from Chuck Cary

Easter celebrations never get old, even after sixty plus Easter Sundays for me. The thrill and cosmic joy of the event command the world's attention. The narrative remains simple in terms of its plot. Its consequences are anything but simple. The one they thought dead is by some revolutionary development alive. The Christ whom everyone thought defeated at the Cross returns to life, stronger and more present than ever. The Jesus whom the world tried to eliminate is alive, and no manner of death or persecution has been successful in getting rid of Him. How else can one describe Easter than the miracle of Life overcoming death? Like Lena Horne declared in her passionate commercial for New York City years ago, Easter "makes my heart beat faster".

How do you prepare to welcome this grand event? Spend time with the Easter narratives of Scripture, sure to edify and inspire you.

Matthew 28:1-10; The first Gospel is fraught with supernatural image and admonitions used elsewhere in special revelations: "Do not fear". The ones who first arrive at the tomb are two women, Mary Magdalene and the "other" Mary. The divine messenger is an angel, escorted into this realm by an earthquake. The risen Christ, absent description and any other detail, appears on the road and hails the two women with an almost anti-climactic word: "Greetings!". His Instructions? Go tell the disciples to meet me in Galilee.

Mark 16:1-8; Mark's version is the shortest and most open-ended. A third woman is added to Matthew's duo, Salome. And it is clear that they go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with funeral spices. They had failed, however to plan on how they would roll away the heaviest of stones at the entryway. The dilemma is miraculously resolved when they arrive to find the stone removed. Who bears the resurrection news? An anonymous young man (whose identity is still the cause of excited debate amongst scholars) tells them that the Lord is not there, but going ahead to Galilee. They leave the place in great terror and amazement, putting the responsibility of explanation back into your, the reader's lap.

Luke 24:1-12; Luke's resurrection story contains details which vary still more from that of Matthew and Mark. It is a crowd of women who travel to the tomb, becoming perplexed when they find His Body missing (grave robbery?). Two men appear, striking fear and asking them a rhetorical question, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" They return to Galilee and broadcast the resurrection news. The Apostle Peter gets in the act, running back to the tomb to verify matters, returning home amazed.

John 20:1-18; Only Mary Magdalene is the first contact in John's Gospel, and she is quick to report to Peter and John the apparent scandal of Jesus' missing corpse. Peter and John return in disbelief. Then somewhere between their arrival and their departure they believe, which is testimony to what they had heard previously, "that He must rise from the dead". They then return to their homes (perhaps to try to sort out the implications of all that they had seen).

Take some time to read these Easter texts. I submit that you will discover new meanings for this blessed day.

Take some time to read the church's book, and come April 20 ready to rejoice. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! See you in church!

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

- April 2**
(Wed.) **7pm Joint Lenten Service at the Quogue Chapel** (Corner of Quogue St. and Beach La., Quogue)
- April 6** **5th Sunday in Lent**
Lenten Festival for all children. Will follow worship in Bailey Hall.
- April 9**
(Wed.) **5pm Shrine of Our Lady of the Island** in Manorville www.ourladyoftheisland.org
Walking the Stations of the Cross—Ride the Church bus at 4:30pm or meet at the Shrine—Parking area #2
- April 13** **Palm Sunday. Holy Week Begins.**
Choir and families processional.
Matthew 21:11-1
- April 17** **7pm Maundy Thursday at the Quogue Chapel**
Tenebrae Service, Readings from the Passion, Sharing the Lord's Supper
- April 18** **Good Friday—Noon until 3pm**
Beach United Methodist Church
41 Mill Rd., Westhampton Beach
(Note: This is a three hour liturgy built around the passion narration—come and go as you are able.)
- April 20** **Easter Day! The Lord is Risen!**
He is Risen Indeed!
6am Ecumenical Sunrise Service—Swordfish Beach Club, Dune Rd., WHB
9am Family Friendly Celebration of Easter
10am Children's Activities on the Church grounds
11am Traditional Worship—Reception of new members
The Long Island Brass Guild will accompany both Sanctuary Services
Matthew 28:1-10
- April 27** **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Return to one service at 10am



Youth Group News

Our Youth Group will be hosting the “egg dyeing table” at the Lenten Festival this year. A time where the older kids can explain/teach that the Easter Egg symbolizes “rebirth”.

Church Family News

Long time, faithful member, **Jean Duffield**, died on February 27th. Her funeral service took place at WPC on March 8th. Sympathy and prayers go to Barbara and Lenny Rempe and all of Jean's family.

Gavin Jessup was born on March 7th to Cooper and Stacy Jessup. Grandparents include SuzAnne and Frank Jessup, all of the WHP family.

The Baptism of **Jackson Riley Hansen** happened on March 16th. His parents are Brian Hansen and Diedre Barca of Manorville.

Congratulations to the Jessups and Hansens!

We've also been busy working on our next mission projects. Alex Williams came up with a great idea to participate in a 5k/Obstacle Race to benefit “The Wounded Warrior Project” for early May. He's busy gathering all the info and presenting it to the group. They have also looked into getting supplies for Brighter Tomorrows and walk in the MS Walk @ Jones Beach in May.

We continue to seek new fellowship and mission outings with Southold Presbyterian and Westhampton Methodist Youth Groups. Hopefully a night out to see “Noah” in early April will come together.

Mark your calendar Youth Sunday is May 18th! The kids have started to work on the service; it will be here before you know it!

Wishing all a very Happy Easter.

Kathy Tureski,
Youth Group Coordinator



Easter Flower and LI Brass Order Form

Please select the plants you would like to order, or amount you wish to donate to the LI Brass, fill in the dedication and return this form with your check by Palm Sunday, April 13th. You may mail your order to 90 Meeting House Rd., Westhampton Beach, drop it in the collection plate, or bring it to the church office. Please make check payable to Westhampton Presbyterian Church, noting Easter Flowers/LI Brass in the memo section.

I would like to order:

_____ Double Lilies @ \$25.00 each. Total \$ _____

_____ Single Lilies @ \$15.00 each. Total \$ _____

_____ Daffodils @ \$15.00 each. Total of \$ _____

_____ Tulips @ \$15.00 each. Total of \$ _____

_____ Hyacinths @ \$15.00 each. Total of \$ _____

_____ Hydrangeas @ \$25.00 each. Total \$ _____

_____ Donation to offset cost of LI Brass \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Given in loving memory of in honor of

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Please indicate whether you would like to take your plant after the 11 AM service or if you would like the Deacons to take your plant to a shut-in.



_____ I will leave my plant for a shut-in.

_____ I will take my plant home after the 11AM service.



Thank You to World Day of Prayer Participants

World Day of Prayer was celebrated at Westhampton Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 7th. It was written by the women of Egypt and celebrated around the world following the sun.

I want to thank my awesome committee members: Rev. Jeanne Baum, our inspiring pastor for WDP; Lynne Jones for her creativity; and Nancy Winters and Lise Frielinghaus who made the lovely Egyptian artwork. Our readers represented many of our area churches: Fran Graham from St. Mark's; Marianne Terchunian and Alexandra Bossung from Beach Methodist; Rev. Glorya Johnson from Yaphank Presbyterian; Fran Burgess and Annie Helm from Remsenburg/East Moriches Presbyterian; Virginia Benneter, Libby Lunding, and Jeannie Lewin from Immaculate Conception; Lillie Brown from Lamb's Chapel; and Eleanor Hoyt, Diane Perry, Rev. Jeanne Baum, and Sean Jones from Westhampton Presbyterian. Rev. Ann Van Cleef was our musician from Orient Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) and Jewel was our beautiful dancer from Greenport High School and studies at the Peconic Ballet Theatre School in Riverhead. Our ushers were Lynne Jones and Nancy Winters from WPC and Egyptian food was prepared by Jeanette Smith and Maria Moore also from WPC.

Our service was dedicated to Jean Duffield who never missed a World Day of Prayer and was eulogized on Saturday, March 8th.

Linni Deihl, Chairperson

Presbyterian Women Notes

The PW met for lunch on Wednesday, March 12th. Several issues were discussed at this luncheon with the following to report:

◆ *Set the Date:* On Wednesday, April 9th at 12 noon, the PW will host a Spring luncheon with an open invitation to members of the congregation. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to attend. We're hoping you will be able to join us -- be sure to RSVP on or before April 1st so that we can be prepared with a delicious spring luncheon. It has been a long, cold winter and I know we all look forward to the warming days of Spring. What better cause for celebration!

◆ *Set the Date:* The May Rummage Sale is set for May 2nd and 3rd. The sale hours will be May 2nd from 9am - 3pm and May 3rd from 9am - 12:30 pm. Saturday will be the Bag Sale day where buyers can purchase a bag for \$5.00 and fill it to their heart's content. Thank you to all those who have signed up to help in preparing for, and working at the sale. The preparations will begin on Sunday, April 27th. And yes, we can always use additional help at these church sales.

◆ *Set the Date:* The Summer Treasure Sale is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 12th from 10am - 2pm this year. To those who have attended the Treasure Sale in the past - need we say more!

The PW's "Ladies Who Lunch" outing will be held on May 14th. Plans are being finalized for the luncheon and as soon as possible we will let the PW group know exactly the location and cost so that reservations can be made. While the PW has invited a guest speaker to join us at this luncheon in the past, we are all hoping that Eleanor Hoyt will be the speaker for this lunch and provide one of her enlightening and entertaining devotionals. PW will again hold a Strawberry Shortcake party on Wednesday, June 11th at 1pm.

Soon our congregational snowbirds will be migrating back to the East End, and we all look forward to their return in the glorious days of spring that are ahead. We've missed you. God Bless.

- JW Smith



April 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:15am <i>Mission</i> 7pm <i>Deacons</i>	<i>2</i> 7pm <i>Lenten</i> <i>Service-</i> <i>Chapel</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 9-12 <i>Presb.</i> <i>of LI Clerk's</i> <i>Workshop at</i> <i>WPC</i>
<i>6</i> <i>Lenten</i> <i>Festival for</i> <i>all children.</i> <i>Youth asked</i> <i>to help.</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 5pm <i>Music &</i> <i>Worship</i> 6pm <i>Session</i>	<i>9</i> 12pm <i>PW</i> <i>Spring</i> <i>Luncheon—</i> <i>open to all</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>School Pro-</i> <i>cessional</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Tidings</i> <i>Deadline</i> 7pm <i>Trustees</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 7pm <i>Maundy</i> <i>Thursday—</i> <i>Communion</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Good</i> <i>Friday—</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 12-3pm <i>Ecu-</i> <i>menical Ser-</i> <i>vice-Beach</i> <i>Methodist</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> <i>Easter</i> <i>OGHS Offering</i> 6am <i>Sunrise</i> <i>Service at</i> <i>Swordfish Club</i> 9 & 11am <i>Service in</i> <i>Sanctuary</i> 10am <i>Easter</i> <i>Egg Hunt</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
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Your issue of the April Tidings

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	22	Marge Beckwith
	25	Robbie Doyle
	26	Tom Moore
1	26	Brady Munn
1	26	Sean Dayton
3	26	Dick Lutz
6	26	Lynne Jones
8	28	Marvin Raynor
10	29	Elizabeth Moore
10	30	Dorette and Maik Jornitz
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Congratulations!



Memorial Scholarship Applications . . .

Will be available in the church office and on our website. Click on Youth Group and then on the scholarship link.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATES!

This year the date has been moved up so that applications will be available on April 13th and will be due by May 15th.

Stamps

The church office has been given a donation of old stamps. If anyone would like to purchase some, there are 5, 6, and 8 cents stamps available to make up the current 49 cents postage. Call or email Nancy in the church office.
