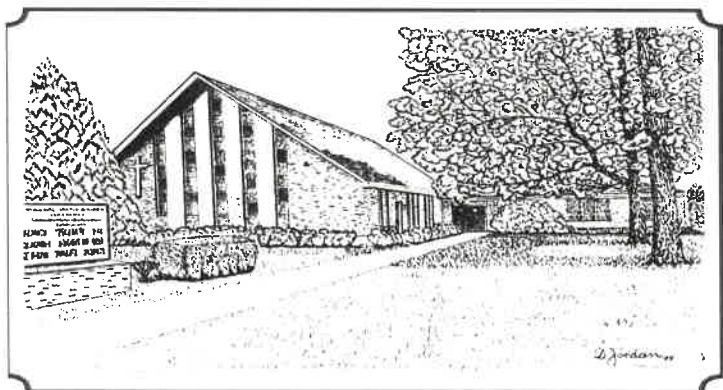


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Dear Friends,

Did you notice the 90 extra people who attended worship on Sunday? You didn't! Well that is how many folks our live streamed and recorded Facebook worship service reached as of Monday afternoon. In a time of Covid-19 we look for blessings wherever we may find them.

The Deacons decided to "go live" when we couldn't meet for regular worship in our sanctuary. Many of you faithfully attended our Zoom services. Then we were able to meet together on the lawn as long as we were masked and kept a proper social distance. Now, we have been able to return to the sanctuary (again masked and keeping social distance) but we also recognized a way that we could continue to reach people beyond our four walls. In fact, we can have folks join us for worship from anywhere around the world!

Over the next few weeks we will continue to improve our production capabilities. But we have already gone virtual. I want to offer special thanks to Andrea Ash for working out many of the details. She spent many hours working on the project, seeking outside support, and being in charge of each Sunday's production.

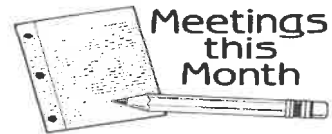
Our Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/wmcclive. If you can't make worship on Sunday you can watch the service as it will be live-streamed. Or, a recording of the service will be on our Facebook page immediately following the service.

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



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

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.



*God didn't promise days without pain,
laughter without sorrow or sun without rain.
But He did promise strength for the day,
comfort for the pain and light for the way.*



October

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| Sat Oct. 10th | 2nd Sat. Bible Study 10 am |
| Tues. Oct. 13th | Fellowship Time 7:00 pm |
| Thurs. Oct 15th | Bible Before Bed 7:30 pm |
| Sat. Oct 31 | Happy Halloween
Trick or Treat
(On the back lawn) |

Mark Your Calendars!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Matt & Jen Malin



Matt and Jen Malin had a baby girl on September 17th at 12:46 am. Her name is Sadie Shea and she weighed in at 7 lbs and 1 ounce. She was 21 inches long. Maisie is thrilled to be a big sister and everyone is doing well. We are very happy to hear the news and wish them all the best.

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.



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 this past year, 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, we would really appreciate it if you could continue to mail your donations to the church at, 1845 Wantagh Ave. Wantagh, NY 11793. Because of the pandemic, donations have been light. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. 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 October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Louise Radzicki Chancel Deacon
Lori Sobey Usher
Joan Holdsworth Usher



Pentecost



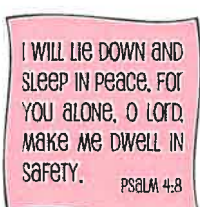
At a recent Deacon's meeting I again spoke of how I would like to guide our congregation through the process of becoming a "Just Peace" Church. I see this as an extension of our being and "Open and Affirming" congregation. To facilitate this process, I am conducting a series of Saturday evening Zoom 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.

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 mail to 1845 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh NY 11793 or drop in the offering box on Sunday mornings. Please make sure to write NIN in the memo area of your check.

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.

BIBLE BEFORE BED



The next Bible Before Bed bible study will be held on Thursday, October 15th, at 7:30 p.m.. If you would like a zoom invite for this bible study, send an email to the church at

WMCC1845@verizon.net, and we will add your e-mail to the invite list.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Sunday School has begun meeting, on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. They will be meeting outside, weather permitting. If you have Sunday school age children and would like to join, please give our church a call. If you already have children in our Sunday school, look for emails from Stacey and Nicole.

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Upcoming Usher Schedule

Week Of: Oct. 18th
 Manny Marino (Chancel Deacon)
 Linda Cortes (Usher)
 Sharon Cozzoli (Usher)

Week of: Oct 25th
 Margaret Silberger (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



Fellowship Time

Tired of being restricted to your house during the Pandemic?
 Need to make some contact with other church members?

If so, join us for Fellowship Time every Tuesday evening at 7 PM. Pastor Ron will share a short devotional and then we'll have an opportunity to just check in with each other.

This pandemic will be with us for a considerable time. Our mental health is just as important as our physical health. So, this time together can reduce the despair and sense of loneliness that we may be experiencing.

Fellowship Time will last for between 30 and 45 minutes. It will be a Zoom virtual meeting. You are most welcome to join us!



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.

ATTENTION: AMAZON SHOPPERS

With the holiday's right around the corner, I know a lot of us will be shopping on Amazon. I just wanted to remind you, while shopping on Amazon, remember to log into smile@smile.amazon.com. When there, please choose us (Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church) as the charitable organization you wish to support. If you need information, please contact Karen Jackson at 516-731-6248 or 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



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**

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October 2020

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
8 7:00 Virtual Meditation 7:30 Deacons	9	10 10:00 2nd Sat Bible Study 8:00 Just Peace Zoom Meeting	11 10:00 Worship	12 10:00 Food Drive Behind the Church in the Parking lot	13 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 8:00 Virtual Crochet	14