



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 2015

## A January Word from Chuck Cary

Happy New year, one and all. 2015 used to seem like an apparition in the distant future, unimaginable to the internal clock. Yet, here it is, with a pace that gains momentum by the hour. In 2015 I will celebrate my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination which is hard to believe. Pretty soon we will produce a 2014 annual report as well as welcome new classes of officers and leaders for the church. I am grateful for the year past and hopeful for better things in the year to come. I conducted far too many funerals in 2014 (26) beginning and ending with services which were terribly sad (Cory Hubbard and Lily Everhart). Baptisms were up, (9), and the church school teachers who do advanced planning should take note as they order curricula and prepare. Throughout it all, we endeavor to be a people of hope.

Our church's membership remained steady last year and worship attendance witnessed increases across the Sundays. Our membership at the end of 2013 was 328 (active members). At the close of 2014 we increased one, to 329. Take a look at the statistical page in the annual report. There you will observe activity which explains this outcome. Of the 26 funerals mentioned above, only 6 were for active members here at WPC. What does this figure indicate? It says that folks from beyond our church turn to WPC in time of need. The heart of our church opens to the world beyond.

Financially we remain balanced and responsible thanks to your faithful support and the generosity of prior generations who named the church in their wills and estate plans. The beautifully refurbished parish hall was made possible by the endowed gifts of those who have gone before us. I wonder if it would be OK to rename the space memorial hall in memory of those whose voices and presence we recall whenever we gather there. Likewise, because we were disciplined in our use of endowment funds for the operating budget we helped insure responsible growth. Scan the annual report and give thanks. It tells the story of a congregation which is faithful.

One matter we need to address in 2015 is the high number of persons who reside on the active roll but who neither attend worship nor support the church any longer. Most are young adults who were confirmed here but now live elsewhere. Our polity calls for encouraging them to become active in churches near their homes. Our common sense and compassion also call for our outreach to all who have ties to WPC but are now elsewhere. Finally, we always need to be reflecting on our worship style and other core practices which should welcome disciples of any age. I cringe whenever I hear that mainline congregations serve restricted age groups.

In a short twelve months we will be writing another annual report and welcoming another new year. The Gospel which inspired our forebears in 1742 contains the same power and love today as then. 272 years is a long time, but it represents only a moment in time as we give thanks for an eternity of God's gracious presence. As always, find your place in worship as we enter this new year. Maintain your niche in our congregation as we move forward. See you in church!

## This Month in Worship

- January 4**     **2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany Sunday**  
Sacrament of Baptism  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; John 1:1-18
- January 11**    **The Baptism of the Lord**  
Recognition of New Trustees  
Ordination and Installation of new Deacons and Elders; Mark 1:4-11
- January 18**    **Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Martin Luther King Jr. weekend
- January 19**    **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Monday**        7:00pm Ecumenical Service at St. Paul's AME  
Zion Church, Montauk Highway, Quogue
- January 25**    **Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
Mark 1:14-20; 2014 Annual Reports Available
- February 1**    **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
Annual Meeting to follow worship in the sanctuary  
Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth Group to collect a  
Hunger Offering.

### January Ushers

- Jan. 4            Scott, Cindy and Keaton Campbell, Mimi Johnson  
Jan. 11          John and Judy Sprague, Matt Ravenhall, Gigi  
                         Rutherford  
Jan. 18          Barbara and Brian Danowski, Randy and Kathy  
                         Dayton  
Jan. 25          Nikki and Cole Schindler, Deborah and Blake  
                         Busking

## The Benefits of Direct Deposit

Our church offers the possibility to submit your tithes via direct deposit. This giving modus has been picked up by quite a few members of our congregation. It has a twofold benefit: you do not need to remember and review your giving versus pledge, as the pledged fund is withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis. The benefit for our church lies within the more robust way of planning and budgeting, since the pledge is submitted with robust frequency.

Why may the giving predictability be enhanced? An example of the experience I had may be of help. First of all, I never knew where I was with my giving ve-

sus the pledge I had made. I just lost track. Besides, in some instances I could not attend our service and therefore did not submit my weekly check. Not being as diligent as most, once again I lost track. Ultimately, at the end of the year when the summary of pledges versus givings came in, I realized the gap, which can put a strain on the Christmas funds. Now using direct deposit, I do not have to review and control anything. I know that all is done automatically without my needing to worry.

We, the finance ministry, want to encourage you to take the opportunity to use the direct deposit option, a convenient way for you and helpful tool for our church.

Maik Jornitz

## Church Family News

### BIRTHS

Reed Scott Beasley was born to Mary (Otis) and Bryan Beasley on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents are Jane and Tom Otis of our congregation.

### BAPTISMS

Abbygail Margaret Lappin, daughter of Jacob J. Lappin and Kelly Ann (Martin) Lappin. Grandparents include Gary and Tracy Martin of our congregation.

Robert William John Heath, son of Christin Niebanck Heath and Brandon Heath. Grandparents include Micki and Bob Neibanck of our congregation.

### NEW MEMBERS

New members welcomed this month were Lou and Wendy Hornick of Quogue and Ameer Mazurkiewicz as affiliates; Cindy Schneider of East Quogue, and Joyce Reaver of Westhampton as active members.

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy goes to Kerry Everhart and family, upon the recent death of her step-daughter, Lillian Cara Everhart.

Also to the family of Mrs. Claire Weston of Westhampton, mother of Keri Shiu of our congregation.

## *Pampered Chef Fundraiser*

*Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7PM*

*At the home of Vern Hackworth,  
5 Chestnut Street, Brookhaven Hamlet*

Please join Vern Hackworth & Claire Wiepzynski for a Pampered Chef Fundraiser show hosted by Jenny Ketner on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 7 PM at the home of Vern Hackworth, 5 Chestnut Street, Brookhaven Hamlet.

Sample a tasty recipe, easy cooking tips while supporting a great cause. Up to 15% of our total sales will go to the Westhampton Presbyterian Church - plus an extra \$3 for every Show booked from the event. Feel free to bring a friend - the more the merrier! Can't wait to see you there!

RSVP at 631-776-2218 or with Nancy Hamma in the church office. Not able to make the party? Order online here and your order will count towards the party!

<http://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/jennyketner/guest-landing/8897735212187>

Manker's nursery. Ben Larson with his son Donn contributed the greens and Donna Williams made the bows. It is a fun night and a good way to meet someone who you might not talk to at church. Friends and relatives are invited too. Janet Hann and Cathy Holliday sold the wreaths in Bailey hall.

Donna with Gini Wagner and Cheryl Van Tuyle headed up the crafters which meet all year long to make hand crafted ornaments and gift ideas. Their room had a sleigh theme which was a very clever way to display their creations. They are always looking for new talent and ideas.

Jane Otis and Margretta Anderson decorated the tree and set up the head table to look so elegant. Small trees decorated with shells, so appropriate for this area, graced the head table. Thank you to all the ladies who poured tea and coffee. Nancy Vigorito headed up the kitchen with the help of Jeanette Smith and Deborah Busking. Attractive trays of cookies and sandwiches were served. Thanks to all who baked for both the kitchen and baked goods, and cookie walk.

Jeanette also decorated the jewelry room. There are going to be some well accessorized people around the area as Nancy Miller, Cindy Drayton, Sharon Taylor and Pam Chance did a great job selling jewelry.

Louise Smith, Karen Andrews, Traci Duke and Gene May transformed the Founder's room into a Christmas wonderland with the Twice Nice. Their space looked very bare at the end of the event, a very good sign.

I would also like to thank Nancy Hamma for helping with the publicity, Peggy Childs for the posters and our sexton John Peters who helped set up, clean up and even made a bottom for the sleigh in the Crafter's room. More than keeping the church clean, he is handy, has a crea-

## **The Christmas Bazaar**

Everyone can relate to the stress of the holidays. As the chairman of the Christmas bazaar I try to get as organized as possible. Fortunately I have many people who are very supportive. Saying this I have to say things went very smoothly. A good crowd of people from our community came out on a rainy day to partake in a lovely afternoon. They drank tea and shopped and as a result we had quite a successful event.

I would like to thank all who helped make this event a success. First I would like to thank Marge Beckwith, the glue of the PW, who keeps us going. She is full of good ideas and has long been dedicated to all things PW. She also has a magic touch and can convert a few greens, an empty cart and a doll into a fabulous centerpiece.

Eloise Carter used her teacher skills to get better organized with the baked goods and cookie walk. Those post cards were very useful and we had plenty of everything to appease everyone's sweet tooth. The baked goods went fast and the cookie walk was especially popular. Kristina and Eloise Carter, Meryle King and Hannah Manker helped the customers while Betty Donohue and Kimberly Rogers cashiered. Eloise also organized our wreath making pizza party. This year we had eighteen creative souls come and decorate the wreaths from

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## YOUTH GROUP

It's a wrap . . . another year has passed. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support during 2014.

2015 starts off with a bang! We have Confirmation beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM sharp in the library. If you haven't signed up it's not to late just be there on the 11<sup>th</sup> to find out all the details. The schedule is listed below:

### Confirmation Schedule 2015

- January 11<sup>th</sup>** : Parents meeting / outline class
- January 18<sup>th</sup>** : What is the Bible Session # 1 ~ Old Testament
- January 25<sup>th</sup>** : God's Covenant: Abraham and Sarah Session #3 ~ Old Testament
- February 1<sup>st</sup>** : The Ten Commandments Session #6 ~ Old Testament / Souper Bowl for Caring (Service Project)
- February 6-7<sup>th</sup>** : **Retreat** My Faith / Meaning of Service
- February 15<sup>th</sup>** : The Psalms / Prayer, Session #10 ~ Old Testament / Midnight Run (Service Project)
- February 22<sup>nd</sup>** : Jesus Our Savior Session #2 ~ New Testament
- March 1<sup>st</sup>** : Jesus Teaches Us Session #3 ~ New Testament
- March 8<sup>th</sup>** : Jesus Heals Us Session #4 ~ New Testament
- March 15<sup>th</sup>** : The Miracles of Jesus Session#6 Jesus of Nazareth
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>** : The Last Days of Jesus' Life Session#7 ~ Jesus of Nazareth
- March 29<sup>th</sup>** : Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension Session#9 ~ Jesus of Nazareth
- April 12<sup>th</sup>** : The Holy Spirit / Prayer Session #7 ~ New Testament
- April 19<sup>th</sup>** : The Letters to Paul Session #9 ~ New Testament
- April 26<sup>th</sup>** : Holy Baptism & Holy Communion Session #11 & 12 ~ New Testament
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>** : Building Our Church / Statement of Faith
- May 10<sup>th</sup>** : Present Statement of Faith / Meet Session
- May 16<sup>th</sup>** : Bike Rally (Service Project)
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** : Confirmation

Youth Group is off and running in 2015 as well. We will be preparing for Souper Bowl for Caring that takes place on 2/1 and Midnight Run that will take place on 2/15. We will need to develop a campaign for Souper Bowl for Caring and Midnight Run will involve a lot of planning, gathering and implementing before we go. We look to encouragement and support from both the congregation and community during our Service projects. Watch for details on how you can help . . . thanking you in advance.

Kathy

*BAZAAR (Continued from page 3)*

tive eye and is always willing to help out. Thanks to all who help set up and clean up.

Now I can rest until next October when I start to think all things Christmas again. Thank you to all who also came and brought their friends and family. We did well for the first Saturday in December when it seems like everyone is having a holiday event.

Sincerely,  
Christine Haddad

## CHRISTMAS GREENS

*Thanks to Ben Larson  
for once again  
delivering the beautiful  
greens which adorned  
the wreathes sold at the  
Christmas  
Bazaar!*



## A NOTE REGARDING YOUR MONTHLY TIDINGS

The April 2015 issue of the Tidings will be the final issue to be mailed as a paper copy. Paper copies will continue to be available at entrances to the sanctuary and the church office, and exceptions will be made for shut-ins who are unable to pick up their copy and do not have access to a computer. You may request a paper copy be mailed to you first class by contacting the church office. As always, it may be read at  
[www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org](http://www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org)

## Presbyterian Women's News

As I continue celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas, I wish everyone a Peaceful, Renewing, and Blessed Happy New Year!

PW met on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for a Holiday Dessert Tea. Among those we missed from the table - Barbara Danowski, Grace Haddad, Eleanor Hoyt, and Marion Rupprecht - we miss you, continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers, and send you our best wishes.

The results are in regarding the PW Christmas Tea and Bazaar. The efforts by everyone involved were well rewarded with sales and donated income of some \$4,300.00+! The income raised will help PW in furnishing the new lights in the stage area of the Parish Hall; for framing the two beautiful pieces of artwork in the Parish Hall donated by our own resident artist, Creighton Berry; and plans to make a donation to the Church Operating Fund budget for 2015.

We have set up the PW meeting schedule for 2015. And there will be a note on the Calendar page of the monthly Tidings of each PW event. The 2015 PW schedule of events follows:

January 14<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon - PW Covered Dish Luncheon  
 February 11<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon - PW Sandwich / Salad Luncheon  
 March 11<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon - Open Invitation Luncheon (*Take note Gentlemen, everyone is invited*)  
 April 8<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon - PW Sandwich / Salad Luncheon  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> - PW Lunch Outing  
 June 10<sup>th</sup> - PW Strawberry Shortcake Party  
 July 11<sup>th</sup> - PW Treasure Sale -10am - 2pm  
 (There will be no PW Luncheons scheduled for the summer months of July and August)  
 September 9<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon - PW Sandwich / Salad Luncheon  
 September 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - PW Fall Rummage Sale  
 October 14<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon - PW Covered Dish Luncheon  
 November 11<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon - PW Sandwich / Salad Luncheon  
 December 5<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm - 4pm - annual PW Christmas Tea & Bazaar  
 December 9<sup>th</sup> - PW Holiday Dessert Tea

*Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
 And never brought to mind?  
 Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
 And old lang syne?  
 For auld lang syne, my dear,  
 For auld lang syne,  
 We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
 For auld lang syne.*

*Jeanette W. Smith*

## 2015 Westhampton Presbyterian Church Directory

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Financial Secretary.....	Maik Jornitz
Assistant Treasurer.....	Margretta Anderson
Assistant Financial Officer.....	Carol Nemeth
Church Administrative Assistant.....	Nancy Hamma
Church Sexton.....	John Peters
Tidings Editor.....	Nancy Hamma
Church Librarian.....	Marcia Koziarz
Youth Ministry Coordinator.....	Kathy Tureski
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Ellen Campbell
Elder responsible for C.E.....	Traci Duke
Presbyterian Women Representatives.....	Marge Beckwith, Christine Haddad, Gale Seidler

### Class of 2015

### Class of 2016

### Class of 2017

	<u>The Session</u>	
Allison Carey	(to be announced)	Scott Campbell
Traci Duke	Dawn Christ	Andrea Chattaway
Vern Hackworth	Kyle Miller	Maik Jornitz
Mary Beth Lundborg	Richard Schneider	Sharon Taylor
<b>Youth Elder:</b> Victoria Campbell		

### The Board of Deacons

Christine Haddad	Jane Otis	Deborah Busking
Nancy Vigorito	Jeanette Smith	Barbara Danowski
Bonnie Wootten	Marilyn Wood	Linda Perritt
Millie Cary	Lynne Jones	Cheryl Van Tuyle
<b>Youth Deacon:</b> Griffin Wagner		

### The Board of Trustees

Brady Munn	Pam Chance-Herzing	David Aiello
Kara Bak	Raymond Hann	John David
John King	Ralph Hubbard	Robyn Hatch
Robert Johnson	Karen Neubauer	Pat Speed
<b>Youth Trustee:</b> Owen Williams		

### Memorial and Endowment

Susan Lipp	David Rowe	John Hull
Daniel Staniford	Tracy Speed Zollweg	Allison Strong
<b>Session Rep:</b> Vern Hackworth	<b>P.W. Rep:</b> Louise Smith	<b>Trustee Rep:</b> Robyn Hatch

**Nominations 2015:** Georgia Hatch, Dick Lutz, Korey Williams, Nancy Winters, Stu Wood; Deacon, Elder (2), Trustee reps

**Audit Committee:** 2015 Barbara Danowski, 2016 Mary Brennan, 2017 Carol Nespole



# JANUARY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>AA: Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am <b>Nicotine Anonymous:</b> Wednesday 6pm</p>				1 <i>New Year's Day—Office closed</i>	2	3
4 <i>Communion Baptism</i>	5 <i>Maureen's Haven 7pm Circle Meeting at Nancy Miller's</i>	6 <i>Epiphany 10am Staff 7pm Deacons</i>	7 <i>9:15am Mission</i>	8	9	10 <i>8:30am Audit 10am Budget meeting</i>
11 <i>9am Confirmation class Ordination/ Installation of Officers Recognition of Trustees</i>	12	13 <i>5pm Music &amp; Worship 7pm Session</i>	14 <i>12 Noon PW Luncheon</i>	15 <i>Tidings Deadline</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Martin Luther King Day—Office closed Maureen's Haven 7pm MLK Service at St. Paul's</i>	20 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Presbytery Meeting—Oyster Bay</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Pampered Chef Fund-raiser at Vern Hackworth's</i>

