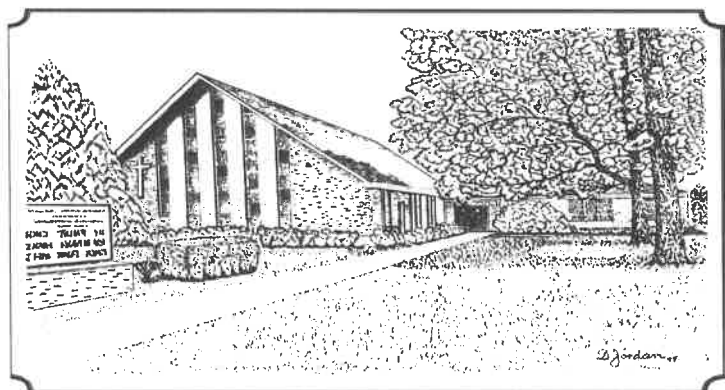


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Dear Friends

This Sunday we will begin worship in the sanctuary. These are the guidelines provided by the New York Conference UCC in consultation with the state of New York. We are following these guidelines because we want to keep members of our congregation safe. We hope to see you this Sunday as we resume indoor worship!

• In-person worship limited to 50, if your sanctuary square footage allows for this, while maintaining 6 ft between individuals in each direction. Therefore, your sanctuary must have at least 1800 square feet.

Masks **MUST** be worn by everyone entering the building.

Continue online worship recording.

No congregational singing. Consider small (2-3 person) masked ensemble maintaining 6 ft. between singers

No Nursery provided.

No Passing the Peace (Consider alternatives)

Alternative method for offering collection. Encourage online giving.

No Fellowship Hour.

Alternative method for Communion.

Church office open staggering when staff is present. Masks must be worn, if others are present.

Rental Use of building for small (less than 20) masked occupants.

Sincerely,

Ron

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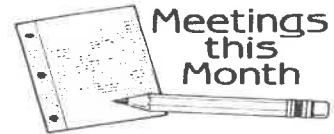
Please keep in your prayers this week:

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| Gavin Taylor | Flo Clausen |
| Arthur Singer | John Moriarity |
| Mateo Cardoza | Charlie Jackson |
| Karen Jackson | Tom Jackson |
| Beverly Perlow | Taylor Kenney |
| Lois Klappert | Michelle Rosenberg |
| Mr. & Mrs. Tiso | |

All who have been affected by COVID 19

We pray all will be well soon.

We would appreciate your keeping us updated and letting us know of any changes. If you have any changes, or if you would like to add someone to the list, who is in need of prayers, call the church at 785-1829.



Sept

Sun. Sept. 27th Semi-Annual Meeting
Directly after church (In the sanctuary)

Oct

Thurs. Oct. 8th	Deacons	7:30 (Zoom)
Sun. Oct. 25th	Council	11:30 (Sanctuary)
Mon. Oct. 26th	Trustees	7:30 (Zoom)

IN PERSON WORSHIP

Our first indoor worship service will be this Sunday, September 20th at 10:00 am. The deacons have been working very hard at making decisions to get us together again. Our number one priority is the safety and well being of everyone. Please make sure to wear your mask when entering the church. There will be ushers there to help seat you, if you need, so that everyone is socially distant. We are looking forward to being together again, although it will be very different. The biggest differences will be that everyone will be masked, we will not be singing hymns, our time of passing the peace will just be a wave from your seat, and there will be no coffee hour. Hopefully as the guidelines change, and our world gets slowly back to normal we will be able to resume our normal Sunday morning rituals.



Mark Your Calendars!!

September

Sunday Sept 27th Semi-Annual Meeting
(after worship)
Hopefully this meeting will be held in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Rally Day will be Sunday September 20th. We are hoping to hold Sunday School outdoors. All families of Sunday school children should look for e-mails from Stacey and Nicole. We are very excited to start a new Sunday school year.



A SAD GOODBYE

We would like to give a big Thank You to Sara Vasilakos, for her 13 years as director of our Nursery School. She has done an outstanding job and will be greatly missed. We wish her much happiness in the next chapter of her life.



THIS WEEK'S SIGN

DEADLINE FOR MESSENGER

If you have an item to be printed in the Messenger, you **MUST** get it to the Church Office no later than **MONDAY NOON**, or place it in the Messenger mail box prior to Monday noon.

There are openings in the schedule for flowers on the Chancel table if anyone would like to place an order in memory or honor of family/friends. To order, call the church office at 785-1829.

Sunday September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Laura Mauer Chancel Deacon
Linda Cortes Usher
Debbie Davis Usher



At a recent Deacon's meeting I again spoke of how I would like to guide our congregation through the process of becoming a "Just Peace" Church. I see this as an extension of our being and "Open and Affirming" congregation. To facilitate this process, I am conducting a series of Saturday evening Zoom meetings in which I will lead a discussion about the process and how we can move toward. This is a ten step process. (see insert to this Messenger) We have a core of people who are participating and if you would like to join us, just let me know.

To begin the process we will be having a "Just Peace" weekend on September 26th and September 27th. We will have a candlelight vigil on the back lawn (weather permitting) at 7PM on the 26th. Our morning worship on Sunday the 27th will have a just peace theme.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED **UCC SPECIAL OFFERING**

The UCC Neighbors in Need special mission offering has begun. Below is a description of what the UCC uses this offering for. If you would like to make a donation, please use any envelope and write NIN on the envelope and your name.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

WEEKLY MEDITATION CLASS **JOIN THROUGH A ZOOM INVITE**

Our meditation class meets on Thursday evening, at 7:00 p.m.. There is no charge, it is free! All are welcome. No reservations required. We are having our meditation meetings by zoom. If you are interested in joining, please call Rev. Ron and he will add your email address to his zoom invitations to this event



WELCOME BACK PIXIE STUDENTS



We want to welcome Pixie students, and wish our nursery school all good things as they start another year. We will be praying for our staff and students, that they may all remain safe and healthy. We would like welcome Jaime in her new roll as director. We hope that this will be an easy transition for her. We know she is going to do a wonderful job as our new director.

Mini Food Drives



Because of the continued shortage of food at the Freeport Emergency Food Pantry, we will have a drive up food drive in the church parking lot **EVERY Monday**. Ron will be there from **10AM to 11AM** to collect donations of food or financial contributions. You can also drop food at the church during the week. Please call 516-785-1829 with questions.

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Upcoming Usher Schedule

Week Of: September 27
 Sharon Cozzoli (Chancel Deacon)
 Lauer Mauer (Usher)
 Margaret Silberger (Usher)

Week of: Oct 4th
 Louise Radzicki (Chancel Deacon)
 Debbie Davis (Usher)
 Kim Walker (Usher)

If you know that you will be unable to serve, please switch with someone from the Usher List and notify the church office of the switch at 785-1829. Thank you.

CROCHET GROUP

Our crochet group has been having zoom meetings weekly, at 8 pm on Tuesdays, to chat, and share work, patterns, projects and ideas. If you would like to join this virtual meeting, send an email to wmcc.deacons@gmail.com



COME ON AND ZOOM

As you have read in this and past Messengers, we have been having worship services (although we are moving back into the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship), bible studies, crocheting and meditation all through zoom!! If you have taken part in any of these ,you have been receiving invites for these zoom events. If you know of someone who has not been able to take part in Sunday morning worship or you think they would like one of our bible studies or meditation you can forward the link to their email and they would be able to join, or they can contact the church or Rev. Ron and give us ,or him their email and we can send them the link directly.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

We are having a Semi-Annual meeting of the church, Sunday September 27, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

This is our third semi-annual meeting. No written reports are required, however, a verbal report from representatives from the boards are needed in order to keep the congregation apprised of events that have transpired since our Annual Meeting in March.



Thank you in advance,
 Margaret Silberger, Moderator

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS PREPAID GIFT CARDS

Remember this is an ongoing fundraiser. There are many holidays throughout the year that we give gift cards. We would really appreciate it if you would buy your gift cards from us. Also, if you purchase an Amazon Gift Card from us, and use it on Amazon Smile, the church will benefit twice. **Thank you in advance for purchasing your Gift Cards from us. If you need an order form please give Karen Jackson a call or send an e-mail to the church and I will e-mail one to you. Please mail your order forms and checks to Karen Jackson, 64 Swan Lane, Levittown, NY 11756.**

There is never any additional fees or any expiration date. If you have any questions, please call Karen Jackson at 516-731-6248 or send an email to casey0704@aol.com.

PROFECTS COMPLETED BY THE TRUSTEES THIS SUMMER

- ◆ Removal of tree in back of church, along with removal of the tree that fell and almost crushed our new sign in front of the church.
- ◆ Trimming of bushes and shrubs.
- ◆ Gutters and Leaders on south side of the parish hall.
- ◆ Metal grates on the windows in the playground area were replaced.
- ◆ Flat roof on the Narthex and church offices was replaced.
- ◆ Roof on the sextons house to be replaced in the next few weeks.
- ◆ Major cleaning and sanitizing of both buildings.

All of these repairs and improvements were necessary, to help to keep the church safe for everyone. We would like to say "Thank You" to the trustees for all of there hard work.

OFFERING ENVELOPES AND DONATIONS

Hi all. If you haven't, and **are able**, you can mail your donations or offering envelopes to the church. Because of the pandemic our donations are very light. Even though we are not meeting in person, we have buildings to maintain. It would be greatly appreciated, if you **are able** to send these donations into the church at, 1845 Wantagh Ave. Wantagh, NY 11793. If you have already sent in your donation, we would like to say, **Thank You**.

September 2020

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
17 7:00 Virtual Meditation	18	19 8:00 Zoom Just Peace Meeting	20 10:00 Back in The Sanctuary	21 10:00 Food Drive Behind the Church in the Parking lot	22 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 8:00 Virtual Crochet	23