



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2015

A February Word from Chuck Cary

On Thursday, February 19th our congregation will help spearhead a joint seminar at the Presbyterian Ministry at the UN in the city. We usually meet in the fall, but because of scheduling conflicts February will do. It is an all day affair, but well worth the effort. Past seminars have focused on the topics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the rights of Women in the developing world and related topics. Each year our numbers have grown as we have been joined by Presbyterians from Setauket, Smithtown, and Northport. One of the current challenges is finding a seminar room large enough for us all.

I was pleasantly surprised in reading this year's Mission Yearbook that the subject of this UN trip is the theme of the Presbytery of Long Island summary. It is written by one of the young people who attended our first seminar, Anna Folz of the Setauket Presbyterian Church. Anna became so inspired that she signed on to be a summer intern at this UN ministry. Her enthusiasm for the important role the UN plays in promoting world peace was and is contagious. Critics of the UN say that it is cumbersome, expensive, and powerless to make lasting changes in the world order and peace. I wonder, to the contrary, where we might be were it not for the relief arm of the UN, or where international conflicts would have gone without the UN's mediating roles. Only God knows. I do know this, I prefer to resolve world conflicts at the negotiating tables of this institution rather than the battlefields where they currently rob and destroy human life.

This year's topic is the massive refugee problem and displaced peoples who are now homeless on a macro scale. On the 19th we will look at options the UN explores to settle those who are far from home, and what, besides our prayers, we can do as Presbyterians on this wonderful isle. Look for a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. Consider this venture one of the first "Treks and Tours" of the new year. While taking the church bus was problematic last time (have you ever searched for a parking place for a bus in Manhattan?!) we will endeavor to keep transportation costs and arrangements to a minimum and simple. Watch the Sunday bulletin for instructions, and again, sign up in advance.

The late Cerfa Bailey told me once that she just did not understand why more people on the East End did not take advantage of the resources of one the world's greatest cities just 70 miles away. She drove herself to Lincoln Center frequently, often worrying her family about her capability to do so! I have a hunch that were she still alive, Cerfa would be one of the first to sign up for this UN seminar. She would have smiled and expressed pride in her church's participation. On the 19th I hope you will employ Cerfa's spirit as you register. See you in church!

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

- February 1** **4th Sunday after Epiphany**
Souper Bowl of Caring Hunger Collection.
Annual meeting to follow worship.
“The State of the Church 2015”
- February 8** **5th Sunday after Epiphany**
Joshua 6:1-5; 15-25, Luke 11:34-36
- February 15** **Transfiguration of the Lord**
Presidents’ Day Weekend
- February 18** **Ash Wednesday**
7PM Ecumenical Service at the Quogue
Chapel—Neighboring churches invited.
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.
- February 22** **First Sunday of Lent**
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

A View from the Pew and Coffee Hour

When I sit in church, I look around at all the people. Some I have known for years, like Eloise Carter who was in my nursery school class, and others I have gotten to know over the years. It is a very comfortable existence to be part of this church family. But what if I was a new person here? I would find the minister inspiring, the organist talented and the choir itself enthusiastic. People would extend me the peace and then what? Hopefully someone would invite me to the coffee hour and then maybe someone would even come over to talk to me. How often do we see someone standing there looking lost.

We can do like the children do to the newly baptized and say “Welcome” and then go on and engage them in a conversation. We can show them around and introduce them.

A few years ago a young man was walking by the church and came in to the service. It happened to be a Sunday where we set up the Rummage Sale. He was greeted and stayed to help. He met a lot of people that day and eventually joined the church. He unfortunately went back to his country in Africa. But what if no one had talked to him? Would he have even come back the next week?

A few weeks ago I met a couple who had started to come

Church Family News

BAPTISM

Gianna Maria Aiello, daughter of David and Jessica Aiello, was baptized on January 4th. Rejoice!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Last month we expressed Christian sympathy to Dorette Jornitz and family upon the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Elsie Marie Grobler in South Africa; to Joan “Moonie” Edwards and family upon the death of husband Barney; to Gale Speir Seidler upon the death of her cousin Beatrice Speir; to Rev. Ann Van Cleef, pastor of the Orient Congregational Church, upon the death of her mother Mary J. Abbate; and to Karen Neubauer upon the death of her mother Olga C. Doyle.

to our church. Linda Perritt, one of our new deacons and a newish member introduced me to them. She said “I remember what it was like to start coming to this church.”

Buildings are nice and so are words but we are the church, and I think a nice one at that. So let’s go and share that with the person who is a guest at our church, who may then become a part of our church family.

Christine Haddad, Deacon

Presbyterian Women

PW met Wednesday, January 14th for a Covered Dish luncheon. Thanks to everyone for contributing to make up a most delicious meal. We were very pleased to have Jeanne Baum join us at the table this month, and Jeanne, we hope you will be able to join us whenever you can. Thanks for your company and your opening prayer.

The Presbyterian Women Annual Report for year-end, 2014 was prepared and presented. It is wonderful to report that 2014 receipts taken in from the Spring & Fall Rummage Sales, the Summer Treasure Sale, and the Christmas Bazaar & Tea gave us receipts of \$9,963.75! And so it is a blessing to include in our 2015 disbursements \$5,000.00 to the WPC operating fund, \$1,374.00 to the Child Fund International sponsorship (4 children), and \$460.00 to mat and frame the Creighton Berry paintings in the Parish Hall.

Some notes to update our 2015 calendar of events are as follows:

Circle Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month. Thank you to Nancy Miller who hosted January's meeting. The February 2nd Circle Meeting will be at 7pm at the Church... look for us in the kitchen or parish hall.

Friday, March 6th, WPC will be the host church for the World Day of Prayer. The Bahamas will be this year's sponsoring nation. There will be more information about the event, and how you may take part in the afternoon service or help with refreshments.

Wednesday, March 11th is the PW Open Invitation Luncheon. This year the PW will be hosting an Open Dish luncheon using recipes from the WPC Cookbook! There will be a RSVP Sheet posted in the Parish Hall (*Take note Gentlemen, everyone is invited*).

Friday & Saturday, April 17-18th will be the Spring Rummage Sale. Set up will begin after service on April 12th, and we will look forward to the trusty volunteers who assist in every capacity, when and how they can, throughout the week.

May 13th - PW Lunch Outing

June 10th - PW Strawberry Shortcake Party

July 11th - PW Summer Treasure Sale -10am - 2pm

(There will be no PW Luncheons scheduled for the summer months of July and August)

September 9th - 12 noon - PW Sandwich / Salad Luncheon

September 18th - 19th - PW Fall Rummage Sale

October 14th - 12 noon - PW Covered Dish Luncheon

November 11th - 12 noon - PW Sandwich / Salad Luncheon

December 5th - 1:30pm - 4pm - PW Christmas Tea & Bazaar

December 9th - PW Holiday Dessert Tea

The next PW Meeting will be a Sandwich / Soup luncheon on February 11th at noon. Hello to Marion, Grace, Eleanor (and Benny Boy!)...miss you all. Stay warm and cozy now!

—Jeanette W. Smith

Youth Ministry News

As the New Year begins, let us pray that it will be a year with new peace, new happiness and abundance of new friends. May God bless you and guide you through out 2015. Happy New Year!

The youth group is busy preparing their winter schedule. First up is Souper Bowl of Caring. It's their 25th anniversary of utilizing Super Bowl week-end in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Our youth group will once again be collecting canned goods and monetary donations along with a "soup sell" after worship on February 1st. Last year the kids raised over \$800.00 and purchased grocery cards from WPC and gave them to the local food pantries.

Moving right along, our next mission project is Midnight Run. We will head into NYC on 2/15 to distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless. We are

collecting gently used or new men's L, XL, and XXL clothing (coats, sweatshirts, long underwear, etc.) They prefer dark colors.

Thank you to all who participated in the Heifer mission drive during December. The kids picked out and purchased: community animal health worker kit, a goat, water buffalo, llama, sheep, a flock of hope, honeybees, chicks, the gift of clean water and irrigation pumps.

We also have ice skating and bowling in the works.

Confirmation kicked off on February 11th and we had 8 interested youth come and listen to hear what is expected of them during confirmation. Those confirmands will meet over the next few months learning about the Bible - New and Old Testaments, Jesus of Nazareth, Psalms, Prayer, Baptism, Holy Communion, Faith and Service. It should be an exciting time for all.

In His Service,
Kathy Tureski

Thank You Friends

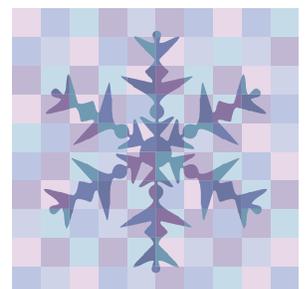
As I approach February and a true knee replacement late in that month, I would like to thank, once again, my wonderful friends at WPC for the prayers and well wishes. I am so grateful for all of your kind notes.

I was able to finish in-hospital rehab and get home to my family by Christmas. What a blessing that was. I know from whence my strength comes and that it was through His power that I was and am able to endure all. I have found a loving and open church and pastor here in Whitefish, but continue to think of you often. There is so much I miss and so many with whom I yearn to talk.

Yours in Christ,
Dave LeBleu

ADULT STUDY

Adult Class will be resuming on February 22nd at 11:00am. We will be discussing "Learning to Walk in the Darkness," a book written by Barbara Brown Taylor. As she states, "I have learned things in the dark that I could never have learned in the light, things that have saved my life over and over again, so that there is really only one logical conclusion, I need darkness as much as I need light." Taylor is a professor of religion at Piedmont College. You do not need to read the book ahead of time, Quotations will be made available for discussion. Do come and join us for one or all of these Sunday discussions.



FEBRUARY 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 <i>Souper Bowl of Caring Annual Meeting</i> | 2 <i>7pm Elizabeth Circle (tentatively in Geer Library)</i> | 3 <i>7pm Deacons</i> | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>8am-2pm Camp Good Grief Reunion (all rooms)</i> |
| 8 | 9 <i>Maureen's Haven</i> | 10 <i>7pm Session</i> | 11 <i>12 Noon PW Luncheon</i> | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 <i>Tidings Deadline Midnight Run</i> | 16 <i>President's Day—Office closed Maureen's Haven</i> | 17 <i>7pm Trustees</i> | 18 <i>Ash Wednesday—communion</i> | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 <i>11am Adult Study resumes 1st Sunday of Lent Communion</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>WEEKLY: Worship: Sunday 10am Sanctuary Choir: Sunday 9:15AM and 11:15am AA: Sunday 12 and 8pm, Wednesday 7:30pm, Saturday 10am Nicotine Anonymous: Wednesday 6pm Boy Scouts: Monday, 7pm</p> </div> | | | | | | |

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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
7 Miles Tamis
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
16 Will Roslak
18 Louise Smith
18 Sean Doyle
23 Sandy Surgan
24 Geoffrey Strong
25 Lise Frielinghaus
27 Sally Hoge
27 Marissa Schultze
28 Laurie Pitcher
28 Alison Strong
28 Patricia Kottl-Bebon