



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2015



A June Word from Chuck Cary

Some recommendations for your summer reading list:

Skloot, Rebecca The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

I heard this author speak as a keynoter at the ACRP (Association of Clinical Research Professionals) convention in Salt Lake City. Her non-fiction documents the often sordid history of cell research, and the exploitation of a person and family of color in the last half of the 20th century.

Hall, Ron and Moore, Denver Same Kind of Different as Me

Recommended by Maik Jornitz, this is a story of a modern day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together.

Duncan, David James My Story As Told By Water

Here is a nature writer in an award-winning series of essays in which he helps us see the rape of creation through human avarice and indifference. He also lauds those who are making a difference and points to success stories of those who help heal creation.

Morrison, Toni God Help the Child

America's premier author introduces, entertains, educates, and as always inspires.

McMillen, Sally G. Lucy Stone: An Unapologetic Life

A biography of an early abolitionist and advocate of women's property rights.

Sankovitch, Nina Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Celebrating The Joys of Letter Writing

This is not a "how to", instructional manual. It is so much more. I believe it is a must read in our era of abbreviated, truncated communication. It contains an interesting anecdote. Emily Dickinson wrote a letter in response to a request for a photo of herself. She had no picture to send, so she wrote: "I am small, like the wren; and my hair is bold, like the chestnut bur; and my eyes, like the sherry in the glass that the guest leaves. Would this do just as well?"

Spend time with the greatest book ever written. Read one of the Gospels from start to finish. Of course, put at the top of your reading list the text for each week's sermon. Come to worship prepared to hear, engage, and critique. An emerging dream is a series of book reviews of our summer reading in the opening adult class in September. Stay tuned!

For now, see you in church!

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

- June 7** **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Chuck Cary shares leadership with former student:
The Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase of Racine, Wisconsin
- June 14** **Recognition Sunday**
Final Sunday of Program Year
Sacrament of Baptism for Victoria Carrick,
infant daughter of new member Casandra Carrick and
husband Joshua.
- June 21** **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 AM Quogue Chapel, corner of Beach Lane
and Quogue Streets in Quogue
10:15 AM Quogue Sanctuary
Childcare and supervised Church
School for elementary age children
Both Chapel and Sanctuary are air-conditioned!
- June 28** **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
40th Anniversary of Rev. Cary's Ordination to
Ministry. He will be preaching at both services at
The New Providence Presbyterian Church in
Maryville, TN

Youth Ministry News

What a month! Can't believe that May is almost over. The Youth Group has had a busy month.

Confirmation was a big part of May. It was my first time team-teaching this class and I must say I learned new things and re-affirmed things I already knew. The confirmands Blake, Grant, Cole, Derek and Camille were put to the test by gathering all that they knew and learned to prepare their Statement of faith to be presented to session and to be confirmed on the 17th. I will miss our Sunday morning meetings that we spent learning about Jesus and the Bible and our Faith.

The youth also participated with the church clean up, and met to gather ideas for events/meetings over the summer. Our annual bike rally took place on the 16th, after some minor glitches it was smooth sailing. I have to admit it was by far the smoothest one I've hosted! Thank you to all the volunteers, it couldn't have happened without you.

As I write this we are putting the final touches on Youth Sunday. We look forward to sharing our good deeds, time and talents and paying it forward. See you on the 31st. June/July/August brings us to a lighter schedule with school ending, graduation and summer vacation/jobs. Stay abreast on up coming activities through church attendance, emails, youth bulletin board, church website, and Facebook.

— Kathy Tureski

Church Family News

We extend Christian sympathy to:
Scott Campbell and family upon the death of his sister, Christine Campbell Shettsline in Pennsylvania on April 29th.

Cathy Duemler and family upon the death of husband Leigh on May 4 in Florida. A memorial service over the summer will be announced.

On May 3rd, we welcomed new member **Casandra Carrick** of Westhampton Beach. Casandra and husband Joshua recently welcomed daughter Victoria, whose baptism is scheduled for June 14 here at WPC.

Congratulations are in order for **Siri Howard** and **Max Quinlan** who were married on May 17th. Siri is the daughter of Linda Howard and the late John Howard. Her step-father, the Rev. John Kloepfer officiated

Blake Busking, Grant Frevert, Cole Hempel, Derek Jenkins, and Camille Van Der Watt were confirmed on May 17th. Rejoice!

News and Notes



Presbyterian Walkers:

Looking for fellowship and exercise after church? Join the "walkers" on June 7th for a return trip to the Quogue Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet at 12 noon at the west wing door to carpool. Once there choose a .8 mile/25 minute walk around the main pond, or a 1.4 mile north pond loop walk. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a camera and snack. Water will be provided. Restrooms are available. Leaders are Janet Hann and Cheryl Van Tuyle.

Sign Up . . . on the sheets on the Parish Hall bulletin board for the next Treks n Tours to the **Bayard Cutting Arboretum** (see p. 4 for more info) on **June 11th** and the **Church Picnic** on **June 14th**.

PW Notes

What a wonderful time we had at the Inn Spot in Hampton Bays for the Ladies Who Lunch spring outing. The weather was perfect, the view on to the Bay was inspiring, the food was good, and the company at the tables was just great! Thank you to everyone who was able to join in: Rev. Chuck and Millie Cary, Eleanor Hoyt, Gale Seidler, Pam Chance, Marilyn Wood, Peggy Childs, Pat Shima, Cheryl Van Tuyle, Marge Beckwith, Betty Donohue, Barbara Danowski, Karen Derryberry, Claire Berry, and myself. The program of the day was simply for everyone to catch up and enjoy the day! It was a very successful day.

We're sorry to have missed some of you but take a look at the upcoming summer events. **PW's Strawberry Shortcake Party** (June 10th, 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall), **the Church Picnic** (following Sunday service, June 14th), and **the Summer Treasure Sale** (July 11th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm).

There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please think of and let us know what you might want to bring for the Picnic tables! Regarding the Summer Treasure Sale your treasures can be brought to the church in late June (and please clearly label that donated items are for the Treasure Sale).

PW will not meet for their regular monthly lunches in July and August, but we invite you to join us at our next monthly meeting in September.

See you soon, and God Bless.

PW meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Jeanette W. Smith

Elizabeth Circle—"Teachable Moments"

A racist song captured on video led to the expulsion of two students from the University of Oklahoma and the shuttering of the campus fraternity to which they belonged.

Was this a time for conversation and intervention?

Were teachable moments missed in this case?

Do we believe in a God of second chances?

Do we believe in a God who is a Master Teacher?

Do we believe in the power of Grace?

Thank you Marilyn for bringing us this study from "The Wired Word". Millie, Gale, Pam, Marilyn, Pat, Nancy, Barbara and Linni had a very deep and thought provoking discussion around our church kitchen table. We shared honestly and opened our hearts to each other.

Join us on Monday, June 1st, in the church kitchen for another lively discussion!

"The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything."

Author Unknown



Vacation Bible School July 19-23, 2015

At G-Force VBS, kids explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. Our church will come alive the week of July 19th-23rd with movement and images of all sorts of kid-friendly transportation like skateboards, running shoes, roller blades and more! Join us at VBS this summer to watch the G-force meter climb, illustrating how God is at work around the world and how God's people are on the move.

Registration forms will be distributed in Sunday School classes and will be available in the Church Office and at the picnic on June 14th. A suggested donation of \$15 per child is appreciated but not required and includes all materials, dinner and snacks each evening. Walk-ins are welcome but pre-registrations are soooo helpful! VBS is open to all children Grades Kg-5 and you don't have to be a member of WPC to attend! Older children and youth are welcome to join us as volunteers.

For more information, contact Ellen Campbell at ecampbell18@optonline.net

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

WESTHAMPTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL:

Emily Bak: will be attending
Hobart William Smith College

Zachary Downs

Peter Sulzinski

Alex Williams: departing in July
for US Navy

EASTPORT/SOUTH MANOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Madeline Campbell: will be at-
tending SUNY Plattsburgh

COLLEGES:

James Spencer Baird

SUNY Maritime
BS in Marine Transportation

Victoria Campbell

Stony Brook University
BS in Health Science

Alec Christ

Buffalo State College
BS in Economics

Cara Oslager

Mass. General Hospital
Institute of Health Professions
BS in Nursing

Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Bayard Cutting Arboretum was donated to the Long Island State Park Region by Mrs. William Bayard Cutting and her daughter, Mrs. Olivia James, in memory of her husband, William Bayard Cutting. The intent of the donation was “to provide an oasis of beauty and quiet for the pleasure, rest and refreshment of those who delight in outdoor beauty; and to bring about a greater appreciation and understanding of the value and importance of informal plant-

Deacons' Corner: What Do the Deacons Do?

This is the time of the year when the nomination committee begins to look for people for next year's boards. You may get a call to be a deacon and then ask yourself “what is a deacon and what exactly do they do?” Deacons are twelve individuals who nurture, care for and correspond with the congregation, friends of the church and to some extent the community at large. We also have one youth deacon who keeps us up on the activities of the young people in our congregation.

The deacons meet once a month and discuss concerns of the church. We offer prayers and get well cards for those who are sick and have passed on. We send cards to those who might just need a greeting because they can't participate in worship. The cards are available for the congregation to sign. People in need will be offered a meal. The meals come with a visit and usually the recipient enjoys the visit more. Congregants, who are 80 years old and over, receive birthday cards. Booklets about grief are given to the family of those who have suffered a loss of a family member. The booklets are sent throughout the year and are found to be comforting.

The congregation is divided into twelve groups called vines and assigned a deacon. Each deacon is responsible for reaching out to the people in their vine four times a year. The idea of this was so that everyone would have some contact and not fall through the cracks so to speak.

The deacons are responsible for getting the ushers for the worship services and distributing the flowers afterwards. They distribute the poinsettias after Christmas and the many plants after Easter.

A committee of deacons is responsible for special receptions. Times of joy as well as sorrow which require a simple reception are provided by these talented individuals. The deacons organize our annual Thanksgiving food collection baskets with the youth group in order that people in the community who wouldn't be able to have a Thanksgiving dinner do. The deacons also are responsible for organizing the adopt a family program at Christmas. Again those who wouldn't have a Christmas have one thanks to those generous people in the congregation. Throughout the year, the deacons bring the collected food in the back of the church to the Immaculate Conception Church where it is distributed to the local food pantries.

A closet of crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and commodes are housed on the east side of the church. The deacons are responsible for overseeing this closet. The items in the closet are available to be lent to the community for those in need.

I have been a deacon and a recipient of good will from the deacons having received a delicious meal after one of my car accidents. My elderly mother is currently using items from the deacon's closet and has received a few cards from the deacons. But for me, the real joy comes from providing flowers to a recovering individual, spending time with a lonely shut in, seeing the widower who has just received a homemade bag of cookies or embracing the grateful family who didn't have to think of a reception in their time of grief. Is this you?

— Chris Haddad

A Letter of Thanks from Scott Brubaker

May 4, 2015

Dear Westhampton Presbyterian Church:

It has been an exciting 2 weeks! As you know, in December of 2014 I was diagnosed with a brain tumor and metastasized melanoma of the lungs and liver, likely from a skin melanoma removed in 2011. It was not looking good. Lots of people and churches started praying for us, hundreds of people across the world, many every day, people like you and churches like yours.

Suddenly, after 1 regime (4 infusions) of treatment, in April of 2015 pursuant to a PET scan, I was miraculously determined to be free of cancer and needing no more treatments! Less than 10% of people respond so completely and quickly. We will be forever convinced that God did a miracle and answered those prayers by using the treatments to destroy the cancer. Just as suddenly as this had started, it was over and done. I will continue to receive follow up scans. The medical community is in disagreement over the likelihood of this type of cancer recurring but that is for another day to worry about and with the new drugs hitting the market for melanoma, one melanoma doctor told me an outright cure is in sight. I'm thankful God let my skin melanoma not metastasize until now, before 2011 there were simply no drugs available and metastasized melanoma was a death sentence.

This note is a big thank you to you for being there for Karen and Scott and our daughters, helping us get through this time. We could never have made it without your love, care, encouragement and prayers. Many, many people and churches in many countries prayed for us, some illegal (the churches and the prayers) in their countries. In an act of mercy God answered our prayers. We are forever grateful to God and to you. You have faithfully walked with us through this time of uncertainty and the unknown and supported us in many, many ways: meals, rides, visits, emails, texts, cards, walks, plants, calls, prayers and prayer meetings. For Scott, this included co-workers never letting him feel left out or forgotten for a second, gym people giving rides, friends coming to visit. Karen's co-workers held a dress down day charity at her school along with the German National Honor Society making a wreath with notes of encouragement, scripture verses and gift cards. The staff and administrators at her school were immensely supportive and thoughtful. Our church family basically fed us for the months of December and January with 7 adults living at our house in addition to multiple overnight guests.

So thank you each and all so much for everything! We have a couple of thoughts we'd like to share, although this is still sinking in! **First, Let's Celebrate!** In response to their request, Jesus healed 10 people with leprosy in Luke Chapter 17. Only one came back to thank Him. We want to be the one who stopped and thanked Him. In December many folks gathered at our church to pray for healing for Scott. God answered those prayers miraculously, timely, and completely. So please consider this an invitation to attend a short prayer *celebration* to thank God for healing at Crossing Community Church, 80 Lower Silver Lake Road, Newtown, PA on Wednesday, May 20th with a light dinner served around 6.

What Scott Has Learned from all this (so far).

I learned that I'm not afraid to die. I'm glad I believe that Jesus died for me, in my place, as my substitute, punished for the things I do wrong so I am forgiven of all of them and can be assured of going to Heaven when I die. Not being afraid of death and what happens after this life has been the biggest single source of contentment to me. The Bible says: 'Therefore there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus'. (Romans 8:1) and '... Everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' (Acts 10:43). I never doubted that this would 'end well' for me – I just didn't know if the 'well' part would be in this life or the next.

I have a great wife, family, and community around me. I knew that, but now I've experienced it. I'm glad my daughters are here or coming home.

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God answers prayer; in my case suddenly and completely; sometimes using people, medicine or nutrition, but no matter what He uses, He is the great Healer behind all healing, the Answerer of prayer in His way and time. My daughter in Guam and I had just been saying 2 weeks ago that when God has accomplished His purposes for this, it will be over. I was fortunate that my trial was short and ended this way. Had it not, God would not be any less good.

It is good to be connected to God's family here on earth, the church, and to other loving and caring people like you. To be in community when trials come is a blessing we experienced.

God never gave me more than I could handle without Him. He was gentle. There always seemed to be a limit or restraint in the big things, slow growing cancer, the brain tumor in a good place, easy to remove (scheduled for 6 hours but took 45 minutes), no brain damage, enough sick time at work, a mild and dry December in which to start my walking program to recover from surgery, as well as the little things like rides when I needed them, getting back to driving early or hair growing back after radiation. Whenever things threatened to get too hard He would send some good news, refreshing people, or big or little blessings to get me through. His constant presence was an anchor for me. Psalm 3:3 says: "... You Lord are a shield around me." I felt that shield around me.

I'm glad I was not and am not bothered by the 'why did this happen to me' question – it's just not an issue with me. I know that God doesn't waste pain and knowing that is good enough for me. I doubt I will know the specific why's of this event this side of Heaven and that is ok with me. In the Bible Jesus was asked why a man had been born blind. He answered: 'So that the work of God might be displayed in his life'. (John 9). We have just seen the work of God displayed in another life - mine.

God also never let me feel sorry for myself by always letting me see much sicker people than I was – lots of them at U Penn, lots younger than me, and lots of them won't be getting better.

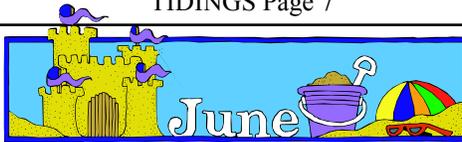
I'm learning that God can be glorified and honored in many ways in our lives, sometimes simply by us being grateful and acknowledging Him as the source of good in the big and small things.

Scott's healing has less to do with him and more to do with God and His purposes and plans. Even if He hadn't healed me, my and Karen's stories will end well forever because we have a relationship with Him. Our prayer is that this cancer won't be wasted. Our prayer is that God will be acknowledged and glorified in this. Would you please pause to thank and praise Him for this miracle among us?

In the Bible, God performed miracles or answered prayer to prove His existence, demonstrate His power, or validate the testimony of His people. We believe Scott's healing is an invitation for you to start a personal relationship with Him. God wants His children to go through this life knowing that they will spend forever in Heaven with Him. It begins with a relationship which you can experience starting now by believing that: Eternal life is a free gift. Out of God's radical love for us, the price of that gift has been paid in full by Him. This gift becomes our possession when we accept it as being true for us, individually and personally. Jesus' death as scapegoat, sin bearer and substitute has satisfied God's justice and appeased His wrath. It is not what we do but what He did that has made a relationship with Him possible for those who would come to rely on His death on the cross as full payment for their sins rather than depending on what they do by their good works, religion, church, etc. – people who realize that we cannot save ourselves or earn a relationship with God, but who accept by faith Jesus' death as full payment for their transgressions. *Jesus said, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent.'* (John 6:29). We look forward to seeing you all at the prayer celebration on May 20!

Love,

Scott and Karen



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Elizabeth Circle	2 10am Staff 7pm Deacons	3	4	5 9:15am Mission Committee	6 11am-1pm Hospice meeting in Parish Hall
7 Communion	8	9 6:30 pm Session	10 1pm PW Strawberry shortcake dessert	11 Treks n Tours	12	13 9am-12pm Round Dune Condo meeting
14 Recognition Sunday/Last day of SS/ Church Picnic Victoria Carrick Baptism	15	16 7pm Trustees	17	18	19	20 Timperman/ Paprotna wedding- Chapel Tidings Deadline - July/August
21 Father's Day 9am 1st Sunday of Chapel Worship 10:15am Worship in Sanctuary	22	23 Presbytery Meeting— Setauket	24	25	26	27
28 Summer worship schedule	29	30				

WEEKLY:
Worship: Sunday 10am Sanctuary; Summer Worship starts 6/21: 9am Chapel, 10:15am Sanctuary
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

		15	Ellen and Paul Pfaff
		15	Tucker Collins
		16	Grenville "G" and Lisa Gooder
2	Henry Tamis		
3	Hunter Wootten	17	Abigail Ketner
3	Libby Coltea	17	Micki Niebanck
3	Traci Duke and Cary Glotzer	18	Matt Hoge
4	Lynn and Mark Jones	18	Ellen Campbell
9	Amy and Brian Mosher	18	Ryan Zollweg
9	Peter Sulzinski	20	Greyson David
10	Bob Johnson	21	David and Betsy Rowe
10	Anne Charles	23	Nikki Schindler
11	Brittany Bauer	23	Holly and Ralph Hubbard
12	Carol and Joe Nemeth	25	Paige Golding
12	Halsey Surgan	25	Stephanie Shea
14	Julia Ketner	28	Lynn Frielinghaus
14	Janet Hann	28	Cindy Campbell
14	Andrea and Bob Lohneiss	28	Wendy and Lou Hornick
15	Meryle and John King	29	Alvin Wintermyer

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ing." The site was originally wooded and many of the large oaks now seen were retained during the clearing of the land. The current collection of fir, spruce, pine, cypress, hemlock, yew and other lesser known conifers is still probably the most extensive to be found on Long Island. Contained within the collection are several trees which, regionally, are the largest of their species. Also found are extensive plantings of dwarf evergreens, rhododendron, azaleas, hollies and oaks. Wildflowers and daffodils are featured in many native woodland locations. Combined with the site's ponds and streamlets, these areas also provide opportunities to observe a broad range of land and aquatic birds and occasional glimpses of fox, raccoon and other small wildlife.

For more info . . . <http://www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/TrailBrochure.pdf>

