



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 2014

## A January Word (2014) from Chuck Cary

Where did the time go? This is the perennial question for many of us who watch both calendar and clock. It seems as though 2013 flew by, with days and hours passing quickly. I am grateful for the year past, its blessings. I am grateful to God for the year ahead, its promises and hopes.

This year's annual congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> following the morning worship service in the sanctuary. Annual reports for 2013 (provided that all of us responsible for their preparation get them in on time) will be available the Sunday prior for everyone's perusal. A prepared and informed congregation is an empowered congregation. Please take a copy from the back of the sanctuary, the parish hall, or the church office and read it beforehand. As it has been said throughout the centuries, the church is primarily the people of God, assembling in worship and gathering for meetings to enact God's will.

A new opportunity is associated with this year's annual meeting. For those who wish, a hearing will happen on the prior Sunday, January 26. It will be held following worship in the library for anyone who has detailed questions about the budget in general and the pastor's terms of call in particular. Representatives of the budget and personnel committees will convene this session and respond to queries and field concerns. I will not attend in order to uphold a climate that is completely open. While no action can be taken at such a hearing, there will be at least 45 minutes available for discussion of any matter pursuant to the well-being of God's people here at 90 Meeting House Road. Anyone is welcome to this meeting.

I support this new endeavor for several reasons. Congregational meetings include folks who look for detailed information about budgets and salaries. They also include folks who are content to leave such details to the oversight of the officers of the church. Folks in this latter category prefer a meeting expedited and short, and grow frustrated with protracted discussions. Also, I have grown uncomfortable over the years with the practice of excusing myself and members of my family (who are active members of WPC) from the time when the pastor's terms of call are discussed and acted upon. I am envious of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago which refuses to report the annual terms of Call to the presbytery or the congregation, preferring instead to lump staff salaries into one number for budget purposes. They follow this practice in order to insure confidentiality and respect for their clergy staff.

Come to the annual meeting on February 2 following morning worship. Come prepared and informed to give thanks to God for our church. Come as well, if you wish, to the pre-meeting hearing on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> in the Geer Library. Annual meetings are for everyone, both those who seek detailed information, and those who are looking for a more general order of business. Adding this new opportunity of a hearing honors both.

See you in church!

### This Month in Worship

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| <b>January 5</b>  | <b>Epiphany Sunday</b><br>Ordination / Installation of Officers<br>Celebration of the Lord's Supper |
| <b>January 12</b> | <b>Baptism of the Lord</b><br>Matthew 3:13-17   |
| <b>January 19</b> | <b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b><br>Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.<br>Birthday     |
| <b>January 26</b> | <b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b><br>Matthew 4:12-23   |

## Presbyterian Women

This is the time of the year when I acknowledge all who helped make the Christmas Bazaar and Tea a success. This year we had a few adversities but people came through to help and it all worked out well.

Karen Andrews, Louise Smith, Traci Duke and Sarajane Giere transformed the Founder's Room into a Christmas Wonderland. I am amazed by them. Macy's window designer couldn't do better.

Jane Otis again worked her magic and made two ordinary six foot long tables look very elegant. Every year she finds something different which looks unique and beautiful. Margretta Anderson decorated the lovely tree. The tree and the front table set the tone as the attendees first walk in.

Eloise Carter headed up a team who called all of those of you who were nice enough to bake. The cookie walk was a success and the baked goods quickly found happy buyers.

Eloise was instrumental in organizing our annual wreath decorating party. Wreaths were provided by Mankers and the greens donated by Ben Larson and his son Donn. A crew of merry elves decorated them and they were displayed on newly found pegboards.

Nancy Vigorito headed up the kitchen crew who did a bang up job serving up the tea, sandwiches and cookies. This was Nancy's first year and she did a great job.

Cheryl VanTuyle, Donna Williams and Gini Wagner headed up a team of talented people who make homemade ornaments. They were displayed in a class room and I could feel all of those crafty people from Christmas Bazaars past giving their blessings.

We had an abundance of jewelry and I was happy that Jeanette Smith came and made an ordinary display look very festive. She also worked her magic in the main room with some table arrangements.

God bless Ralph Hubbard who is newly retired and who came down to the church every day that week to help. He helped Ben and was instrumental helping bring things down from the closets and set up tables. Brady Munn also helped and when it came time to move the chair rack they put their heads together and lowered the bar on the rack so now we won't have to take all the chairs off anymore!!! We will be thanking them for years to come. Our sexton John was also helpful in the set up and clean up in spite of having sick children and then being sick himself. Don't forget our minister Chuck who is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and help.

Peggy Childs made the posters and Gale Seidler counted

## Church News

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Russell Christian of Manorville
- Joey Cole of Quogue
- Brian Danowski of East Quogue
- Dawn A. Lowe of Manorville
- Ida Ann Rhodes of Manorville
- Sarah Miles Williams of New York City
- Alvin Wintermyer of Eastport

### IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the loss of member **Herman Douglas Beckwith** who died on December 14 and **Harold James Rhodes**, husband of new member Ida Ann Rhodes and father of Dawn Lowe who died on December 11. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

### Sacred Dance/Prayer

Liturgical dance is the worship of God through movement. On December 8th Westhampton Presbyterian's liturgical dancers were Abby and Julia Ketner, Chloe and Madison Mosher, and Miriam Neubauer. They were beautiful, spirited, and full of God's grace. Their dance/prayer was choreographed by Linni Deihl and the girls. It was dedicated to Andrea and Bob Lohneiss who have given so much of themselves to our church and whose daughters Heather and Kristin were among the first to perform sacred dance in our sanctuary. We will miss them when they move to sunny, warm San Diego.

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the money.

Thanks to all who helped bake, sell, set up, clean up and tell their friends. Also those who supported us by coming and enjoying this wonderful event. We had a great crowd and did rather well in our efforts to support our missions.

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# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>WEEKLY: Adult Study:</b> Sunday 8:30am;  <b>Worship:</b> Sunday 10am Sanctuary  <b>Choir:</b> Sunday 9:30 and 11:15am  <b>Jr. Choir:</b> Tuesday 5:45pm (seasonal)  <b>AA:</b> Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am  <b>Nicotine Anonymous:</b> Wednesday 6pm  <b>Maureen's Haven:</b> First and Third Monday, 5pm (Nov. - Mar.)</p>			1 <i>New Year's Day - Office Closed</i>	2	3	4
5 <i>Ordination/ Installation of Officers Celebration of the Lord's Supper</i>	6	7 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	8	9	10 <i>Annual Reports Due</i>	11 <i>8:30am Audit 10:30am Budget Committee</i>
12	13	14 <i>9:15am Mission 5pm Music &amp; Worship 7pm Session</i>	15 <i>Tidings Deadline</i>	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed</i>	21 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	22	23	24	25
26 <i>11:15am 2013 Annual Hearing in Geer Library</i>	27	28	29	30	31	<p><b>Please Note: Deadline for Annual Report submission to the church office is January 10th!</b></p>

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***Your issue of the January Tidings***

**BIRTHDAYS AND  
 ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Scott Campbell
- 2 Paul Pfaff
- 2 Oliver Bradley
- 2 Crawford Jackson IV
- 5 Lilly Wagner
- 5 Ken Merkel
- 6 Diane Perry
- 6 Nancy Hamma
- 7 Jared Jessup
- 9 Mackenzie Schindler
- 9 Ida Ann Rhodes
- 11 Ralph Hubbard
- 11 George Burns
- 12 Jessie Deihl
- 13 Karen Neubauer
- 14 Seamus Naughton
- 14 Cole Schindler
- 15 Bob Busking
- 15 Derik Herzing
- 15 Claire Berry
- 15 Suzanne Jessup
- 15 Irv Lipp

- 18 Steve Ravenhall
- 20 Christian Carter
- 23 Brian Mosher
- 23 Bob Schindler
- 23 Tabitha Heath
- 23 Jenn Greiner
- 25 Benjamin Otis Miller
- 26 Eric Wootten
- 26 Kearney Staniford
- 30 Maik Jornitz
- 30 David Rowe
- 31 Ralph Downs
- 31 Sophie Rouhandeh

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I did miss Marge Beckwith who I hope is feeling better by this reading. I missed her guidance and her special touches. She is my unofficial co-chair, a talented woman who doesn't like to blow her horn but the PW would be lost without her.

- Chris Haddad chair

**Deacon's message  
 Join the Deacons**

After serving as a Deacon, I can honestly say that it is a great way to get to know the congregation and friends of our church. The rewards that come from serving God, our church, the congregation and others is an experience and feeling that you will remember for your whole life. Please reach out to any deacon, the nominating committee or Rev. Cary to see if this is a way that you can really be a part of our church's family and mission of outreach and helping others. We will be happy to explain the ins and outs of being a deacon and welcome anyone that is interested.

-Fred Bauer

