



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2016

## A Word from Chuck Cary for the New Year 2016

I attended the holiday concerts of three different institutions last month, Sacred Heart in the city where Laurel and Jane attend; the Quogue School upon the gracious invitation of Reagan Schindler; and the Westhampton High School because several of our Westhampton youth had prominent roles. Each event was an inspiration in its own way, a prelude to a wonderful celebration of Christmas.

At the High School we were led in the Pledge of Allegiance, which moved me at several lines. Given the climate of our national discourse in yet another election cycle, I paused in appreciation at the words, “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”. These are lofty aims and commitments, to be sure. They are challenged by violence in our streets and on our screens, and in our rhetoric. I long for a voice reflecting conscience, reason, and our pledge’s ideals amongst the political pandering and demagoguery we hear. History is replete with illustrations of how we have journeyed down the wrong paths when we choose exclusion and division. Put simply, they contradict what this country stands for. The word “one” prior to “nation” is not an irrelevant adjective in our pledge.

My prayer for America in 2016 is that we will rise to our highest ideals. I pray that we will turn from the influence of big money back to what is best for the common good. I pray that we will be unafraid when it comes to incorporating Jesus’ “sermon on the mount” into our daily existence, including the political arena. I pray that people who have become apathetic about politics and civic engagement will shed their apathy and vote. I pray that our great nation will tilt toward the way of liberty and justice for all, not for some.

I pray that 2016 will witness the sovereign God we worship and adore renewing our lives. So far as it is up to me, I pray that God will give me the strength of conviction to be a partner in this renewal . So far as it is up to you, may you be a partner as well.

See you in church!

### THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

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| <b>JANUARY 3</b>  | <b>2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b><br>Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper<br>Sacrament of Baptism for Christopher Otis Miller and Edward Thompson Otis V   |
| <b>JANUARY 10</b> | <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b><br>The Sacrament of Baptism for Leila Elizabeth Furman, great grand-daughter of the late Doris Thilberg<br>Ordination/Installation of Elders/Deacons<br>Recognition of Trustees |
| <b>JANUARY 17</b> | <b>2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b><br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Weekend<br>A Sunday to focus on Race Relations  |
| <b>JANUARY 24</b> | <b>3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b><br>Luke 4:14-21   |
| <b>JANUARY 31</b> | <b>4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b><br>Luke 4:21-30<br>“The State of the Church”<br>Annual Meeting to Follow Worship  |

## Youth Group 2016

It's a new year and the youth group will be kicking off the year with a bang.



Shopping for Heifer! The youth will sit down and “shop” the catalog to see what we can purchase with the donations we collected during Advent. I know a “cow”, “bees” and a flock of geese are on the list already! A complete list will be in the February Tidings.

Our next mission project will be “Souper Bowl” for caring: “Using the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize youth in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need.” This year the youth group will be collecting for Long Island Council of Churches. Watch for more details in the weekly bulletin during January.

Our fall was so full of giving back projects that we will be scheduling a couple of outings just for socializing!

We look forward to the New Year as it's a blank page waiting to be filled. I look forward to how our pages are going to be filled!

May God be with you through the New Year, and fill your life with comfort, love and cheer! May this day and the days ahead hold many blessings for you and yours.

**Happy New Year!** Kathy

## Presbyterian Women

PW met for a Dessert meeting where we were treated to three luscious offerings made by master bakers Betty Donahue, Peggy Childs and Marge Beckwith. While we enjoyed our desserts we had some discussion of the Christmas Bazaar which was successfully held on Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Peggy Childs made posters for distribution through the towns and Betty Donahue took care of all the advertising for the Bazaar, for the first time, with good results. A lively group of all ages gathered and made 43 beautiful Christmas wreaths which were pre-ordered or sold at the Bazaar.

To date receipts for the Bazaar / Bake & Cookie sale totaled approximately \$3,263.25 bringing PW's 2015 receipts to a total of \$9,479.12. The yearly intake of monies were collected from the Christmas Bazaar, the Fall and Spring Rummage Sales, the Summer Treasure Sale, PW's Least Coin and Thank Offerings, a donation made to assist in the purchase of new card tables, and one anonymous donation which we gratefully acknowledge.

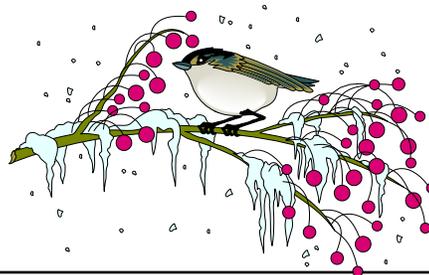
Monies taken in allowed PW to purchase 24 new card tables for use at various events in the Parish Hall, kitchen supplies (including comfy new kitchen stool cushions), Fellowship purchases, supplies used for the Vacation Bible School program, and to donate money in support of Child Fund International, the WP Memorial Fund, and \$5,000 to our church for its operating budget, for which we were so grateful.

The holiday season beginning with all saints day—Halloween, quickly moves to Thanksgiving and before we know it the spirit of Christmas is upon us. My personal favorite is Thanksgiving...I am thankful to take part in the holiday season by sharing in all our church provides and offers us. I am grateful for the uplifting support of Rev. Cary and Millie Cary; I am grateful to be able to be a part of the joyous seasonal events in our church, and for the consistent generosity of our congregation. I am grateful for the inspiration and kindness of our elder members who lead me by their example; and I am grateful for the warmth and support of so many of our community that I have come to know.

Ladies, we hope you will join in the next meeting of the PW group, which will be our Covered Dish luncheon to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

*To all, here in Eastern LI, in NYC, across the country, and to our Snowbirds, I wish you a very safe, blessed, and Happy New Year!*

*Jeanette W. Smith*



# January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>New Year's Day - Office Closed</i>	2
3 <i>Communion Baptisms (2)</i>	4	5 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	6 <i>Epiphany Staff 10am</i>	7	8	9 <i>8:30am Audit 9:30am Budget</i>
10 <i>Ordination/ Installation of Officers/ Recognition of Trustees Baptism</i>	11 <i>5pm Maureen's Haven</i>	12 <i>5pm Music &amp; Worship 6:30pm Session</i>	13 <i>9:15am Mission Committee 12 noon PW Luncheon</i>	14	15	16
17	18 <i>MLK Day - Office Closed 5pm Maureen's Haven</i>	19 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	20 <i>Tidings Deadline</i>	21	22	23 <i>Presbytery of LI—Oceanside</i>
24	25	26 <i>4:15pm M &amp; E Meeting in NYC</i>	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Annual Meeting</i>					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>WEEKLY:</b>  <b>Adult Study:</b> Sunday 8:30am;  <b>Worship:</b> Sunday 10am Sanctuary  <b>Choir:</b> Sunday 9:30 and 11:15am  <b>AA:</b> Sunday 12 and 7:30pm,  Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am  <b>Maureen's Haven:</b> 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Mondays, 5pm</p> </div>	

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*Your issue of the January Tidings*

## A Bazaar Thank You

Thanks to all who helped to make our Presbyterian Women's annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar a success. The crafters took over the anteroom and with the help of an old sled made their display of handmade ornaments awesome. The tea table was as elegant as ever. The Twice Nice was its usual festive wonderland. Cookie walk and baked goods were mouthwatering. The cookie walk was so popular that it sold out. The idea of selling the wreaths outside was a good one especially in light of the warm weather. A big enthusiastic crowd came on the previous Tuesday to decorate the wreaths. Ben Larson managed to ride with his son Donn who procured the greens. Thanks to all who helped to set up and clean up. Thanks also to those who baked, manned the kitchen, helped sell, helped with the publicity and those who came out and supported our effort. This is one of our nicest, most fun fund raising endeavors.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1	Scott Campbell	15	Claire Berry
2	Paul Pfaff	15	Suzanne Jessup
2	Oliver Bradley	18	Steve Ravenhall
2	Crawford Jackson IV	20	Christian Carter
2	Peter Monserat	23	Brian Mosher
5	Lilly Wagner	23	Bob Schindler
5	Kenneth Merkel	23	Tabitha Heath
5	Marjorie Ridgway	23	Jenn Greiner
6	Diane Perry	24	Benjamin Otis Miller
6	Nancy Hamma	25	Cathy Holliday
7	Jared Jessup	26	Eric Wootten
9	Mackenzie Schindler	26	Kearney Staniford
9	Mason Gragg	29	Lynda Confessore
11	Ralph Hubbard	30	Maik Jornitz
11	George Burns	30	David Rowe
12	Jessie Deihl	31	Ralph Downs
13	Karen Neubauer	31	Sophie Rouhandeh
14	Seamus Naughton	31	Josephine Levitt
14	Cole Schindler		
15	Bob Busking		
15	Derik Herzing		

