



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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A 2014 Summer Word from Chuck Cary

What are you reading this summer besides your computer screen? Do you spend more time on social networks than you'd like? Here are some suggestions based on religious best sellers. Or, pick up the text you always intended to return to but did not seem to have the time. Or better yet, visit a book of the Bible you have never been to before. Read it slowly and trust your impressions as well as questions. We are what we read. Summer reading can enliven us, or it can diminish us by its superficiality.

For C.S. Lewis fans try: *A Life Observed: A Spiritual Biography of C.S. Lewis* by Devin Brown. Few people have expressed the Christian Faith more clearly than this man.

Want to know more about Pope Francis? Read *Francis, A New World Pope* by Michael Cool published by a traditionally Protestant publisher Eerdmans.

Confused by the growing multiplicity of Funeral practices? Read the anything but morbid *The Good Funeral: Death, Grief, and the Community of Care* by Presbyterian Theologian Thomas G. Long and funeral director Thomas Lynch. From what you know of our funeral practices here at WPC see how we as a church stack up.

Always figured Pablo Picasso was too much of a ladies' man to be concerned with things religious? Get a copy of *The Religious Art of Pablo Picasso* by Jane Dillenger and John Handley.

Want to explore once again what it was that first made you love a good story? Reread the first book that ever grabbed you and led you to become lost in its narrative. No fair if all of you in the boomer generation select Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*!

Your local library is a world of great ideas. Your church library is a world of religious ideas. Visit them both and take advantage of the books that cost you nothing but open you to new life.

Meanwhile, see you in church where hopefully you read the Scripture text for each Sunday and feel it draw you closer to the mind of Christ.

A Note of Thanks

Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life, bringing peace, abolishing strife.
KAHLIL GIBRAN

What a gift it has been for me to be the Director of Music at Westhampton Presbyterian for 38 years. Every moment has been joy.

I knew when I first moved to Westhampton in 1970, after checking out the churches in the area, that Westhampton Presbyterian was the church for me. It had a pipe organ, a good pastor, and a fine choir. But it was unavailable. So I played at the Southampton Christian Science church, Beach Methodist, Remsenburg and East Moriches Presbyterian until finally in 1976 Westhampton became available, and I was hired. Hallelujah!

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THANKS *(Continued from page 1)*

The choir has been a delight and a source of inspiration to me. They are my family, and we have supported each other during times of sorrow and times of joy. They are my best and dearest friends. It has been impossibly difficult to say good bye. I will miss our rehearsals together and the special magic that happens on Sunday mornings when the spirit moves us and we are carried to a higher plane. I will miss our laughter and hugs and Tony's jokes.

I am so grateful to you, the congregation for your generosity and kindness. I am thrilled at the new fund established in my name to provide funds for special music throughout the year. What a tremendous honor. And I am overwhelmed by your generous check to me. I know we will make good use of it during our travels!

It has been a privilege working with Chuck twice! He and Millie have become true friends.

I don't believe anyone was ever given such a fantastic send off. The special service on the first, with beautiful music, touching words and so many former students, the delicious banquet, the flowers, the Proclamation, the Long Island Brass Guild participating in the final service. There are no words adequate to express my gratitude. I am humbled by the outpouring of love.

Some people get burned out after many years of work. For me, every Sunday I was filled up. My life is blest, my heart is full, and I am grateful.

Linda Howard-Kloepfer

This Summer at Worship

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| July 6 | Independence Day Weekend
Substitute: The Rev. Nancy Steeger Jennings
Rev. Cary away for Hehn-Gomes Wedding
Ali Hehn is the granddaughter of the late Doris Thilberg of our congregation |
| July 13 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost
A Summer Series: Questions People Ask I |
| July 20 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost
A Summer Series: Questions People Ask II |
| July 27 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost
A Summer Series: Questions People Ask III
VBS Begins |
| August 3rd | Summer Communion |
| August 10th | 9th Sunday after Pentecost
A Summer Series: Questions People Ask IV |
| August 17th | 10th Sunday after Pentecost
A Summer Series: Questions People Ask V |
| August 24th | 11th Sunday after Pentecost
A Summer Series: Questions People Ask VI |
| August 31st | Labor Day Weekend
Final Sunday of Summer Schedule
Guest Preacher Invited |

Summer Ushers

JULY

6	Gale and Pete Seidler
13	Jane Otis / Louise Smith
20	Korey Williams / Donna Goebel
27	Pat Schultz / Brady Munn

AUGUST

3	Kathy and Bob Johnson
10	Tony Thompson / Karen Neubauer
17	Eloise Carter / Nancy Miller
24	Jane and Tom Otis
31	Hanne and Bill Manker

SEPTEMBER

7	Susan and Dick Prior
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SANCTUARY

Mimi Johnson and Eloise Carter
Kara and Emily Bak
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Louise Smith / Bonnie Wootten
Louise Smith / Vern Hackworth
Linda Perritt / Tom Rogers
Judy and John Sprague
Pam Chance Herzing / Matt Hoge
Janet Hann / Brady Munn

Vacation Bible School 2014: Weird Animals

JULY 27—31



Vacation Bible School is an amazing week where kids and volunteers come together to explore God's Word, praise His name and experience lessons through games, food and crafts. This year, our crazy *Weird Animals* theme will transform the hallways of our fellowship hall and Christian education classrooms to create an inviting space, just for kids. Registration opens June 8th for adult and teen volunteers, as well as children ages kindergarten through

grade 5. Students in fourth and fifth grade will have special age-tailored options for the week.

\$20 Early Registration from June 8-22, \$45 Family Max
 \$25, \$55 Family Max After June 22 and Walk-ins (if space is available)
 T-shirt transfer & music CD (one per family) included in registration pricing.
 Kid-friendly dinner included each evening.

JOIN THE *WEIRD ANIMALS* CREW

See God's love come to life this summer like never before by touching lives, changing hearts and drawing kids and adults closer to Christ. Combine your talents with our Vacation Bible School teams this year to create an unforgettable week in July. *Weird Animals* VBS is from July 27 - 31, 5:30-8:00 p.m. In addition to our Crew Leaders, we need volunteers to help with music, Bible studies, games, crafts, snacks and our "Imagination Station." Please contact Ellen Campbell with questions.

Crew Leaders

You will be assigned your own group to guide through all activities while forming relationships and helping the children learn more about God.

Music & Praise Team

Teach and lead our amazing kids through music and movements that help them love worshiping our awesome God.

Games Team

Kids have a great time learning different games and running off their energy, guided by our spunky games team! Teach the lesson through movement at this station.

Imagination Station (Crafts & Science) Team

Help our students remember the Bible lesson through tactile learning and exploring.

Snack Team

All of this learning creates quite an appetite! Join the Snack Team and feed the masses while helping them experience the Bible lesson through taste.

Hospitality Team

This special group will spend the week loving on and feeding our amazing volunteers! You are the "heart" of VBS and help to keep them encouraged and motivated for our kids.

Decorations

We will have so much fun transforming our church to become a rain forest for our VBS experience! No artistic ability is required; materials and ideas provided.

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Summer Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY

1	Marilyn and Stu Wood	5	Gale Seidler	11	Grant Frevert
1	Allyson Downs	6	Harold Williams	14	Suzanne and Frank Jessup
1	Susan Hitzler	7	Gil Frevert	15	Marion Rupprecht
2	Sue and Bill Buhl	7	Jean Tuthill	16	Kathy Tilley
3	Grace Haddad	8	Lisa Finn	16	Linda Howard-Kloepfer
3	Christian Charles	8	Gavin Bailey	16	Lucy Cary
4	Kyle Miller	9	Frank Jessup	17	Stephanie Oakland
4	Jeanne and Bob Baum	9	Grenville "G" Gooder	18	Sue Buhl
		10	Chase Golding	19	Korey Williams
		10	Bob Barravechia	19	Tim Shea
		10	Millie Cary	20	Betty Failing
		11	Cheryl Van Tuyle		

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Congratulations to all our students!

2014 Graduates

Billy Finn	Emerson College, Boston, MA
Scott Frevert	Eastport South Manor High School
Shannon Giere	Westhampton Beach High School
Cory Hubbard	University of Maryland (posthumously)
Alison Nemeth	Catholic University Columbus School of Law, Washington DC
Kayley O'Brien	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT
Kelsey L. O'Brien	Albany Law School, Albany, NY
Schuyler J. Rowe	Carleton College, Northfield, MN
Robert Tureski	Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
Taylor Wagner	Westhampton Beach High School

2014 Memorial Scholarship Recipients

This year the Scholarship Committee awarded 9 scholarships to members who are "attending accredited institutions of higher learning". The awards came from the Ruth Lawrence Wittmer, Eleanor B. Griffith, Doris Lashley, Dorothy and Lyle Cary and Virginia Kavan funds. The awards went to:

Victoria Campbell	New York University
Cara Oslager	Mass General Institute of Health
Luke Nilsson	SUNY at Oneonta
Matthew Sulzinski	University of Rhode Island
Mara Terchunian	Salve Regina University
Christian Tureski	Salve Regina University
Robert Tureski	University of California at Davis
Taylor Wagner	Rochester Institute of Technology

Presbyterian Women News

PW began a short summer hiatus with Strawberry Shortcake for all! The next meeting of the PW will be held on September 10th (we meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month) with a Sandwich / Salad luncheon. But to end this season, we gathered around the kitchen table and helped ourselves to the bounty Marge Beckwith provided us with: strawberry shortcakes with fresh whipped cream. I joined in the gathering attended by Marge, Peggy Childs, Gale Seidler, Claire Berry, Betty Donahue, Christine Haddad, as well as a surprise guest, Rev. Gloria Johnson.

The treasurer's update gave us notes from two children - one from India, the second from Mexico - who thanked the PW for their \$20.00 Christmas gifts. Their letters told how they were able to use this money for themselves and their families. The final figure for the Spring Rummage Sale came to \$1,331.63. We were also told, and want to give special thanks to an "Anonymous" donor who provided a gift to the PW of \$100.00. This was a wonderful surprise and the funds will be used for something special to benefit the PW group's needs.

Rev. Gloria gave us a good account of the proceedings underway for the rehabilitation and rebuilding of the Yaphank Presbyterian church, which was destroyed by an electrical fire last year. Surely our Westhampton church community and others continue to keep them in our thoughts and wish them all the best in this rebuilding project.

Betty Donahue raised a question regarding the Circle Meetings which had been held on a monthly basis, but ended this past year. There have been some who asked if there is a possibility of restoring the circle meeting. Please let the PW know if you would be interested in participating in a monthly Circle Meeting for Christian fellowship, discussion, and refreshments.

The Fall Rummage Sale is on our calendars for October 17th and 18th. There will be more details given in the near future. And there are two final reminders for you.

◆*Set the Date:* The Summer Treasure Sale will be held on Saturday, July 12th from 10am - 2pm. Display rooms will be set up featuring better Linens, Jewelry, Baked Goods, Twice Nice items and a Kid's Korner. Donations for this special summer sale can be dropped off in the church kitchen in the morning or the church office. And as always we will be calling on our bakers to prepare their favorites for the Baked Goods sale.

◆*Set the Date:* This year's VBS (Vacation Bible School) for children will begin on Tuesday, July 29th. PW will provide a child-friendly dinner on the 29th.

*Just a note to send our best wishes to Barbara Danowski, Sarajane Giere, Eleanor Hoyt, Pat Shima, and Marilyn Wood. We missed you for shortcake but will see you over the summer. It's official --
Happy Summer All! Jeanette W. Smith*

VBS (Continued from page 3)

Teen Helpers

Most of these teams need excited teens to help with kids of all ages. Responsible teens are invited to register and become a positive influence to our younger grades.

VBS Volunteers will arrive at 8:45 a.m. each morning. VBS Training makes the program run safely and smoothly and is required. Choose either June 1 or June 8 for training when you register. Nursery VBS is available for all volunteers at no charge.

Thank you so much for volunteering! Your service will make an impact on the life of a child for Christ, and we are so grateful! Contact Ellen Campbell with any questions.



JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day— Office Closed</i> 	5
WEEKLY: Worship: Sunday 9am Chapel; 10:15am Sanctuary AA: Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am Nicotine Anonymous: Wednesday 6pm						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 10am-2pm <i>Summer Treasure Sale</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>*Summer of- fice hours begin</i>	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <i>VBS through July 31</i>	28	29	30	31	<i>*from July 18 -August 29 the church office will be closed on Fridays</i>	

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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WEEKLY: Worship: Sunday 9am Chapel; 10:15am Sanctuary AA: Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am Nicotine Anonymous: Wednesday 6pm						
3 <i>Communion</i>	4	5 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <i>6pm Session</i>	13	14	15 <i>Tidings Deadline</i>	16 <i>4pm Quiogue Association meeting</i>
17	18	19 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Last Sunday of Chapel worship</i>						

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22	Helen Fitzsimmons	2	John Sartorius	24	Judy and John Sartorius
23	Heather Lohneiss	4	Tom Rogers	25	Rob Tureski
23	Jeannean Jessup Levitt	5	Peggy Childs	25	Edmund Carey
23	Sophie Cline	5	Gini Wagner	26	Elise Barravechia
24	Jackie Moore	6	Chelsey Carter	27	Caroline Oakland
24	Lauren Babis	6	Wes Winters	27	Skye Lily Charles
27	Pat Speed	6	Ken Spadafora	28	Piper Heath
27	Cacie Coltea	7	Natalie Fox	28	Mac Gooder
28	Jean and Beecher Halsey	10	Warren Frevert	29	Kathy Walker
29	Kelsey O'Brien	10	Cynthia Drayton	30	Kay Kidde
29	Scott Frevert	13	Susan Rogers	30	Mara Terchunian
29	Kathy and Bob Johnson	15	Owen Williams	31	Dick Anderson
31	Mary and John Hoch	16	Judy and John Sprague	31	Pat and Dick Lutz
31	Deborah Busking	16	Brendan Speer	31	Jane and Tom Otis
31	Morgan Schwinn	18	Randy Dayton	31	Anderson Hipp
		19	Ed Shea		
		20	Timmy Dayton		
		21	Betsy and Bob Fox		
		23	Rico Johnson, Jr.		
		23	Sandy and Ed Sorgan		
		23	Kathy and Bob Tureski		
		23	Solomin Njie		
1	Kathy and Warren Frevert	24	Gavin Keblish		
2	Jeannean Jessup Levitt and Dan Levitt	24	Ava Lundborg		

