



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2016

A February Word from Chuck Cary

The season of Lent arrives on February 10 (Ash Wednesday) and with it a shift in parament color (purple). Someone recently inquired about the significance of the colors associated with the church seasons. The answer is that the colors parallel the central story as told in the Scriptures. Purple calls to mind days of preparation as the people of God get ready for a salient event in the Sacred story of God's search for us. When the color purple adorns the sanctuary, listen for the call of the Holy one to get ready. In Advent we get ready for Christ's birth. In Lent we get ready for His cross. In high church traditions the worship space is often laid bare on Good Friday or adorned in Black. You will see white at Eastertide, Christmas, and Epiphany. Red or green marks the season of Pentecost, that long, six month period which runs from Pentecost Sunday to Christ the King Sunday. This season traces the mission of the Church in all of its manifestations. Use your search engine to find a more detailed description of the church year. At your next dinner party, be bold to change the conversation from the predictable. Ask someone from a different tradition or church if they have liturgical colors and if they matter and why. It may make for a more memorable affair.

We will observe Lent in several ways here at WPC. Ash Wednesday will find us gathering with the ecumenical community at St Mark's Episcopal Church at 7:00pm. Those who choose may receive ashes as a sign of our mortality, our dying with Christ in order to be raised with Him. Ash Wednesday always reminds me of my destiny, and that ultimately "our help is in the name of the Lord". Again this Lent, those who are able may join me in a walk along the Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of Our Lady in Manorville. No, this is not an exclusive Roman Catholic practice. It is a universal walk of prayer by all who would remember Jesus' suffering, death, and empty tomb. Gather each Friday at 5:00 pm. Park in the eastern corner of the first parking field. The walk takes about thirty minutes and includes inclines. On Sundays, February 14 through March 13 I will lead an adult study entitled "Conflict, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation". This gathering will happen in the Founder's Room from 11:15 until 12:00 noon. Grab a cup of coffee in the parish hall and join the conversation.

Holy Week begins March 20th, Palm Sunday in which we will celebrate one of our members' 100th birthday. Special services will follow on Maundy Thursday with Tenebrae worship at the Quogue Chapel and Good Friday (to be announced). Easter Day will be a blast. Early risers will be the first to shout "He Is Risen" at the dawn service at the Swordfish Beach Club. Accompanied by the Long Island Brass Guild and with a children's Easter Egg hunt in between, we will hold two Easter Services at 9:00 and 11:00 in the church sanctuary. Programs for children will be in place at the first service. A nursery for the very young will be available for both in the CE wing.

Easter is early this year which sometimes leads me to long for a more permanent date, say, in mid-April. Regardless, the rhythm of the church year and its Holy days reinforces the rhythms of our Christian Faith. Whether it snows on Easter Day (as it could), or whether the day is more suitable for shorts (as it is in the lower hemisphere where it is summer), the deeper meaning is what matters. Jesus Christ lives, dies, and lives again for us. Keeping a Holy Lent through faithful worship will reinforce this truth and seal it on our hearts. See You in Church!

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

- February 7** **Transfiguration of the Lord**
 Boy Scout Sunday - Representatives of the local Scout Troop 62 taking part
 Food collection—Souper Bowl of Caring - Youth Group Mission
- February 10** **Ash Wednesday**
 7:00 PM Ecumenical Service at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, WHB
 An ecumenical choir is forming - watch for more detail.
- February 14** **First Sunday in Lent**
 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 Luke 4:1-13
- February 21** **Second Sunday in Lent**
 Genesis 15 (selections) Luke 13:31-35
- February 28** **Third Sunday in Lent**
 Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 13:1-9
 Lenten Festival (scheduled)

Youth Ministry

We collected just over \$1,000 and contributed funds from our mission line for a total of \$1,670 to purchase items from Heifer International. The lucky recipients will receive: A heifer, water buffalo, llama, sheep, pig, honeybees, a flock of ducks, flocks of chicks, hope baskets and the gift of clean water! Thank you again to all who participated in our Heifer Campaign.

We're gearing up for Souper Bowl! Our local charity this year will be Long Island Council of Churches. The youth will be selling different kinds of soup during coffee hour on February 7th. Pints of soup will be \$5.00 each. We will also be collecting canned goods and/or one dollar for the "National Souper Bowl for Caring" campaign. All monies raised will be used to purchase grocery cards from our church and given to Long Island Council of Churches to distribute. We will also be assisting Maureen's Haven by making lunches on 7th after our soup sale.

After a little confusion a few of us ventured out for a few games of laser tag. It was my first time playing and look forward to playing at a bigger arena when we schedule a trip Lazerland in Commack (the bigger arena!) during winter break. Also, on our agenda is "Teen Night" at Southampton Ice Rink!

We will be meeting to see what our next mission project will be and what social activities we can go to this Spring!

Mark your calendar for Youth Sunday, April 17th. It will be here before you know it! Thank you for your continued support for the youth of our church.

—Kathy Tureski

Church Family News

On January 3rd, we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for Christopher Otis Miller, son of James and Elizabeth (Otis) Miller, and his cousin Edward Thompson Otis V, son of Tom and Kimberly (Richter) Otis. Grandparents include Jane and Tom Otis of our congregation. Rejoice!

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Jean DuPont Tuthill upon her death January 18 in Florida. A service is tentatively planned for here in the spring or summer and will be announced; and also to Randy and Kathy Dayton and family upon the recent death of Randy's nephew Steven Oas of Rochester, NY.

Presbyterian Women

While we are in the midst of true winter weather now, PW met on January 13th to share in an absolutely delightful covered dish / potluck luncheon. The luncheon was well attended and we were pleased to have a guest join us— Fran Burgess of the Remsenburg Presbyterian Church.

We planned out the 2016 calendar. On Wed. March 9th at 12 noon we invite everyone - including the gentlemen from the congregation - to join us. While this has generally been a themed luncheon, it has been determined that the covered dish contributions make for a tasty and varied buffet. There will be a signup sheet in the parish hall for those who would like to attend. And we are hoping that Eleanor Hoyt will be able to join in and contribute one of her entertaining and educational party games. Eleanor, we would love to see you in any event so please let us know if

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7pm Deacons	3 12 Noon Staff 4:15pm M&E Meeting: NYC	4 7pm Chapel Choir Rehearsal	5	6 10am-1pm EE Hospice Camp Good Grief Reunion (All Rooms)
7 Souper Bowl of Caring Scout Sunday	8 5pm Maureen's Haven	9 6:30pm Session	10 Ash Wednesday - 7pm Ecumeni- cal Service at St. Mark's 12 noon PW Luncheon	11	12 5pm Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of Our Lady in Manorville	13
14 1st Sunday of Lent Communion 11:15am Adult Study	15 President's Day - Office Closed 5pm Maureen's Haven	16 7pm Trustees	17	18	19 5pm Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of Our Lady in Manorville	20 Tidings Deadline
21 11:15am Adult Study	22	23	24	25 7pm Chapel Choir Rehearsal	26 5pm Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of Our Lady in Manorville	27
28 Lenten Festival 11:15am Adult Study	29 5pm Maureen's Haven				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>WEEKLY: Worship: Sunday 10am Sanctuary Choir: Sunday 9:30 and 11:15am AA: Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am Maureen's Haven: 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Mondays 5pm</p> </div>	

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Your issue of the February Tidings

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1	Joanna Howard	16	Will Roslak
1	Madeline, Michael, and Mac Gillooley	18	Louise Smith
1	John Campbell	18	Sean Doyle
3	Deborah and Bob Busking	22	Casandra and Joshua Carrick
4	Nancy Winters	23	Sandy Surgan
5	Zachary Downs	24	Geoffrey Strong
7	Miles Tamis	25	Lise Frielinghaus
9	Michael Baird	25	Kimberly Rogers
9	Jonn Larson	27	Sally Hoge
9	Donn Larson	27	Marissa Schultze
9	Carter Cline	28	Laurie Pitcher
10	Elva Zeichner	28	Alison Strong
12	Phyllis Styrzo	28	Patricia Kottl-Bebon
12	Cassie Dayton		
12	Jean Halsey		
14	Taylor Wagner		
15	Mary Brennan		
16	Marilyn Wood		
16	Matt Ravenhall		

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 there is anything we can do to help make this possible!

Other upcoming PW events include:

Spring Rummage Sale - weekend of April 16

Summer Treasure Sale - July 9

PW will prepare a supper for the VBS children to be held in July

Fall Rummage Sale (date to be determined: weekend of September 18 or 25)

Christmas Tea & Bazaar and Bake Sale - December 3

All of these events will be detailed in the next Tidings and we will be sure to give everyone plenty of notice of exact times and dates.

Regarding upcoming PW luncheon meetings the following dates are on our calendar (all at 12 noon unless otherwise noted):

February 10 - sandwich & salad luncheon

March 9 - open invitation luncheon

April 13 - sandwich & salad luncheon

May 11 - ladies outing (final details will be announced)

June 8 - Strawberry Festival -1pm

July and August - summer recess

September 14 - covered dish luncheon

October 12 - sandwich & salad luncheon

November 9 - light sandwich luncheon

December 14 - dessert menu luncheon

Stay warm and be safe everyone!

JWS