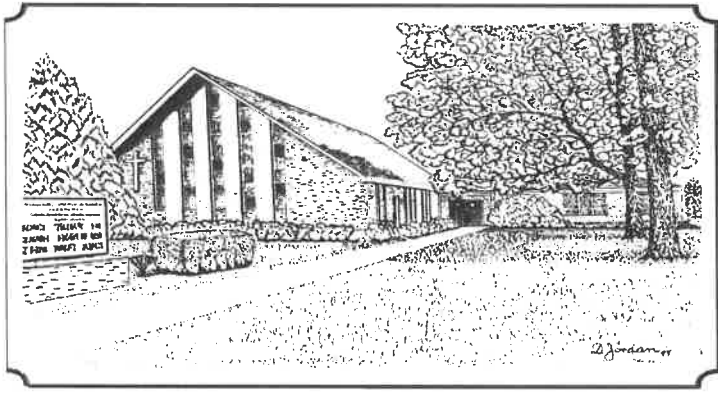


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Dear Friends,

With the recent spike in Covid 19 it seems as though it will be a considerable length of time before things will return to normal. Or perhaps we will have to adjust to a new normal.

As your Pastor, I will attempt to offer opportunities for you to make connections with others in our congregation. I realize that it is easy to feel isolated in this time.

Beginning in November I am expanding our "Third Thursday" Bible study to a weekly gathering except for the second Thursday when we have our Zoom Deacon's Meeting. In next week's Messenger I will provide a list of texts we will be studying. You don't need to be an expert in all things biblical to participate. I hope this will lead to some lively discussions.

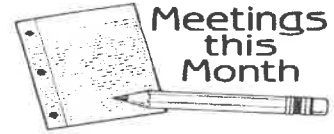
I am also continuing our Fellowship Time on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. This is simply a time to check in. I will present a devotional and then we'll just chat for a few minutes. We'll conclude by 7:30 PM.

I realize that these Zoom opportunities are not the same as meeting in person. But for now, it is a way that we can keep in touch. I also encourage you to attend our Sunday worship services. It is good to be back in the sanctuary even with masks and social distancing.

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 | |
| The Family of Peter Sobey | |
- All who have been affected by COVID 19



Nov.

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| Thurs. Nov 12th | Deacons | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun. Nov. 22nd | Council | 11:15 a.m. |
| Mon. Nov. 23rd | Trustees | 7:30 p.m. |

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



October

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| Sat. Oct 31 | Happy Halloween
Trick or Treat
(On the back lawn) |
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Mark Your Calendars!!



WANTAGH MEMORIAL
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Invites you to our Annual

Safe Halloween "Give and Treat" Event !



Date: Oct. 31, 2020 Halloween

Time: 1-3 pm

Place: Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church back lawn.

(By the Giving Garden, and the Parking Lot)

There will be Candy Stations, Music, Gifts and Fun!

All tables will be safely distanced and all treats will be individually wrapped and safely handed out to each child

In lieu of an Entry Fee we are requesting a bag of Non Perishable Food Donations for the Freeport Food Pantry

*All ages invited!

All require to wear a mask and follow social distancing protocols

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.



**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH
RAFFLE**

BOCO is having a raffle to raise money to support the mission work of our church.

Here's how it works:

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| Cost | \$25.00 Per Ticket |
| Prizes | 1st ticket drawn will win \$50.00 |
| | 25th ticket drawn will win \$50.00 |
| | 50th ticket drawn will win \$50.00 |
| | 75th ticket drawn will win \$50.00 |
| | 99th ticket drawn will win \$50.00 |

**The 100th ticket drawn will win \$1,000.00
There are only 100 tickets sold!!**

Details on the date of the drawing will follow in future Messengers.

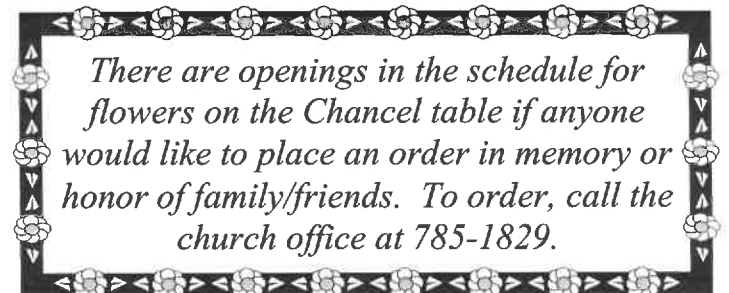
**You can buy tickets after church on Sunday.
See Lori Sobey or Andrea Ash.**

Or

**Give Lori a call in the church office
at 516-785-1829.**

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 November 1, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Luke Benedetto Chancel Deacon
Linda Cortes Usher
TBA Usher



Pentecost



We will continue to have our Just Peace zoom meetings on Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of this group, please send an e-mail to the church at wmcc1845@verizon.net and Rev. Ron will add you to the zoom invite list.

WE ARE LIVE STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

We are now live streaming every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on FaceBook. You can also watch anytime, by going to our Facebook page.



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.**



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 dona-

tions 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.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Upcoming Usher Schedule

Week Of: November 8th
Manny Marino (Chancel Deacon)
Laura Mauer (Usher)
Sharon Cozzoli (Usher)

Week of: Nov 15th
Laura Mauer (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 7:30 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!



Pay-Pal

If you like what the church is doing, like our signs or just want to help out, please make a donation to our Pay Pal account. You can find it on our website at www.wmcc1845.com. Please do not use this account for your offering donations or event tickets.

Thank You

DONATE



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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THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
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