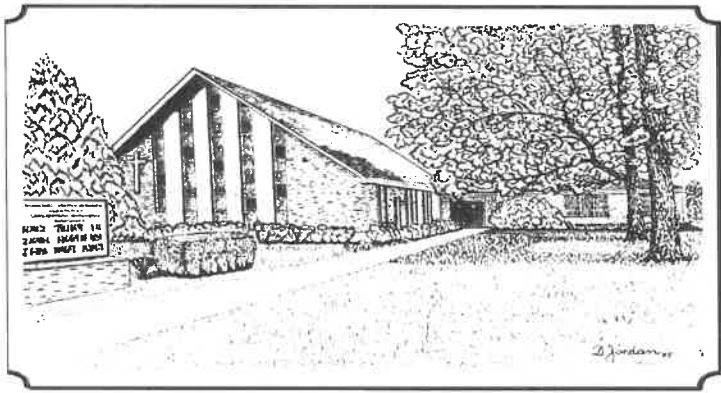


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**Poured**  
**Quinn G. Caldwell**

November 17, 2020

*But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice.* - Philippians 2:17 (NRSV)

Pastor Paul is having a year. Locked up, he's forced to communicate with the Philippians at a distance. He has loved, hugged, eaten with, baptized, and blessed these people in their time together. Now he can't even hold the hands of the sick or dying. He has his own feelings and anxiety about what's happening, no doubt, but he spends all his time helping the Philippians deal theologically with their own

All this is so hard on Paul that he feels like he's being poured out ... and might just wind up getting completely emptied. He assures them he's happy for it to happen, of course. But you have to wonder: is he truly OK with being emptied for them, or does he just think it's his job to say so? Does he have someone he can unburden himself to? Or is his life force slowly emptying out, with no one to tell?

Do the Philippians hear the strain in their pastor's voice, the sloshing of the half-empty vessel? When they write him back and blithely remind him to be sure he makes time for himself, will they also outline how they are going to make the space for him to do so? Will they bombard him with strongly worded opinions about how and when they ought to get back together? Or will they write with forbearance and wisdom and grace? Will they tell him that no matter how hard things are, he shouldn't have to empty himself for them and that they will help him get filled back up? Or will they wait and see if their pastor's good to the last drop?

## **Prayer**

O God, let the reader understand. Amen.

Quinn G. Caldwell is a father, husband, homesteader and preacher living in rural upstate New York.

**Please keep in your prayers this week:**

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.



**November**

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**



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

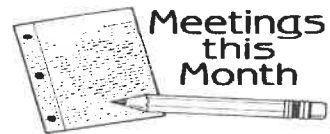
**CROCHET GROUP**

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](mailto:wmcc.deacons@gmail.com)



**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.



**Nov.**

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**

There are still tickets available for the 100 ticket BOCO fundraiser.

**Here's how it works:**

- 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

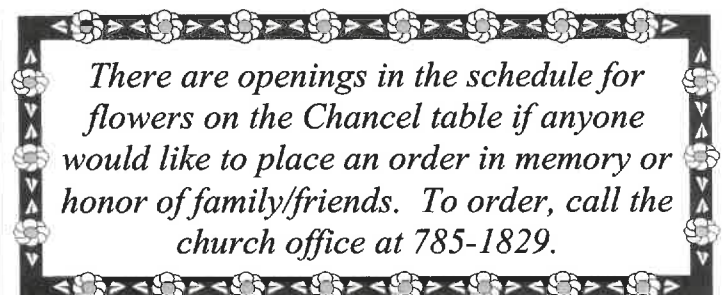
**The 100th ticket drawn will win \$1,000.00**  
**There are only 100 tickets sold!!**

**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.**



*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 22, 2020**

**Reign of Christ**

**WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.**  
**Andrea Ash Chancel**  
**Kim Walker Usher**  
**Debbie Davis Usher**

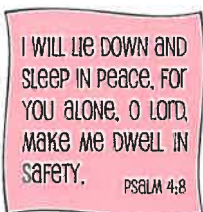


Christ the King



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](mailto:wmcc1845@verizon.net), and Rev. Ron will add you to the zoom invite list.

**BIBLE BEFORE BED**



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](mailto:WMCC1845@verizon.net), and we will add your e-mail to the invite list.

**WMCC 2020 ONLINE FALL FUNDRAISER**

Our online fall fundraiser is starting today, and will end on December 15th. In order to maintain social distancing, your order will be placed online and delivered to your home. Attached to this Messenger is a flyer with everything you need to know to start shopping today!! There is a variety of beautiful gift wraps, gifts, frozen cookie dough and much, much more. Go to [misschocolate.com](http://misschocolate.com), use our Church seller ID#, which, is 340042 and start shopping. It's that easy.



**It's more than just chocolate!!!**

**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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**Upcoming Usher Schedule**

**Week Of: November 29th**  
Margaret Silberger (Chancel Deacon)  
Sharon Cozzoli (Usher)  
Linda Cortes (Usher)

**Week of: Dec. 6th**  
Luke Benedetto (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.**

**USHER LIST**



The Deacons will be preparing the new usher list this week. If anyone would like to be an usher/greeter on Sundays, please give Lori a call

at the church at 516-+785-1829. We are in great need for people to help with this job. Since we are not doing offering during church, or communion, the job of the usher is a little easier. If you would like to help out, seek Lori or one of the other Deacons out after church and they will explain the responsibilities of the job to you. Being an usher is a good way to get involved with the life of our church without a big commitment. Thank you in advance

**Unused Greeting Cards**



For many years now BOCO has been collecting unused unwanted greeting cards for the women in the Bedford Hills Correction Facility. There is a "shoebox" on the table in the narthex as you enter through the back door, where you can deposit your unused greeting cards. Greeting cards of all types are wanted from birthday cards to Christmas cards and everything in between. Blank cards and stationary are also accepted. **Thank you!**

**Pay-Pal**

**DONATE**



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](http://www.wmcc1845.com). **Please do not use this account for your offering donations or event tickets. Thank You**

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**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!**  
[wmcc1845.com](http://wmcc1845.com)

**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](mailto:casey0704@aol.com).

**Family Holiday Event**

**Christmas Trees For the VA Hospital**

We are planning to have a family holiday event on Friday December 4th, at 7 pm. We will decorate miniature Christmas trees, and fill out Christmas cards, to donate to a VA hospital. The patients in the hospital always appreciate the generosity of our church. We have been doing this for several years. Because of the pandemic, it won't be as fun of an activity for us, but the patients in the hospital will still appreciate our efforts. We are going to do this in the hall. Everyone will be required to wear a mask. We will set up tables 6 ft apart and ask that families sit together. There will be limited space in order to keep socially distant. Please let Lori in the office know if you are able to help. We can also send trees home with families, if they don't feel comfortable coming out, and they can decorate them at home and bring them back. **Decorated trees would need to be brought back to the church by Friday December 4th. Trees will be available for pick up to be taken home to decorate, this Sunday, November 22nd.**



**November 2020**

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
<b>19</b> 7:00 Virtual Meditation 7:30 Bible Before Bed	<b>120</b> 7:00 Troop 689	<b>21</b> 8:00 Just Peace Zoom Meeting	<b>22</b> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Council	<b>23</b> 10:00 Food Drive Behind the Church in the Parking lot	<b>24</b> 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	<b>25</b>

## WMCC Annual Fall Fundraiser Letter



### **Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church**

*Present our*

**2020 ONLINE FALL FUNDRAISER**

*Dear Friends,*

Our annual Fall fundraising drive starts today, and ends on **December 15, 2020**. While this year might be different for everyone, we all agree that our congregation is the most important. With your help, we can raise funds for the church.

**In order to maintain social distancing, orders are only able to be placed online. Orders will be shipped directly to the purchasing family and friend's homes. Shop for a variety of beautiful gift wraps, gifts, delicious frozen cookie dough and many more items! Place your orders online following the directions below. You can also contact your friends and family members to encourage them to participate in our fundraiser. Do you have friends and family who do not want to place their order online? Use the easy order form. You can collect orders and money, place the entire order online, and have the order shipped to you. Shipping is free for orders over \$99.**

**Go to [misschocolate.com](https://misschocolate.com) and then "Online Store"**

**Click on SellerID#-readytoshop and use our Church SellerID#-340042 to start shopping. There is no need for you to register, create a seller account or login.**

**Simply enter the Church Seller ID # to begin shopping.**

You can invite family and friends to shop online using our Seller ID# to help raise money for our church.

Please contact Karen Jackson at [casey0704@aol.com](mailto:casey0704@aol.com)

Thank you for your support.

**Please note that orders that are shipped to NY or NJ addresses will be charged applicable sales tax.**