



TIDINGS

WESTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 2016

A Easter Word from Chuck Cary

Three springs ago the great city of Boston, Massachusetts experienced a horrible tragedy. At the end of the Boston Marathon a terrorist explosion killed three and injured many more. The search for those responsible left an entire city in lockdown and fear. It also left the rest of us worried. We know people in Boston. Several member children and young adults live there, go to school there. They were shaken by the home made explosions which were designed to kill and alter our way of life. Many wondered if they would ever run the marathon again. Would there be the same kind of “freedom of assembly” in this historic port city?

I believe in the resurrection and the life. But, the events of human history challenge this belief. When murder and mayhem threaten anarchy, and when the death of innocents pulls the rug from beneath us, I wonder. I wondered for example, if Boston would welcome runners again from all over the world to put one foot in front of the other. I wondered if Patriot’s Day in the commonwealth would witness the traditional crowds cheering on the athletes, or if the New York City marathon would take place on the first weekend of November? How do we celebrate the great festival of the resurrection when spirits are burdened with grief and dreams give way to doubts?

Folks had drawn the same conclusions about Jesus. Most figured that following His crucifixion He would be held captive by the tomb. The Romans who had administered the capital punishment wanted to see Jesus gone. They were tired of the way He inspired the people, and a little more than concerned that He might cause an insurrection. They called Jesus a loser publicly, but just to be sure, rolled a stone across the entrance to His crypt. They figured that with the right amount of intimidation and control, Jesus would soon fade into the recesses of human memories like a bad dream.

Then something happened that can only be described as a miracle. The one who was dead rose, and in the process, signaled God’s defeat of death and vindication of life. The messiah whom everyone thought was dead and gone, had been raised to show forth the presence of God forever. Two disciples were on the road to Emmaus as told by Luke. They were downcast when the risen Christ, anonymously, joined them in their sad journey. Their eyes were so filled with grief and dejection that they did not recognize Him. But, the miracle of Easter was not over. As they welcomed the risen Lord to table, Luke declares that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.

Rembrandt Van Ryn, the genius artist who didn’t have a clue when it came to managing his money, was so fascinated with the story and details of Easter that He painted John’s version of the resurrection six different times. In one scene, it is as though the risen Lord stares death in the face and refuses to blink.

We have so much to celebrate because of Easter and the resurrection of the Lord. Three services are in store, a sunrise service on the beach at the Swordfish Club, 9:00 and 11:00 here at the main sanctuary with the accompaniment of the Long Island Brass Guild. Bring your entire self to worship on Easter Day. Prepare to leave behind all vestiges of death and fear. We have the blessed opportunity on March 27 to say, “Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!” See you in church!

This Month In Worship

- MARCH 6** **4th Sunday in Lent**
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- MARCH 13** **5th Sunday in Lent**
 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 Girl Scout Sunday
- MARCH 20** **Palm Sunday**
 100th Celebration for John Comba
 The Beginning of Holy Week
- MARCH 24** **Maundy Thursday**
 Tenebrae Service and Holy Communion 7PM
 Quogue Chapel, corner of Quogue St./Beach La.
- MARCH 25** **Good Friday**
 Ecumenical Service at Beach Methodist, WHB
 Noon until 3PM
 5PM Stations of the Cross—Manorville Shrine
- MARCH 27** **Easter/Resurrection of the Lord**
 6:30AM Sunrise Service at the Swordfish Club
 (parking on Dune Rd.—North side)

Church Family News

The Church expresses Christian Sympathy to the family of Marion Rupprecht upon her death January 26th. Marion was an active member of Presbyterian Women.

The Church also shares sorrow with Russell Babis and family upon the recent death of his brother, Douglas John Babis on February 7th.

In February we celebrated with Bill & Hanne Manker on the birth of Matthew Paul Ariles, their great-grandson. Rejoice!

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- 9AM First Service
 - 10AM Children's Activities
 - 11AM Second Service

***The Lord Is Risen!
 He Is Risen Indeed!***

Westhampton Presbyterian's Youth Group with visiting youth from Wings as Eagles Ministry. The group of Oglala Lakota Native Americans travelled to Westhampton from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. (More information on p. 3)



Rogers Beach—February 21, 2016

Youth Ministry News



A BIG round of applause to our chefs who made soup for our Souper Bowl Sale. All the soups were a huge success. We raised \$435.00 for Long Island Council of Churches.

What a great visit with the Lakota kids from Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The kids loved the aquarium in Riverhead but I believe our visit to Rogers Beach was the bigger impact. How fun it was to see the reactions of the kids seeing the Atlantic Ocean for the first time—watching their eyes wide with amazement, then running and frolicking in the sand and surf. Then to just sit back and meditate...take it all in. It was truly one of my highlights watching their reaction to something we often take for granted. I envision our youth taking a more active role to help support the Wings as Eagles Ministries.

We're also scheduled to help with the Lenten Festival that takes place after the writing of this message.....I'm sure the kids will enjoy the festival making crafts and dyeing eggs as they prepare for Easter.

Spring is right around the corner and that means the High School Musical's are open for all to see. First up is Eastport's "**Little Shop Of Horrors**" on March 4th – 5th. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased on their website. Show times are Friday & Saturday at 7:00 and Sunday at 1:00. Westhampton Beach's is "**The Pirates Of Penzance**" where you will see several WPC youth group members performing. It is scheduled for March 18th – 20th, their admission is free and show times are Friday & Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:00.

We will start to look for a new mission project to do, and plan our Youth Sunday Service scheduled for April 17th. Mark your calendar! Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

Wishing all a very Happy Easter!
Kathy

Per Capita

Per Capita is our annual contribution to the greater good of the Presbyterian Church. You will find the Per Capita envelope in your set of offering envelopes and in the pews.

This year's Per Capita amount is \$31.02 per member.

What is the definition of Per Capita?

Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the mid councils to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians.

I second this statement, as I believe we have to reach out from our local thinking and support the global church, the global community: the communities and congregations which are not as blessed as we are.

These congregations, which often need to be built or rebuilt, or may need a new reverend — one who requires the right education and continued presbytery support.

Per capita is also used to fund and explore new congregational areas, where the word of our church can be spread and manifested.

During session meetings we hear from Chuck about Presbyterian Churches all around the world. The Mission Yearbook is a fascinating book, which brings you on a journey to a country, where you

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Presbyterian Women's News

Due to the severe winter weather, PW postponed the scheduled Feb. 10th luncheon and met instead on Feb. 24th.

Essentially we want to remind the congregation - ladies and gentlemen - that we will be hosting a casual and delicious buffet luncheon on Wednesday March 9th at 12 noon. While March will be a busy month for everyone, with many reasons to celebrate, if you are able, please join us on the 9th. A signup sheet is posted in the Parish Hall for the Open Luncheon, and will give us a better idea of how many to prepare for. We'll look forward to seeing your name on the RSVP list.

In the meanwhile stay warm and be safe!

Jeanette W. Smith

Celebrate with John Comba on His 100th Birthday!

Join John and his family as they celebrate his birthday at coffee hour on Palm Sunday, March 20th.

Comba Birthday Fund

A donor has pledged a challenge gift of \$4,000 in honor of John Comba and his 100th birthday this month. The gifts would form an honorary fund in the WPC endowment whose proceeds would support the operations expenses of Westhampton Presbyterian Church. Help honor John by making his home church the best possible congregation. Give generously, marking your check by writing "Comba Birthday Fund" on the memo. Rejoice!

Happy Birthday!

EASTER FLOWER / LI BRASS ORDER FORM

Please select the plants you would like to order, and/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 20th. 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 \$ _____

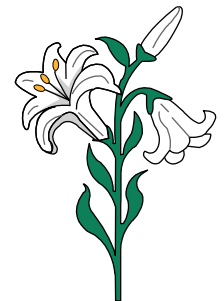
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By _____

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.



MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm Deacons	2 12pm Staff	3	4 4pm World Day of Prayer 5pm Stations of the Cross-Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville	5
6 Blanket Sunday Girl Scout Sunday 11:15am Adult Study	7	8 6:30pm Session	9 12 noon PW Luncheon Open to the Congregation	10	11 5pm Stations of the Cross-Manorville	12 WHB St. Patrick's Day Parade
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 11:15am Adult Study	14 5pm Maureen's Haven	15 7pm Trustees	16	17	18 5pm Stations of the Cross-Manorville	19
20 Palm Sunday Tidings Deadline Coffee hour celebration for John Comba	21 5pm Maureen's Haven	22	23	24 Maundy Thursday 7pm - Communion Service at Chapel	25 Good Friday - Office Closed 12-3pm Service at Beach Methodist 5pm Stations of the Cross-Manorville	26
27 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise Swordfish Club) 9/11am - Sanctuary 10am Easter Egg Hunt	28	29	30	31	WEEKLY: Adult Study: Sunday 11:15am Worship: Sunday 10am Sanctuary Choir: Sunday 9:30 and 11:15am Chapel Choir: 1st and 3rd Thursdays 7-8pm AA: Sunday 12 and 7:30pm, Wednesday 7pm, Saturday 10am Maureen's Haven: 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Mondays 5pm	

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Your issue of the March Tidings

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

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would not even imagine a Presbyterian church would have a chance, but there they are. Our community members can be in the midst of sometimes hostile circumstances, thriving. Thriving due to our Per Capita support, as our contributions are used to support such congregations and let's them know that we are standing strong with them. That all of us have the same belief and faith, even when such congregation's faith is often challenged, can help them stay strong due to their knowledge of us, of our support.

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your share of \$31.02. By contributing your portion of Per Capita, our church will be able to utilize this budget line item for our church's operating needs, instead of compensating \$7,000 on an annual basis.

If you haven't yet contributed, we hope you will consider doing so.

Thank you so much for you tireless support!

Maik Jornitz, Financial Secretary

Celebrate!