



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2014

A February Word from Chuck Cary

The session considered several important issues at its January meeting . . . matters requiring careful, considered wisdom in our quest to move Christ's mission forward here. With reluctance but great respect, elders moved to accept Linda Howard-Kloepfer's plans to retire at the end of June. Furthermore, a search for her successor will commence soon to insure the continuation of our competent, compassionate ministry of music. Linda will not be easy to replace, having served in this capacity since 1975. We will do all that we can to celebrate her contributions, and make her transition smooth and filled with doxology. With the input and oversight of both the Music/Worship and Personnel committees we will keep you posted regarding the search in particular. Allison Carey chairs Music/Worship and Richard Schneider leads Personnel.

The session also adopted the 2014 budget. Because not all pledges for the current year are in, we reduced targeted income below our original goal by 11,000. While we concluded 2013 with all commitments honored, we require everyone's faithfulness in order to continue this practice. I am very grateful to God for the generosity of God's people at 90 Meeting House Road. I encourage you if you have yet to make a commitment to do so, and continue to stand together in support of Jesus Christ. A copy of the 2014 budget appears in the annual report which was made available January 26.

The board also decided to streamline worship by eliminating confusion over the location of Scripture texts for Sunday sermons. We currently have two publications of the pew Bibles, which leads to misunderstanding of the whereabouts of passages. Instead of including page numbers, we will simply list the Book, chapter, and verse, encouraging worshippers to use the Bible's table of Contents if they are unfamiliar with the location. This is also a not-so-subtle nudge for everyone to become more familiar with the Church's book. Do we really need a page number in order to find one of the four Gospels? In addition, the session now asks the ushers to light the worship candles prior to the service to instill greater reverence during the prelude.

Another issue has to do with the Christmas Eve schedule. Can we continue to insure that everyone who wants a seat can get one with our current arrangement? The answer is an unequivocal "No". There were 373 worshippers at the 5:00 service, so we ran out of bulletins, hymnals, can-



THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

- February 2** **4th Sunday after Epiphany**
 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 Congregational Meeting to
 follow
 Micah 6:1-8
 Souper Bowl of Caring
- February 9** **5th Sunday after Epiphany**
 Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
 Matthew 5:13-20
- February 16** **6th Sunday after Epiphany**
 President's Day Weekend
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Matthew 5:21-37
- February 23** **7th Sunday after Epiphany**
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
 Matthew 5:38-48

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dles, and seats. A few long- time church members appeared 10 minutes beforehand and left because there was "no room", reminiscent of the plight of Mary and Joseph themselves. Hence we are exploring other possibilities, including the addition of a third service to respond to this pleasant problem.

January is always a busy month for church officers, tasked with organizing responsibilities for the year. There are no churches which thrive without faithful lay leadership. I am grateful to God for all officers who help us tackle the challenges of being the best possible congregation. I remain bullish that our best years are yet to be.

See you in church!

Church Family News

We mourn the death of church member Ruth Peters, who died on December 20th in Vero Beach., FL.

Youth Group Happenings

Happy New Year.....we're off and running. Just wanted to thank everyone who helped us with the Heifer "Raise an Ark" mission project last month. We collected \$2208.00 (\$1388.00 through our congregation/quarter plea and \$820.00 online). We will be choosing our animals at an upcoming meeting.

We will be collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday Feb. 2nd during the children's message. Our charities will be the local food pantries from Moriches to Hampton Bays. We also just completed our bowl-a-thon FUN-raiser for Souper Bowl of Caring.

The youth will once again be visiting Westhampton Care Center on the 4th Sunday of every month assisting in the recreation room at 2:15.

February looks to bring new friendships with some joint activities with Westhampton Methodist and Southold Presbyterian Youth Groups.

Look for our schedule online at the church's website, the bulletin board in the parish hall or sign up for emails at whpresbyterianYG@gmail.com. Youth Group is open to young adults in middle through high school and we usually meet Sunday's at 12:15 (double check schedule!)

Thank you for your continued support of the young adults at Westhampton Presbyterian. We're looking forward to an exciting and eventful New Year!

Kathy Tureski,
 Youth Ministry Coordinator

Per Capita, our Contribution to the World Union of Presbyterians

I would like to talk briefly about Per Capita, a repeating annual contribution to the greater good of the Presbyterian Church. You will find the Per Capita envelope in your set of offering envelopes, and also in the pews. This year's Per Capita amount is \$30.78 per member.

Having said this, what is the Per Capita used for?

It supports the greater presbytery, our united world church, to fund multiple different activities. For instance, our per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students and we know how important this is. Our congregation benefits greatly from a well prepared well-versed pastor. Our Per Capita contribution here, helps other Presbyterians to become as blessed as we are. In addition, the Per Capita is also used to employ and train resources required to, for example, handle unfortunate situations like the Yaphank church fire. Presbyterian resources will support this congregation in handling insurance claims, gain support from other Presbyterian congregations and synchronize the combined efforts to rebuild the church. Part of the Per Capita is used to fund specific mission work run by the greater Presbytery, for example the establishment of a new congregation and implementation of a well prepared pastor. In other instances, an interim pastor is needed and the expenses involving this necessary activity are required to be covered. One can state many more examples and if you want to learn more about the use of your Per Capita contributions, please check the website of the Greater Presbyterian church, which lists the activities in detail.

Once somebody said to me that the Per Capita feels like an entrance fee, which is very unfortunate, as it isn't, but rather a contribution for our church at large. But if I may wander down the path of the said person, I personally would gladly pay such perceived entrance fee, as I receive a wealth of warmth, welcome, meditation, community and learning. I am able to listen to the most magnificent choir, the depth of Chuck's words and the embrace of our congregation.

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share of \$30.78. By contributing your portion of Per Capita, our church will be able to utilize this budget line item for our church's operating needs, instead of compensating \$7,000 on an annual basis.

If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will please consider doing so. Thank you !

We are Live !

Many times we discussed that we should be able to have our church service streamed over the typical social media, but most of all make the service available for others, less fortunate, who are unable to come to church. We are now pleased to inform you that our Sunday service streams live from the sanctuary and are also available as stored video streams in our YouTube channel. Thanks to Leif Neubauer, who installed the camera in the back of the sanctuary, created a wireless feed to it and a link on our website, we are now able to have the choice of either watching the service live on Sundays or going back to experience it again on YouTube. Right now we have 6 sessions up-loaded to YouTube and we will upload more in the coming weeks. We will also install a second camera closer to the pulpit to gain a better view and sound. If you want to see the Sunday service live, please go to www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org and click on Live Church Webcam in the upper right corner of the page. The camera is only active on Sundays. If you want to watch, for example, the Christmas pageant or Christmas Eve service, please go to www.youtube.com/user/WHPChurchServices. Enjoy!

Maik Jornitz, Financial Secretary and Communications Elder



Upcoming PW Meeting
PW will host a covered dish luncheon on February 12 at noon. All women of the church are welcome.

RUMMAGE SALE ALERT:

The Rummage sale has been an important mission of the Presbyterian Women. People donate items in relatively good condition. They are sold reasonably and the proceeds go towards our mission projects. Although this project is work, the workers have had a few laughs with impromptu fashion shows and time to fellowship. Many people in the community look forward to this event. Leftover items go to the farmworkers and veterans. HOWEVER people power has become a **major** problem. We need men, women and older children to help set up, sort, price, sell and clean up. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall. If we don't have the workers, this event will not happen. Please do NOT bring any rummage to the church until it has been determined that we have enough people to have this event. The next Rummage Sale is scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd. Please sign up by March 15th.

World Day of Prayer

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 7, 2014. This year, the women of the WDP Committee of Egypt invite us into a time of worship with the words of the prophet Isaiah: "I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert." With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Egypt's history and rich cultural diversity.

An exploration of the Samaritan woman's conversation with Jesus at the well offers us an opportunity for deep dialogue and reflection about the borders that we, like Jesus and the Samaritan woman, must cross to get to streams of living water. The woman by the well has a theological conversation with Jesus that ends with action. Our motto – "informed prayer leads to prayerful action" – follows that example. Jesus and the woman were able to transcend their religious and cultural differences and build a common ground that then empowered the woman to bring change to her community.

This year's service will be held on Friday, March 7th at 4 PM at the Westhampton Presbyterian church. We invite you to celebrate Egyptian culture with worship, dance, music, and food.

Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women of Egypt in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Egypt and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebra-

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2014 OFFICERS OF WPC

The Board of Deacons (*proposed)

Moderators: Bonnie Wootten (Feb.-Apr.), *Millie Cary (May, June-Aug.),
Deborah Busking (Sept.-Dec.)

Secretary: _____

Evening Meal Ministry: Bonnie Wootten

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Youth Deacon: Hannah Wagner

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Transportation Ministry: Chris Haddad

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The Session

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Music/Worship: Allison Carey

Christian Education: Traci Duke

Youth Ministry: Kyle Miller

Mission: Bob Baum

Church and Spiritual Life: Tori Campbell

Finance: Mimi Johnson

Personnel: Rich Schneider, Scott Campbell

Stewardship: Scott Campbell, Kyle Miller, Bob Baum

Memorial & Endowment: Andrea Lohneiss, Vern Hackworth

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Fundraising: Vern Hackworth, Trustee Rep:

Communications: Maik Jornitz

Membership: Mary Beth Lundborg, Andrea Lohneiss

Nominations: Mary Beth Lundborg, Mimi Johnson

Memorial Scholarship: Allison Carey

Youth Elder: Tori Campbell

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*As of this printing, trustee assignments have not been confirmed.

New members to the Class of 2016 Board of Trustees are:

Pam Chance-Herzing, Raymond Hann, Ralph Hubbard, and Karen Neubauer.

Financial Officers

Treasurer: Tom Rogers

Assistant Treasurer: Margretta Anderson

Financial Secretary: Maik Jornitz

Assistant Financial Officer: Carol Nemeth

February 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>WEEKLY: Worship: Sun 10am; Adult Study: 11:15am Choir: Sun 9:30 and 11:15am AA: Sun. 9:30 & 11:15am, Wed 7pm, Sat 10am Nicotine Anon: Wed 6pm Maureen's Haven: 1st, 3rd, 5th Mon 5pm</p> | | | <p><i>Note:</i> The Sunday Adult Study will meet at 11:15am each week until Daylight Saving Time.</p> | <p>1 9:30am M&E 9-1:30pm Hospice Camp Good Grief Reun- ion</p> | | |
| <p>2 11:15am Annual Meeting "Souper" Bowl Sunday Communion</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 7pm Deacons 5:15pm Stretch & Tone</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> |
| <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11 6pm Session (note earlier time) 5:15pm Stretch & Tone</p> | <p>12 12noon PW Lunch</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15 Tidings Deadline</p> |
| <p>16 Sunday School Suspended</p> | <p>17 President's Day—Office Closed</p> | <p>18 7pm Trustees</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> |  |

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Your issue of the February Tidings

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Joanna Howard
- 1 Madeline, Michael, and Mac Gillooley
- 1 John Campbell
- 3 Deborah and Bob Busking
- 4 Nancy Winters
- 5 Zachary Downs
- 9 Michael Baird
- 9 Jonn Larson
- 9 Donn Larson
- 9 Carter Cline
- 10 Elva Zeichner
- 12 Phyllis Styrzo
- 12 Cassie Dayton
- 12 Jean Halsey
- 14 Taylor Wagner
- 15 Mary Brennan
- 16 Marilyn Wood
- 16 Matt Ravenhall

- 18 Louise Smith
- 18 Sean Doyle
- 23 Sandy Surgan
- 25 Lise Frielinghaus
- 27 Sally Hoge
- 27 Marissa Schultze
- 28 Laurie Pitcher



THANK YOU!

It has been impossible to feel alone as a part of the caring WPC family.

Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers, Deacon's flowers and offers for rides all these many days.

I am eager to come back to church.

Marge Beckwith

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tion . Each year a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service.

World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, contact Westhampton Presbyterian Church at 288-2576 or the national office of World Day of Prayer USA (www.wdp-usa.org).

Committee members are Linni Deihl, Jeanne Baum, Diane Perry, Nancy Winters and Lynne Jones.