



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
September 2013

A September Word from Chuck Cary

Millie and I are traveling to India next month, pursuing a busy itinerary that includes tourist sites, conversations with mission partners, and exploration of several of the world's major religions. We leave Friday, October 11 and return Saturday, the 26th in the early morning. We join fourteen other Long Island Presbyterians from Northport, Baldwin, and Smithtown in what promises to be an adventure of discovery and spiritual growth. These two weeks comprise my continuing education for 2013. It also represents our first international travel since before our children entered college in the mid 1990's.



Why India? Why now? I have long believed that the distortion of world religions has been a source of great misunderstanding. A lack of appreciation of what others believe has led to mutual suspicion and disrespect. However, openness to other religions can and should be the bridge which unites us across the boundaries of our differences. I will be curious, for example when we visit the resting place of Mahatma Gandhi. Considering the legacy of this great leader in the field of non-violent resistance, what was or is it in the DNA of this country which shaped his conscience? What is it in the cultures and faiths of East Indian people in general which seems to fuel their embrace of mystery and transcendence? In between the elephant rides and visit to Darjeeling (and sampling their delicious teas), we will talk to people, ordinary citizens about life in their part of the world. What can we learn from them and they from us?

World Mission week and World Communion Sunday (October 6) will welcome another outstanding peacemaker to our pulpit and table here at WPC. It continues a practice of looking beyond ourselves to witness all that God is doing in the lives of others, especially amongst places and people we know little about. I solicit your prayers and extra efforts at being the best possible church this fall. Millie and I have in turn the chance to represent you at the sacred places of brothers and sisters in a world so far, yet so near.

Meanwhile, back to one service on Sunday the 8th of September, with church school and senior choir all at 10:00 am. See you in church!!

Soli Deo Gloria!

International Peacemaker

We welcome Rev. Butros Zaour and his wife from Damascus, Syria to Westhampton Presbyterian Church, October 4th through 7th.

They will attend a supper and discussion with the Youth Group on Friday evening, present a talk at a luncheon at the Presbytery Center in Commack on Saturday, and be in our pulpit and present to us at our World Communion Sunday luncheon on the 6th.

Let's make the most of this fabulous opportunity for learning and cultural exchange.

Linni Deihl, Your Peacemaking Representative
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THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

- September 1** **Final Sunday of Summer Schedule**
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Nancy Steeger Jennings
- September 8** **Homecoming Sunday: Communion**
Children's Church
Return to One Service at 10:00 AM
Senior Choir Resumes
- September 15** **17th Sunday of Pentecost**
Creighton Berry's Special Birthday Celebration
and Coffee Hour
Church School Teacher Commissioning
Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders
Church School Photo for All
- September 22** **18th Sunday of Pentecost**
Luke 16:1-13
- September 29** **19th Sunday of Pentecost**
Evangelism Sunday
Luke 16:19-31

Mission Ministry

This month brings our church community back together at the sanctuary where we will get to see those who worshipped at the other service. I hope all have enjoyed the summer months.

The Adult Work Camp at The Stony Point Center was a great success and the six workers put in 25 windows. It was hot and hard work but most gratifying to see the progress at the new Arts Center. Rick Ufford-Chase hopes that completion will be next summer. Maybe we can be the ones to put the finishing touches on the place.

The Mission Ministry has already begun plans for our Fall calendar. On Sunday, September 22, there will be a table set up for the Bread for the World Offering of Letters. This is an opportunity to let the folks in Washington DC know about our concern for dealing with hunger, both in the US and world. Please stop by and sign the individual letters, the more the better.

On October 6, we will host a pastor from Syria for World Communion/Peacemaking Sunday. He will be available for the Adult Study, the service, and a brunch afterwards. We will also be taking the next major mission offering that day. Please give generously.

Later in October, the CROP WALK will be held and in the more distant future, we will again venture to the Presbyterian Mission office at the UN for an informative and thought provoking program on Veterans' Day.

Yours in mission,
Dave Le Bleu

Church Family News

The **marriage** of **Kristen Lohneiss** and **Christopher Rizer** was celebrated on July 6. The **baptism** of **Jasey** and **Jessie Cole** was celebrated on July 28. We mourned the **death** of member and former president of the Board of Trustees, **Bernard D. Giere** on July 31. Christian sympathy is with Sarajane and family. **Youth Officers** were elected on August 4 as follows:
Victoria Campbell—Elder
Alex Williams—Trustee
Hannah Wagner—Deacon

A Note from Bob Kavan - Stony Brook Hospital

Hi you all at the Presbyterian church! This place is the *best place to be* if you have to be any place—food good and they all treat me just right. Many thanks for your cards and thank you notes.

Love to all—Bob Kavan

Deacon's message Receptions in the Church

The Deacons would like to thank the Church Family for the continuing support of the receptions that the Church has held and will continue to hold for members of the congregation. The reception is another way the Church can help members of the Church Family and your support is greatly appreciated by the Board of Deacons and members of the Church who have felt the support of the Church this way.

If you have questions about the receptions, either for yourself or to help with a future reception, please don't hesitate to ask any deacon or Rev. Cary.

PW Notes

As the September Tidings reach you, we are enjoying the beauty of the last days of August. We have shared blessings with our families and loved ones; spent time with friends, old and new. We have had the good fortune to worship together in our beautiful Quogue Chapel and the newly air conditioned Quogue Sanctuary (thank you so much Mr. or Ms. Anonymous). We have shared joyous news of births and marriages this summer...gave thanks for those who continue to recover... are mindful of those who are laid low... grieve for those we lost, and pray for those they left behind.

Our youth group members have grown in their summer ventures of learning, building,

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Memorial Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the following members have received scholarships from The Westhampton Presbyterian Church Memorial Scholarship funds for 2103-2014:

Victoria Campbell—Stony Brook University
 Ryan Campbell—Pace University
 Timothy Dayton—SUNY Plattsburgh
 Cory Hubbard—University of Maryland
 Elizabeth Moore—New York University
 Kayley O'Brien—Sacred Heart University
 Kelsey O'Brien—Albany Law School
 Matthew Sulzinski—University of Rhode Island
 Maria Terchunian—Salve Regina University
 Christian Tureski—Salve Regina University
 Robert Tureski—Vassar College

Vacation Bible School Fun!

What a wonderful time we had at this year's Vacation Bible School program. Twenty six children and 13 volunteers participated in a five day celebration of God's love! This year's theme centered around scripture from Luke: *"Love God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself"* and brought children on an exciting global adventure. We "visited" the countries of Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia and Mexico while learning that God's love welcomes everyone! We danced and sang, learned Bible stories, discovered science facts about each place we visited and ate tasty meals and culturally-related snacks. Our games each evening were reminiscent of those games played by children who live in the various lands we explored. Our crafts reinforced the important message

Much gratitude is extended to a and talent to make the program a superb in working their craft magic; Kea-even managed to "shepherd" a group of Traci Duke whipped the kids into a Jennifer Dowling-Schultze and Millie rytelling, bringing each evening's mes-science expertise and comedic relief as Ticketmaster," our carnival leader was



Cod, MA to join us and lend a hand. Billy Campbell, Edward Ford (youth volunteer from East Quogue UMC) and Irene McCallion rounded out our crew as faithful shepherds to our flock of energetic participants! A special, "Thanks so Much!" is also in order to the Presbyterian Women, led by Marge Bethwith, Claire Berry and Gale Seidler for once again sponsoring, preparing and serving our Tuesday night meal and also to the Lundborg Family for providing the same on Sunday evening. Finally, a thank you for all the "behind the scenes" help provided before, during and after by those already mentioned who jumped in wherever needed and to Andrew Schultze and Peter Seidler, as well.

Be sure to check out our Sunday School bulletin board to view some highlights from this year's and last year's programs and, remember, it's not too early to begin thinking about joining us for next year's VBS! We are grateful for God's blessing and the support of our congregation as we continue to grow in numbers and spirit each year.

~Ellen Campbell, VBS Director

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and working together: meeting new people, and sharing new experiences. Bravo! And our youngest children have had a little time to spend together in the summer VBS.

And of course, this summer the PW Summer Treasure Sale was another cause for celebration. The hard work to set up the sale was enthusiastically shared by all who participated in selecting, cleaning, repairing, refurbishing, baking, and displaying the items. And shoppers who browsed the beautifully displayed rooms discovered some true gems at great prices bringing us some \$3300 in sales! What a popular event the Treasure Sale has become. We already look forward to next year's treasure extravaganza.

But as the days now shrink down we get ready for the long fall and winter seasons. And as we prepare for the migration of our own congregational Summer Birds who will soon be off to their winter retreats, we also look forward to worshipping together again in the Sanctuary.

The PW will start out their end of summer season with a covered dish

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HYMNALS

WPC is purchasing new hymnals this year!

"Rock of Ages" makes a come back along with 800 hymns, psalms and spiritual songs in the new hymnal, *Glory to God*.

Please consider dedicating a hymnal in memory of or in honor of a family member or a friend and support our purchase of our new hymnals. The donation is \$20 per hymnal.

I would like to dedicate a hymnal to be placed in (check box):

Sanctuary

Chapel - **All have been dedicated—thank you!**

In memory of:

In honor of:

Given by:

My check for \$20 is enclosed. Please make payable to Westhampton Presbyterian Church and write Sanctuary Hymnal or Chapel Hymnal in the memo.

Additional forms are located in the rear of the sanctuary or the church office. Any questions should be directed to Allison Carey at 914-953-9512 or allisoncarey@me.com

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.



**WPC
Sunday
School
Wants You!**

Help! We are still in need of Sunday School teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. No teaching experience required. All positions are shared positions which means that teachers are not responsible to teach each and every week. Won't you join us in reaching out to the children of our congregation?

*One Hundred Years from now
It will not matter
what kind of car I drove,
What kind of house I lived in,
how much money was in my
bank account
nor what my clothes looked like.
But the world may be a better
place because
I was important in the life of a
child.*

For more information or to throw your hat into the ring, contact Ellen Campbell at 728-7119 or ecampbell18@optonline.net or call the church office. Give it a try!

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	3 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Reunion Sunday / Rally da Communion (children go to children's church, no SS)</i>	9	10 <i>7pm Session</i>	11 <i>12 noon PW Lunch</i>	12	13 <i>3pm Neubauer/ Radigan wedding (Chapel)</i> <i>4:30pm Otis/ Richter Wedding (Surf Club of Quogue)</i>	14 <i>4pm Kenney/ Gillis wedding (off site)</i>
15 <i>Tidings Deadline</i> <i>Teacher commissioning, 3rd grade Bibles, SS begins</i>	16	17 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	18	19 <i>9am Treks N Tours—Stony Brook museums</i>	20	21
22 <i>Bread for the World Letters</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Presbytery Day—Islip</i>
29 <i>Fall Rummage Sale set up</i>	30					

WEEKLY: Adult Study: Sunday 8:30am;
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
Christmas Bazaar Workshop: Tuesday 9:30am

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**WATCH FOR THE NEW WEBSITE
THIS FALL!**

**Do you have photos of church functions?
We would love to show our church family
in action on the new website! If you have
any digital pictures of a church event,
please email them to Nancy in the office
so they may be posted on the site. Thank
you!**

*Happy Birthday and
Anniversary to:*

		15	Creighton Berry
		15	Nancy and Wes Winters
		15	Hanne and Bill Manker
		15	Marie Osburg
1	Chris and Steve Ravenhall	15	Susan Lipp
1	Ralph Neubauer	16	Hannah Wagner
1	Karen and Ralph Neubauer	17	Bonnie and Eric Wootten
1	Jessie Fox	17	Lily and George Burns
1	Keri and Wing Shiu	18	Pat Shima
3	Tracy Martin	18	Jordan Shenker
4	Donna Goebel	18	Gary Martin
4	Fred Bauer	18	Mark Jones
5	Jessica Howard	19	Kimet Speed and Mike Hipp
5	Kathy Johnson		
5	Jane Otis	21	Karen and Chris Andrews
5	Marian and Marvin Raynor	22	Stuart Wood
6	Jim Bachman	22	Mike Hipp
6	Jessica Howard and Seamus Naughton	24	Nancy and Harry Miller
6	Lydia Taylor	24	Nicki and Bob Schindler
9	Susan Shenker	24	Christian and Jolanta Carter
9	Blake Busking	26	Holly Hubbard
11	Jane Busking	26	Maureen and Rudy Gasparik
11	Jennifer Golding		
11	Grant Babis	27	John Sprague
11	Jennifer and Andrew Schultze	27	Ben Cary
13	Doris Towers	28	Lucy and Ben Cary
13	Vern Hackworth	28	Traci Duke
14	Kristin Lohneiss	29	Bobby Fox Jr.
14	Millie and Chuck Cary	29	Jeanette Smith
		30	Jeff Speer

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luncheon on Wednesday, September 11th at noon. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Preparations will be underway for the Fall Rummage Sale which will quickly follow. The 2-day Rummage will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th. (We also want to remind everyone to be aware of Tom Rogers' call for the continuing scrap metal drive at this time...check those garages and basements, closets and kitchens!) And before you know it, the holidays will be upon us. This will mean the PW's Christmas Tea and Holiday Bazaar, to be held on Saturday, December 7th.

Rev. Cary reminded us to look for the miracles in our lives, and it has been a summer of miracles for me, indeed. They can be found every day as we count our blessings. Let's be sure to enjoy and remember these last roses of summer...they can carry us through the long, blustery, cold days and nights ahead! God Bless.

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