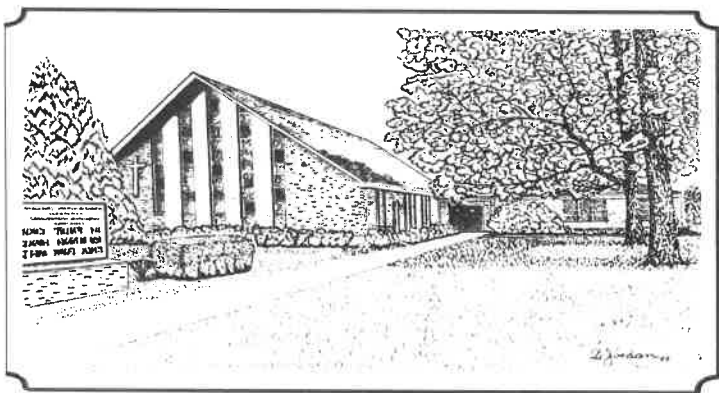


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Rejoice, I Said! Quinn Caldwell

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness. - Psalm 100:1-2a (NRSV)

Psalm 100 isn't the psalm people know the best, but it just might be the most-used in Christian history. Depending on when and where you lived, you might sing it in worship several times a year, every Friday, every Sunday, or nigh on every single morning. Why so much play?

Because life sucks, that's why. There is so much reason to not be joyful, so many reasons to be sad, afraid, angry, depressed. Plus some of us feel those emotions without "reasons." So the makers of liturgy and prescribers of worship wanted to be sure that, almost as often as we got reminded by the world of how terrible things are, we got reminded by the liturgy that there was more as well.

They didn't command anyone to feel joy. They said to make joyful noise. Maybe this was some sort of early understanding of brain-body connectivity, a smile-till-you-feel-like-smiling, fake-it-till-you-make-it situation. Maybe it was a sort of worthy but largely unfulfillable commandment, like Jesus' injunction to forgive those who wound you.

Or maybe they thought joy was a feeling on a different plane from other emotions. Not supersized happiness, not the opposite of sadness; something else altogether. Something as far beyond these as God is beyond their causes. Something that can exist alongside or through earthly emotions, and which can be accessed partly by will. Maybe the creators of liturgy enjoined us to sing Psalm 100 so often – not to deny the reality of earth and the feelings it engenders – but to remind us that beyond it, after it, before it, and under it is a reality worth rejoicing in, regardless of how we're feeling.

Prayer

Show me what joy is. Show me how to rejoice. Amen.

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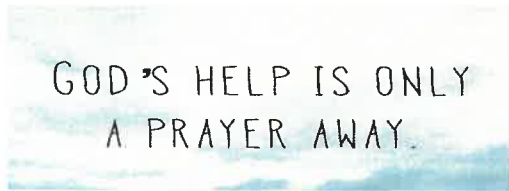
Please keep in your prayers this week:

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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 |

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.



November

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| Nov. 14th | 2nd Sat. Bible Study 10 am |
| Nov. 26th | Happy Thanksgiving |

Mark Your Calendars!!

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting is this coming Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following the morning worship service, in the sanctuary. Your input is valuable, so please send a representative to report..



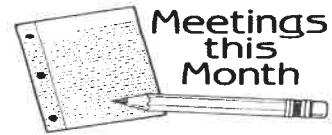
**WEEKLY MEDITATION CLASS
JOIN THROUGH A ZOOM INVITE**

Our meditation class meets on Thursday evenings, 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



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.



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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. |

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 |

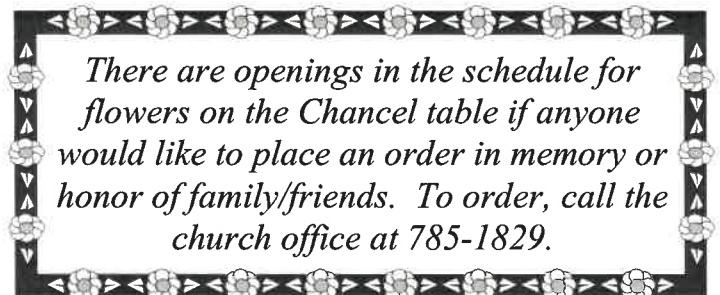
**The 100th ticket drawn will win \$1,000.00
There are only 100 tickets sold!!**

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.**



Sunday November 15, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Laura Mauer Chancel Deacon
Joan Holdsworth 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.

BIBLE BEFORE BED

I WILL LIE DOWN AND SLEEP IN PEACE, FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME DWELL IN SAFETY. PSALM 4:8

Bible Before Bed will be held every Thursday evening via zoom, at 7:30 p.m. The only exception to this will be the second Thursday of each month, because this is when the Deacons meet. This Bible Study is getting glowing reviews from all who attend. You will want to see

what all the hype is about, so give it a try. All are welcome, 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-

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.



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. **It can also be a story about the history or traditions of our awesome church. Thank you! Lori**



**For the Upcoming Holidays
 Food Pantry Most Needed Donations**

Canned Hams, Stuffing Mix, Yams, Potatoes, Gravy, Rice, Canned (Corn, Green Beans, Peas), Pie Crust, Cake Mix, Brownie Mix, Cornbread Mix, And Drinks of Apple Cider, Apple Juice, Grape Juice, Etc. Coffee. and Tea

Please bring your donations to church on Sundays and we will see that they get to the pantry.

Or they can be brought Monday am Between 10 and 11 am to the back parking lot of the church

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.

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 Face-book page. Andrea Ash is doing an awesome job with this, but we need back up. If anyone is willing to help with this, please let Andrea know.

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