



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2014

A June Word from Chuck Cary

The General Assembly, our denomination's highest governing body, meets this year from June 14 - 21 in Detroit, Michigan. Our branch of Presbyterian Christians has deep roots in "Motor City", hence it is appropriate for commissioners and representatives to gather in this proud town. Unfortunately, Detroit has fallen on hard times economically. Its bankruptcy, being 17 billion dollars in arrears, is well documented. General Assembly folk's spending will not reverse this crisis, but it will affirm our church's presence there and express our conviction that cities matter because the people who live and work there matter. I look forward to hearing reports about what the assembly considers, what actions it takes, and for example how it will respond to the continuing drastic decline of the denomination as a whole. Our membership numbers do not bode well again, with entire congregations bolting for other parent bodies. (Remember, we have lost over 20% of our membership since 2001) As soon as 2013 statistics are released, I will publish them in the Sunday bulletin if not the summer edition of the *Tidings*. Westhampton Presbyterians need to be informed about what is going on in the greater church. Visit pcusa.org for regular updates on what's happening.

One matter which I find misguided and counterproductive is a collection of proposals calling for divestment in companies doing business with the nation of Israel. In other words, if such a motion passes, any and all Presbyterian assets, including Pension funds will be divested from stocks like Caterpillar, contending that Caterpillar equipment is used to destroy Palestinian villages and build Israeli communities in disputed territories. Proponents of divestment strategies believe that withdrawing assets sends a signal and will force Israeli leaders to seek peace. I do not think so.

Divestment only hardens positions and promises to make already polarized and violent positions more polarized and violent. As I have said frequently, the true prophet in the Israeli- Palestinian conflict is the one who will find ways to reconcile and make peace, not take sides and become one of the antagonists. Moreover, divestment sends the wrong signal to Caterpillar workers, amongst them Presbyterians in Peoria, Illinois. It ignores the fact that Caterpillar products are also used to grow food, and are often on the front line against global hunger and poverty. Divestment also sends the wrong message to local Jewish groups, that the Presbyterian Church has chosen only one means to resolve the crises in the Middle East.

In the days to come you will be reading about the close votes in Detroit about the possibility of divestment. At the last assembly in Pittsburgh they were defeated by the slimmest of margins. I can only hope and pray that the outcome will be similar this year.

See you in church!

This Month in Worship

- June 1** **7th Sunday of Easter**
Linda Howard-Kloepfer Appreciation Week begins with a Worship Service of Musical Tributes A Deacons Reception follows in the coffee hour
- June 8** **Day of Pentecost—Recognition Sunday**
Formal Recognition of Linda Howard-Kloepfer Choir Appreciation
Church Picnic to follow—sign up!
- June 15** **Summer Schedule Begins—Father’s Day**
9:00 AM—Worship at the Quogue Chapel
Beach Lane and Quogue Streets in Quogue
10:15 AM—Sanctuary Worship—Coffee Hour Fellowship to follow
- June 22** **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Dedication of Chapel Hymnals
- June 29** **Third Sunday after Pentecost—Graduation Sunday**
“An Open Letter to the Class of 2014”

PW News

The Spring season is now well in motion here on the East End, and the PW kicked off Spring with a wonderful luncheon held on Wednesday, May 14th at the Casa Basso Restaurant. We had a good turnout, and some special guests, including the attendance of Marion Rupprecht who was happy and able to join us for lunch. Eleanor Hoyt stepped up and gave another of her thoughtful presentations. Eleanor, story-telling is a magical blessing which you have, and each of your stories and presentations are much loved and appreciated by all. Thank you so much.

Just a quick note of thanks to all who participated in the May Rummage Sale, which was well organized and run. We were blessed to have so many hands helping with all aspects of the sale; with lunch provisions for the workers, and I can’t help but give special thanks for the return of Marilyn & Stu Wood, and to Jane Otis, all back just in time for the sale season. The set up week was a pleasure, and this rummage sale gave the PW funds some \$1300.00+ for its treasury.

◆ *Set the Date:* The Summer Treasure Sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th from 10am - 2pm. *On your mark, set, get ready to shop for those treasures!*

◆ *Set the Date:* PW will next be meeting for a Strawberry Shortcake party on Wednesday, June 11th at 1pm.

To all of the PW, those who could join us on the 14th, and those who could not, but who we keep in mind, I continue with Stephen

Youth Group News

Congratulations to Taylor Wagner who graduates from WHBH! She’ll be attending RIT in the fall. Also to Scott Frevert who graduates from ESM and will be in the Honors program @ SCCC. Don’t forget to send us your address & visit during breaks. We’d love to hear from you! “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Thank you Mrs. Howard-Kloepfer for sharing your music ministry with us over the years. Enjoy your retirement and safe travels as you and John venture into your next chapter of life!



Woo- Hoo summertime is almost here! We will have some special events planned for over the summer.....make sure your connected!

Join our email list (grades 7-12) @ whpresbyterianyg@gmail.com

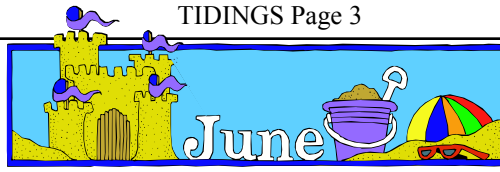
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Important dates: 5/31 Bike-a-Thon 7am – 2 pm @ Church, 6/1 planning summertime events, 6/8 help with picnic, 6/15 Do something nice for your Father, 6/16 – 6/26 study hard for your finals! 6/22 WH Care Center, 6/27 last day of school...summer vacation!

Sondheim’s song, “Here’s To The Ladies Who Lunch” with the final line...“A toast to that invincible bunch, the dinosaur surviving the crunch, let’s hear it for the Ladies Who Lunch, Everybody Rise!”

JW Smith



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Concert of Sacred Music Coffee Hour Reception for Linda Howard-Kloepfer</i>	2	3 <i>7pm Deacons</i>	4	5 <i>6pm Dinner to honor Linda Howard-Kloepfer at Cooperage Inn</i>	6	7
8 <i>Pentecost Last Day of Sun School; Choir Sun; Church Picnic</i>	9	10 <i>6pm Session</i>	11 <i>1pm PW Strawberry Shortcake party</i>	12	13	14
15 <i>Father's Day Two services of worship begin Tidings Deadline</i>	16	17 <i>7pm Trustees</i>	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Chapel Hymnal Dedications</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Hospice Gala using parking lot</i>
29	30					

WEEKLY:
Worship: Sunday 10am Sanctuary; start June 15 - 9am Chapel, 10:15am Sanctuary
Choir: Sunday 9:30 and 11:15am (through June 8)
AA: Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am
Nicotine Anonymous: Wednesday 6pm

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Your issue of the June Tidings

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Gene O'Brien
- 3 Hunter Wootten
- 3 Libby Coltea
- 3 Traci Duke and Cary Glotzer
- 4 Lynne and Mark Jones
- 9 Amy and Brian Mosher
- 9 Peter Sulzinski
- 10 Bob Johnson
- 10 Anne Charles
- 11 Brittany Bauer
- 12 Carol and Joe Nemeth
- 12 Halsey Surgan
- 12 Dierdre Barca
- 14 Julia Ketner
- 14 Janet Hann
- 14 Andrea and Bob Lohneiss
- 15 Meryle and John King
- 15 Ellen and Paul Pfaff
- 16 Grenville "G" and Lisa Gooder
- 17 Abigail Ketner

- 17 Micki Niebanck
- 18 Matt Hoge
- 18 Ellen Campbell
- 18 Ryan Zollweg
- 21 David and Betsy Rowe
- 23 Nikki Schindler
- 23 Holly and Ralph Hubbard
- 25 Paige Golding
- 25 Stephanie Shea
- 28 Lynn Frielinghaus
- 28 Carolyn Dettmer
- 28 Cindy Campbell

Going Green!

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JUNE GRADUATES

- Billy Finn:** Emerson College, Boston, MA
- Scott Frevert:** Eastport South Manor High School
- Shannon Giere:** Westhampton Beach High School
- 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
- Robert Tureski:** Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
- Taylor Wagner:** Westhampton Beach High School, attending RIT in Sept.

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