



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 2014

A Word from Chuck Cary

The season of Lent begins Wednesday March 5 with an ecumenical service at the Quogue Chapel at 6:00pm. Note the earlier time. Friends from St Paul AME Zion, Remsenburg Community, and East Moriches Presbyterian Churches are invited. At 8:00 pm that same evening the entire community is invited to Immaculate Conception Parish for a program on the Stations of the Cross. The service at the chapel includes the sharing of the Lord's Supper as well as the imposition of ashes for those who wish. The event at the Catholic Church is more educational in nature, presented by a group called Creative Ministries.

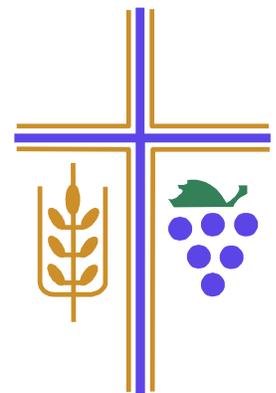
We are working hard again this year to coordinate joint Wednesday evening services with Presbyterian neighbors. We'll gather each Wednesday at 7:00 in the host church to consider a series entitled "Difficult Issues in Light of the Faith". These programs take about one hour, conclude with fellowship, and do so much to strengthen our connections. The schedule (being confirmed as this goes to press) is as follows: March 12- First Presbyterian-East Moriches; March 19-Old South Haven- Brookhaven; March 26-Remsenburg; April 2- Quogue Chapel; a program possibility is still under consideration for April 9. As always, check the church website, the weekly email, or the Sunday worship bulletin for specific instructions. Few are the people who regret participating in this Lenten discipline. Many are those glad that they made the extra effort to attend.

Holy Week begins April 13 with Palm Sunday. The Presbyterian Planning calendar calls the day Passion or Palm Sunday, reflecting at best our freedom of choice in titles, or at worst our continuing disagreement over definitions. I prefer the more specific "Palm Sunday", as indeed the entire week is dedicated to observing the passion and suffering love of our Lord. Maundy Thursday will find us at the Quogue Chapel at 7:00 for the Tenebrae Service. Good Friday's 3 hour service happens at the Beach United Methodist Church from Noon until 3:00.

Easter, the culmination of the Lenten journey, is April 20 and will find WPC at the sunrise service at 6:00 at the Swordfish Beach Club in Westhampton Beach, then pulling out all the stops at two identical services, 9:00 and 11:00, with activities for children during the 10:00 hour. The Long Island Brass Guild will accompany us and it will be a joyful day.

Lent is a progressive pilgrimage, a season of forty days which reconnects our discipleship to the cross of Jesus. Be sure to make time in your schedule for this journey. You, your church, and I believe your world will be the better for it.

See you in Church!



This Month in Worship

MARCH 2	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Blanket Sunday Exodus 24:12-18 or Matthew 17:1-9 Minute for Mission—Ms. Kathleen Kusterbeck Area Associate Director, Church World Service
MARCH 5	ASH WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM Quogue Chapel. Communion and Imposition of Ashes. James 1:1-16
MARCH 9	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Daylight Saving Time Begins Spring Forward One Hour the Night Before James 1:17-27
MARCH 16	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT The Sacrament of Baptism. John 7:37-39
MARCH 23	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT II Samuel 7:18-29
MARCH 30	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT John 8:12-30

PW Notes

The PW met for a very pleasant covered dish luncheon and dessert on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. Several issues were discussed in this luncheon with the following to report:

Gale Seidler gave the Treasurer's report, noting a balance of \$18,792.00 in the PW account. Marge Beckwith suggested, and it was voted upon and unanimously decided, that \$5,000.00 of the PW balance would be contributed to the Church funding to help with general operations usage.

◆ *Set the Date:* On Wednesday, April 9th at 12 noon, the PW will prepare a Spring themed luncheon with an open invitation to all members of the congregation. There will be reminders in upcoming weekly Sunday bulletins and a sign up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall for

those who would like to RSVP. We're hoping some of you will be able to join us for the spring luncheon and will look for your RSVP on or before April 1st.

◆ *Set the Date:* The PW generally run two Rummage Sales: the Spring sale is scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd. The Fall sale has no definite date as yet. The church sales are certainly well-loved and important events for the bottom line figures in the PW Treasury Report, but also are important to many members of our communities. Not only do the shoppers benefit, but remaining items are ear-marked to benefit the Eastern Farm Workers Association of LI. And while it takes a solid week of dedicated work to sort and prepare the goods for the sale days -- and oh yes, we do have great fun and great fellowship setting up for those sales -- what we need are volunteers to assist in helping to set up tables in the display rooms,

Church Family News

Our church family grieved over the death of Cory Larson Hubbard on January 17, 2013. A celebration of his life was held on January 22 to an overflow crowd of family and friends. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to his parents Holly and Ralph, and to his brother Kyle, and grandfather Ben Larson.

Eloise Carter Fox was baptized on January 26th. Her parents are Eloise and Robert Fox Jr. Rejoice!

Josephine Cobb Levitt, was born January 31, 2014 to Dan and Jeannean (Jessup) Levitt. Grandparents include Frank and Suzanne Jessup of our congregation.

lay out and display the rummage goods, help the buyers, bag, cashier, and assist with the clean up afterwards. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall for volunteers who could supply any help in any of these different areas.

◆ *Set the Date:* There is a scheduled date for the Summer Treasure Sale which will be held on Saturday, July 12th this year. In either case, we love you if you can give us a hand for 1 hour, 2 hours or 8 hours!

There was discussion of the PW's "Ladies Who Lunch" Outing. The lunch will be set for May. We'll have more information next month as to exactly where and when we will be making reservations for this PW meeting / luncheon. And I'm

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Join Us for World Day of Prayer Celebrate Egyptian Culture with Worship, Dance, Music and Food Friday, March 7th at 4PM

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

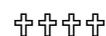
For more information, contact Westhampton Presbyterian Church at 288-2576 or the national office of World Day of Prayer USA (www.wdp-usa.org).

Committee members: Linni Deihl, Jeanne Baum, Nancy Winters and Lynne Jones



Sunday School Valentine Box Project

Children from WPC Sunday School classes had the opportunity to "Share the Love of Reading" by participating in a very special Valentine's Day outreach project. Our children joined with the Waverly Avenue Elementary School, in creating individual Valentine boxes that were constructed by wrapping a shoebox with festive Valentine theme paper and filling the box with books, a tasty treat, puzzles, small toys, note pads, stickers and, very importantly, a personal note from the giver. The boxes were delivered to homeless shelters across Long Island. Because of their efforts and generosity, children and young adults in eight different shelters (Project Re-Direct; Lake House; AnneMarie's House; Mary's House; Little Flower; Lighthouse Mission; Help Suffolk; Hour Children) had something to smile about this Valentine's Day. This year 717 boxes were collected and delivered. Well done!



Mark Your Calendar: Lenten Festival—April 6th!

Youth Happenings

Just wanted to thank the congregation and sponsors of our "Souper Bowl of Caring" drive. We collected 131 food items and delivered them to Immaculate Conception Parish food pantry. With the \$850.00 we collected, we purchased 34 grocery cards from "our church" and distributed them to the local food pantries along with Brighter Tomorrows. We will also be doing a service mission drive for Brighter Tomorrows in the future...watch for details.

The youth group has decided to purchase: a Water Buffalo, Goat, Pig, (3) Hives of Honeybees, (3) Flocks of Hope, (2) Trio's of Rabbits, a Community Animal Health Worker Kit, and the Gift of Clean Water from our "Raise an Ark" campaign. Thank you very much. This is an on going mission project please don't forget to bring quarters in weekly/monthly and deposit in the tube marked Heifer at the front of the church. We are looking into a trip up to the Heifer Farm (Massachusetts) in the future too!

As I write this, we are preparing for our trip into NYC for Mid-night run on the 28th. For more info about Mid-night run check their website out at midnightrun.org. This year we have teamed up with the Southold Presbyterian Youth Group. We have visited them once and they are scheduled to come to a fellowship dinner / mid-night run meeting on Friday the 21st. We are looking forward to hosting this event!

With the arrival of Spring this month, we are excited about new beginnings...fellowship gatherings with new friends (our neighboring Youth Groups), new mission projects, and good ole fashioned FUN with modern day flair!

For up-to-date info about what we're doing check out the bulletin board in the Parish hall, the Church's website or drop us an email at whpresbyteriang@gmail.com

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putting forward now our hope to have Eleanor Hoyt be our devotional speaker at this luncheon.

One final note is regarding the annual Women's World-Wide Day of Prayer, which will be held this year in our church sanctuary. The date for the service is March 7th at 4:00 pm.

The next PW luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 12th...bring your sandwiches ladies, and we'll have salads prepared. Spring is in the air, ladies and gentlemen. God Bless.

JW Smith

Easter Flower / 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 @ \$27.00 each. Total \$ _____

_____ Single Lilies @ \$17.00 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

By _____

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.

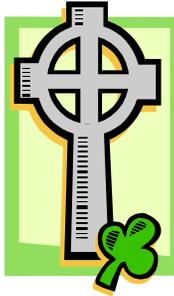
_____ I will take my plant home after the 11 AM service.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>WEEKLY: Adult Study: Sunday 11:15am; Worship: Sunday 10am 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 6pm Maureen's Haven: 1st & 3rd Monday, 5pm</p>						1
2 <i>Blanket Sunday</i>	3	4 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	5 <i>6pm Ash Wednesday— Communion Quogue Chapel</i>	6 <i>5:30pm Personnel</i>	7 <i>4pm World Day of Prayer at WPC</i>	8
9 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins 1st Sunday of Lent</i>	10	11 <i>7pm Session</i>	12 <i>7pm Lenten Service—East Moriches</i>	13	14	15 <i>Tidings Deadline</i>
16 <i>Baptism</i>	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	19 <i>7pm Lenten Service—Old South Haven</i>	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 <i>7pm Lenten Service— Remsenburg</i>	27	28	29
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Your issue of the March Tidings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO:

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| 1 | Tova Keblish | 21 | Betsy Fox | 25 | Lily Burns |
| 1 | Barbara and Anthony Danowski | 21 | Bill Buhl | 27 | Jim Sperber |
| 4 | Pete Seidler | 22 | Kimet Speed | 29 | Jane Post |
| 6 | Pat Barile | 23 | Pam Chance Herzing | 30 | Donna Goebel and
Korey Williams |
| 7 | Meg Baird | 23 | Justin Shiu | 31 | Bill Manker |
| 9 | Kristina Carter | 24 | Casey Pitcher | 31 | Spencer Baird |
| 9 | Carol Nemeth | 24 | Reagan Schindler | 31 | Aram Terchunian |
| 11 | Brad Ravenhall | 24 | Mary Beth and Taf
Lundborg | 31 | Lisa Gooder |
| 11 | Georgia Gooder | | | | |
| 12 | Jennifer Ketner | | | | |
| 12 | Kelly Martin | | | | |
| 13 | Bunker Seyfert | | | | |
| 14 | Kathy Tureski | | | | |
| 15 | Ben Larson | | | | |
| 15 | Adam Shea | | | | |
| 16 | Quinn Pitcher | | | | |
| 16 | Daniel Staniford | | | | |
| 16 | Marie and Vincent Yervasi | | | | |
| 17 | Tom Zaloga | | | | |
| 18 | John Comba | | | | |
| 16 | Stephanie and Ed Shea | | | | |

Don't Forget 



Daylight Savings Time

March 9th!
