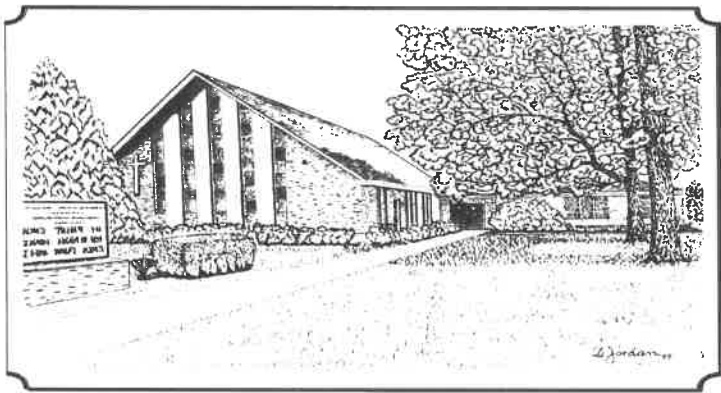


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Dear Friends,

I sit down to write this on International Peace Day. Yesterday was Just Peace Sunday in the United Church of Christ. I “virtually” attended the Veterans for Peace just last month. So, my mind has been focusing on peace issues quite a bit. As a Christian, but also as a veteran I have to hate war whilst still supporting those who are still members of the Armed Forces. It sometimes feels like walking a tightrope.

But one thing I know for sure is that the abolition of nuclear weapons should be an international priority. The destructive power of such weapons makes their abolition a moral (and Christian) imperative.

But it's not just the fear of nuclear annihilation that makes this issue so important. Most of us thought that with the end of the 'cold war' the threat has lessened. But that isn't the case. Nine nations now have nuclear weapons and at a much greater destructive capability than the bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki 75 years ago, this year.

But it is not just the destructive power that compels us to abolish such weapons. In the next 30 years our federal budget will spend \$2.4 trillion to maintain and upgrade such weapons. That is \$100,000 per minute, \$6 million per hour and \$144 million per day. The current administration has expressed a desire to pull out of the nuclear test ban treaty to resume costly nuclear tests. Just think what could be done with that money if it was channeled into infrastructure or social welfare.

On Saturday at 7:00 PM we will be hosting a candlelight peace vigil on the back lawn of the church. A part of the vigil will be a “teach in” about weapons of mass destruction focusing on nuclear weapons. This vigil is held in conjunction with the United Nations Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons which is held each September 26th. I hope that you will attend the vigil.

Sincerely,

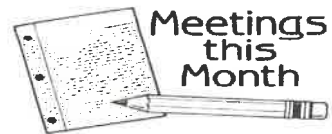
Ron

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 | Peter Sobey |
- 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

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| Sun. Sept. 27th | Semi-Annual Meeting |
| | Directly after church (In the sanctuary) |
| Mon. Sept 28th | Trustees 7:30 pm |

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

IN PERSON WORSHIP

We have begun having Sunday morning worship back in the sanctuary. 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 very happy to be worshipping in person again. 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.



September

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| Sat. Sept. 26th | Just Peace Vigil 7 pm |
| | (On the back lawn) |
| Sun. Sept 27th | Semi-Annual Meeting |
| | (after worship) |

Mark Your Calendars!!



October Birthdays

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| 3rd—Tom Birmingham | 16th—Louise Radzicki |
| 3rd—Nicole Sobey | 17th—Barbara Weber |
| 7th—Betty Dinson | 21st—Jack Benedetto |
| 7th—Lorraine Krayer | 29th—Joyce Wells |
| 8th—Randy Hinrichs | 29th—Aubrie Kalberer |
| 13th—Denise Glasper | |
| 15th—Nathaniel Cortes | |

October Anniversaries

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| 11th—John & Sharon Cozzoli |
| 12th—Fred & Sandy Seitz |
| 22nd—Jeff & Gloria Malin |
| 29th—Rick & Amanda Birmingham |

If you would like to be added to our birthday or anniversary list, or if we have made an error, please contact the church office at 785-1829.



OFFERING ENVELOPES AND DONATIONS

Hi all. Its that time of year when we order offering envelopes for next year. If you did not receive envelopes and would like to receive them for 2021, please contact Janet Seitz, and she will see that you receive them. Also if you would prefer not to have envelopes, please let Janet Seitz know as well. If you are unable to attend church, and are able, we would really appreciate it if you could continue to mail you r donations. 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.**



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 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.

Sharon Cozzoli Chancel Deacon

Margaret Silberger Usher

Laura Mauer Usher



Pentecost



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. 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.

Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please remember the food pantry when you go food shopping. Here is a list of suggested items.

- *Canned Vegetables/Soups/Fruit/Beans
- *100% Fruit Juice (not fruit drink)
- *Dry Milk/Parmalat
- *Pasta, Rice
- *Tomato/Spaghetti Sauce
- *Complete Pancake Mix/Syrup
- *Hot/Cold Cereals
- *Canned Tuna/Chicken/Salmon (in water), Stew
- *Peanut Butter & Jelly
- *Infant formula—Enfamil w/Lipil/Simalac Advance
- *Shampoo, Soap
- *Toothpaste/Brushes—Toiletries
- *Diapers, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper
- *Low sodium items are needed as well

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.

A **fallen** leaf is nothing more than a **summer's** wave goodbye.



Welcome Fall

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Upcoming Usher Schedule

Week Of: October 4th
 Andrea Ash (Chancel Deacon)
 Kim Walker (Usher)
 TBA (Usher)

Week of: Oct 11th
 Louise Radzicki (Chancel Deacon)
 Lori Sobey (Usher)
 Joan Holdsworth (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

Our Semi Annual Meeting is this Sunday, September 27, 2020, at 11:15 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.

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

Deepest Sympathy

It is with deep sympathy that we inform everyone of the passing of Robert "Bob" Atkinson. Bob passed away on August 19, 2020. Bob and Jane were long time members of the church. Bob was also the first sexton of the church for 15 years. Their family lived in the church house for 7 of those 15 years. We would like to send thoughts and prayers to the Atkinson family, in this difficult time.



Messenger Articles

If anyone has an item, whether it be something spiritual, funny, informative, news about the family, etc., for the Messenger, please feel free to submit it to me. **Thank you! Lori**

September 2020

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
24 7:00 Virtual Meditation	25	26 7:00 Just Peace Vigil	27 10:00 Worship	28 10:00 Food Drive Behind the Church in the Parking lot	29 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 8:00 Virtual Crochet	30