



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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An October Word from Chuck Cary

With the help of Taf Lundborg working with Nancy Hamma, our church has a new website. Visit it, www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org and give us your suggestions and feedback. Folks continue to tell me that their first introduction to WPC was online. That practice will only expand as the years progress and more and more of us process life's information via our connection to the internet. I am very grateful to Taf and Nancy for their efforts and hope that you will glean new insights and information about your church and your faith in God online. Tell others about your congregation by sharing our web address and always feel free to forward the weekly email about what's going on here.



Our monthly newsletter will continue to be mailed as a hard copy, but will be available on the website as well. I was not surprised to hear about many churches whose sole distribution is now online, saving money (postage, paper costs, etc.) and being green, reducing the carbon footprint of the church. Again, good stewardship calls on us to consider this practice in the future. For now, I am concerned that we broaden the content of our communication as we revitalize the means. Recently Millie and I made some notes about what information should be in our monthly newspaper. Here are our suggestions: notes about Sunday church school for children and youth; Updates on our financial health and related challenges; reports from the church boards (deacons, trustees, and elders) about their service and specific projects; Youth group and youth ministry activities; Treks N Tours programs...summaries and previews; Presbyterian Women's activities (ask someone about Eleanor Hoyt's wonderful presentation on church bells at the September meeting); Sermon notes, or summaries from the desk of yours truly; Mission endeavors including Maureen's Haven and other reports from our mission partners; Music ministries and reactions to the new hymnals set to be dedicated next month; the Harvest Dinner- November 7; Presbyterian walkers; the Nominations Committee; new member spotlights; and anything else which promises to strengthen our church. Excellent church communication is most noticeable when it is missing. Submit your article, or better yet a photo for posting on the website, and help expand the reach of this beloved congregation. We have the chance to make a difference, and eliminate the notion of WPC being one of Long Island's best kept secrets.

At one of the recent weddings I officiated I was surprised to hear about photos of the occasion being available via instagram within one hour of the service. In other words, wedding pictures we used to wait for were now online moments after the event. What a contrast to the way things were! But given the pace of the technological revolution, instagram is but a foretaste of things to come. We need your contributions of church news in order to tell our story. Don't be bashful!

Millie and I have our passports and Visas ready and look forward to our pilgrimage to India. Thank you for your part in keeping our church faithful during this time away and throughout the year. I will be proud and grateful to be able to tell brothers and sisters across the world that I am pastor of WPC. I will be proud and grateful to be able to tell them to visit our website and find out about a great church here at 90 Meeting House Road. See you in church!

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

- October 6** **World Communion Sunday**
Dedication of Peacemaking Offering
Guest Preacher: Rev. Butros Zaour, First Evangelical Church of Damascus, Syria. Butros and wife Waafaa will be with us at the brunch which follows.
- October 13** **Guest Preacher—Rev. Holly Haile-Davis**
- October 20** **Laity Emphasis: Preaching—Elder Stuart Wood -**
Veteran member of WPC, retired teacher of the WHB High School and familiar face and voice in the senior choir.
2013 CROP Walk follows worship.
- October 27** **Guest Preacher—Rev. Nancy Steeger-Jennings**
of Quogue and New York City. Nancy was ordained in WPC, is a frequent speaker on a variety of subjects. Chuck Cary will moderate the congregational meeting which follows.

PW Notes

The PW met for a covered dish luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, marking the first meeting of the fall, winter season. This was more a gathering of the women after a summer break, and while there was not much on the business agenda we shared a delightful covered dish luncheon and dessert buffet that everyone contributed to. And that included a beautiful contribution from Rev. Cary's "girls" who contributed a colorful (and so tasty) collection of fresh eggs for all to share.

Eleanor Hoyt started our season with another well researched and informational devotional on a tradition many churches share in to call us together: the church bell. Her research led her to the very top of our own WPC bell tower which is crowned with a beautiful McShane Bell Foundry bell made in 1895. Thank you Eleanor for the beautiful keepsake photographs you shared with us of this historic bell.

As we move to begin preparations for the Fall Rummage Sale we will look forward to seeing you there on Friday and Saturday, Oct, 4-5th.



We want to send a sincere "hello and we miss" you to Grace Haddad, Marion Rupprecht, and Jean Duffield. We miss seeing you but keep you in our minds' eyes, thoughts and prayers.

The next PW meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9th (bring your sandwiches and we'll provide salad). Happy Fall everyone!

Church Family News

Weddings

Two families of our church family celebrated weddings on September 13th!

Leif Neubauer and Jennifer Radigan were married in the chapel at 3:00, with Griffin and Miriam Neubauer taking part in the ceremony.

At 4:30 **Tommy Otis and Kimberly Richter** were married at the Surf Club.

Congratulations to all the members of the Neubauer and Otis families!

The Celebration of a Baptism

Robert Jackson Strecker was baptized on September 29th. He is the infant son of Robert Strecker and Jennifer Zolnowski of Quogue.

Food Pantry Dinner

A fundraising dinner for the Food Pantry will be held on October 26th from 5pm-8:30pm at Immaculate Conception CCD Hall.

There will be a full dinner, straw raffle, silent auction, Halloween costume parade, (kids can come dressed in their costumes), face painting, and crafts.

Tickets are \$17.00 for adults in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Kids under 12 are \$8.00; discount for families. Any questions call Rori Jones 653-0683 or Terri Bauer at 288-1486.

Tickets are available at Flowers by Rori in Quogue, the Hentschel Agency in WH and Lynne's Cards and Gifts in WHB.

CROP WALK 2013

Thirty-seven Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox church denominations have gathered together in a group called Church World Service to help eradicate hunger all over the world. Their major effort each year is the CROP walk, supported by thousands of people like us at Westhampton Presbyterian Church, getting people to sponsor them financially as they walk, raising money for hunger relief.



Our CROP walk this year will be on Sunday, October 13, following church and coffee hour. There will be one walk from the church down to the duck pond on Brook Road and back, a half mile each way and intended mostly for parents and their children, and a longer, scenic route of five and a half miles across the two bridges and along Dune Road and back to church. You can sponsor yourself and walk, or not walk and sponsor someone who would like to walk. You can drop out early if you wish, or even find your own route. What counts is that the church raises money for this huge effort which is being expended all over the world.

On both October 6 and October 13th there will be signups for those who wish to walk, and plenty of opportunity for those who won't be walking to pick a walker and pledge a donation.

Last year's walk was a huge success with pleasant weather, balloons flying, and happy people feeling good about supporting this worthwhile cause. Incidentally, we recommend that checks be made out to Westhampton Presbyterian Church. We will then write one check to Church World Service. If you make your check out to CROP Walk it will go off to their headquarters and won't clear the bank for several weeks. Questions? See Stu Wood.

Our International Peacemaker from Syria

We are thrilled to welcome Rev Butros Zaour and his wife Waffa, from Damascus Syria, to Westhampton Presbyterian Church, October 4th through 7th. Their first presentation will be at a supper with the Youth Group on Friday evening. They will be presenting at a luncheon at the Presbytery Center in Commack on Saturday. Sunday morning they will be sharing with the Adult Study, be in our pulpit for worship, and present to us at our World Communion luncheon. Later in the afternoon, they will be presenting to the community at the Quogue Library.

I sincerely hope all of you will take advantage of this fabulous opportunity for learning first hand about the current situation in Syria, how this affects Christians in Syria, and for a valuable cultural exchange.

I will be picking them up at 11:30 am on Friday and hosting them in Quogue. Feel free to call and come and visit.

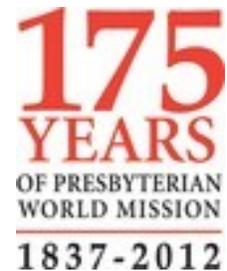
Linni Deihl,
Your Peacemaking representative

UN Trip

Save the date, November 11th, Veterans' Day, for another stimulating seminar at the United Nations Presbyterian Peacemaking office. We are working on the topic in conjunction with the Setauket Church and welcome your suggestions.

Last year's seminar was stimulating and educational and presenters shared opposing views that challenged our intellect and spiritual position on the Israel Palestine conflict.

This will be an intergenerational trip and we encourage families to join us on our church bus....it's a school and work holiday! –Linni Deihl



SCRAP METAL DRIVE

Save your scrap metal. This year's scrap metal drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. We are accepting all types of metal, steel, copper, aluminum, old appliances, cars, etc. Clean out your garage and your basement and help balance the church budget. Bring your scrap metal to the church parking lot from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If you have large items that have to be picked up, contact Tom Rogers or the church office.

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Your issue of the October Tidings

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Chelsey [Carter] and Daniel Collins	15	Lynn Frielinghaus and Steve Rouhandeh	30	Jim and Sissy Sperber
1	Keane Taylor	15	Tyler Chattaway	31	Linni Deihl
2	Ryan Campbell	17	Terri Bauer		
3	Melissa O'Laughlin	17	Emily Bak		
3	Audrey LeBleu	17	Dottie Evans		
6	Eleanor Hoyt	20	Wes Winters Jr.		
6	Cory Hubbard	20	Judy Sprague		
6	Abigail Levitt	21	Mary Hoch		
6	Katrina Hering	21	Inda Styrzo		
8	Eloise and Keith Carter	22	Valerie and Gene O'Brien		
8	Thomas Speer	22	Cynthia and Scott Campbell		
9	Andrea Lohneiss	23	Grace (Neubauer) Jackson		
10	Christin Niebanck Heath	24	Jane and Bob Busking		
10	Gale and Pete Seidler	24	Paul Sulzinski		
11	Ashton Lundborg	24	Andrew Schultze		
12	Alyssa Klepper	26	Christian Tureski		
12	Gabriella Mazariegos	26	Rich Schneider		
12	Mimi Johnson	27	Oliver Fiore		
13	Sarajane Giere	28	Heather Wootten		
13	Lise Frielinghaus and Aram Terchunian	29	Melanie Bass		
		29	Joe Nemeth		
		30	Cory Doyle		
			Jennifer Schultze		



Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 4 9-3
 Saturday October 5
 Bag Sale 9-1