



# TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MARCH 2015

## A March Word from Chuck Cary

Just when you think their brutality could get no worse, ISIS, that inchoate purveyor of violence, executes 21 Coptic Christians for no reason other than their faith. The Copts represent a shrinking minority of Christians in Egypt. Many have emigrated to America where they find relief and greater sanctuary. The 21 men murdered were in Libya, desperate for a decent paying job. Economics often drive social disintegration. Combine extreme poverty with religious extremism and you have a lethal mix. We dedicated our modest offering at this year's Ash Wednesday service to the support of the surviving Coptic families. A pastor in Patchogue took it upon himself to call for interfaith prayer for an end to ruthless murders such as the ones we witnessed.

One of the cartoons I saw projected an ISIS warrior getting ready to behead the entire religion of Islam. The message was clear and apt. There is nothing in the Koran, as there is ultimately nothing in our Christian Scriptures which justifies the killing of the innocents. Violence in the name of one's religion degrades that religion. Peace and reconciliation in the name of one's religion ennobles all religion. The Middle East, the cradle of civilization, has become a hotbed of danger and death. High rates of unemployment and poverty make one forget the advancement of the Arab spring just a few years ago.

This Lenten season, our 40 day pilgrimage to Jerusalem is an opportunity to remember and pray for an end to the suffering of others, regardless of their faith. It is also a period in which we reflect on our own complexities in the world's brokenness. We work and pray, ironically, in the name of the Holy One who conquered violence by dying a violent death. He mustered no defense on His own behalf. One of His last words or phrases we recall is: "Father forgive them, they know not what they do". Jesus of Nazareth is His name.

I am proud to stand with the entire Coptic Church in Egypt and here in America. I am proud of all which unites us, our baptism in the Lord. Each time the reality of Christ's cross appears in your consciousness, may you remember the saving death of Him who died there, and the purpose of that death. May you remember and become partners in the world's healing. God knows, there's too much death and destruction otherwise. See you in church!

### THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

**MARCH 1 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Lenten Festival for Children and Youth to follow Children's Message and Worship—Bailey Hall  
Matthew 12:38-42

**MARCH 6 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
Friday, 5:30 PM—Sanctuary  
All Women of our community invited.

**MARCH 8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Girl Scout Sunday, Daylight Savings  
Time begins. Luke 19:41-44

**MARCH 15 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Mark 10:32-34

**MARCH 22 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Mark 13:21-23

**MARCH 29 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**  
Children and Family Processional  
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

## Youth Ministry News

A big round of applause to all who helped us with our Souper Bowl of Caring soup sale and food collection on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We collected about 45 pieces of canned goods and collected \$500.00 to purchase grocery cards for the food pantry.

Our Midnight Run was postponed due to extreme weather, but looking for another date perhaps in the summer or early fall.

We have rescheduled our All church outing to Heifer Farms in Massachusetts (hopefully most of the snow will be gone!) on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>. It will still be an early ferry and later one home. Look for the sign up on the youth bulletin board.

The confirmands, Derek, Cole, Blake, Grant and Camille have been busy learning about The Bible, New & Old Testaments and Psalms so far. They are looking forward to the retreat @ Camp DeWolfe on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Look for the confirmands helping with worship during Lent too.

Don't forget to mark your calendar to see **GOPSPELL** at Westhampton Beach High school the week-end of March 20, 21 & 22. Check out the Youth Board for show times! Once again we have participates from our congregation and Mrs. Rosemary Cline is directing!

## Church Family News

The church has received word of the death of Carolyn Dettmer on February 7th in Winter Park, Florida. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Our Christian sympathy goes to the family.

## *Easter Flower / LI Brass Order Form*

Please select the plants you would like to order, or amount you wish to donate to the LI Brass, fill in the dedication and return this form with your check by Palm Sunday, March 29th. You may mail your order to 90 Meeting House Rd., Westhampton Beach, drop it in the collection plate, or bring it to the church office. Please make check payable to Westhampton Presbyterian Church, noting Easter Flowers/LI Brass in the memo section.

I would like to order:

\_\_\_\_\_ Double Lilies @ \$27.00 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Lilies @ \$17.00 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils @ \$15.00 each. Total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips @ \$15.00 each. Total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths @ \$15.00 each. Total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas @ \$25.00 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to offset cost of LI Brass \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given  in loving memory of  in honor of

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By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether you would like to take your plant after the 11 AM service or if you would like the Deacons to take your plant to a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave my plant for a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant home after the 11 AM service.

## Join Us for World Day of Prayer 2015

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6, 2015. This year, the women of the WDP Committee of The Bahamas call us to consider Jesus' words to the disciples after washing their feet: "Do you understand what I have done for you?" The women of the Bahamas describe what Jesus does when he washed the disciples' feet as "radical love." Radical love comes from humility, compassion and commitment. God's radical love is not static or self-centered; it reaches out and draws others in.

Although we perhaps first associate this country of islands with the pleasures of vacation and images of tropical paradise, there is much more to learn. As we listen to our Bahamian sisters throughout the worship service, we see the transformation that occurs when a teen mother finds support to continue her education and raise her child, when a breast cancer survivor and people living with HIV/AIDS find strength to live out their journeys, and when the chains of oppression are broken. Through this service, the women of WDP Bahamas give us an invitation to beauty and love in the name of the transformative and radical love that Jesus brings to us all.

This year's service will be held on Friday, March 6th at 5:30 PM at the Westhampton Presbyterian Church. We invite you to celebrate Bahamian culture with worship, dance, music, and food.

Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the women of The Bahamas in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward welcoming the stranger. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in the Bahamas and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, discrimination and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year a different country's World Day of Prayer committee serves as the writers of the worship service.

Committee members: Linni Deihl, Rev. Jeanne Baum, Nancy Winters, Glorya Johnson and Lynne Jones

## Presbyterian Women News

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> PW met for a sandwich / dessert luncheon to discuss events which will take place in March.

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> WPC will host the International World Day of Prayer. The service will take place at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. Coffee / tea and light refreshments will be provided by PW after the prayer service begins in the Parish Hall.

The Circle Meeting which meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in the church library.

PW will host an Open Invitation Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Our plans are for a warming Hawaiian themed luncheon. The number of attendees is important in food preparation so there is a sign-up

sheet in the parish hall, and we encourage you to sign up if you are able to join us for lunch and escape the last blasts of winter.

The Spring Rummage sale is on our calendar for April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Clean, useable items may be dropped off at the church office, between 9am - 12 noon after Easter Sunday. Of course we will appreciate help in setting up the sale items during the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open on Friday at 9:00am - 3:00pm, and Saturday (the \$5.00 / bag sale) from 9:00am - 12:30pm.

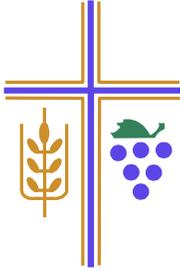
PW wants to give a special note of thanks to our Sexton, John Peters, for all of his help and hard work in the church. His thoughtfulness always goes beyond our asking or expectations and we so much appreciate all he does for us.

**March 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 Lenten Festival</i>	<i>2 7pm Eliza- beth Circle (Geer Library)</i>	<i>3 10am Staff 7pm Deacons</i>	<i>4 9:15 Mission Committee</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6 World Day of Prayer</i>	<i>7 Daylight Sav- ings Time 9am-6pm Confirmation Retreat at Camp De- Wolfe</i>
<i>8 Blanket Sunday</i>	<i>9 Maureen's Haven</i>	<i>10 5pm Music and Worship Committee 6:30 pm Session</i>	<i>11 12 Noon PW Theme Luncheon - Open to con- gregation</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15 Tidings Deadline</i>	<i>16 Maureen's Haven</i>	<i>17 7pm Trustees</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24 Presbytery Meeting— Bridgehamp- ton</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29 Palm Sunday</i>	<i>30 Maureen's Haven</i>	<i>31</i>				

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**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Tova Keblish	16	Daniel Staniford	25	Lily Burns
1	Barbara and Anthony Danowski	17	Tom Zaloga	27	Jim Sperber
4	Pete Seidler	18	John Comba	29	Jane Post
6	Pat Barile	16	Stephanie and Ed Shea	30	Donna Goebel and Korey Williams
7	Meg Baird	21	Betsy Fox	31	Bill Manker
7	Gavin Jessup	22	Kimet Speed	31	Spencer Baird
8	Abbygail Lappin	23	Pam Chance Herzing	31	Aram Terchunian
9	Kristina Carter	23	Justin Shiu	31	Lisa Gooder
9	Carol Nemeth	24	Casey Pitcher	31	Carter Howerton
11	Brad Ravenhall	24	Reagan Schindler		
11	Georgia Gooder		Mary Beth and Taf Lundborg		
12	Jennifer Ketner				
12	Kelly Martin				
13	Bunker Seyfert				
14	Kathy Tureski				
15	Ben Larson				
15	Adam Shea				
16	Quinn Pitcher				
16	Marie and Vincent Yervasi				

Don't Forget



Daylight Savings Time

**MARCH 7th!**