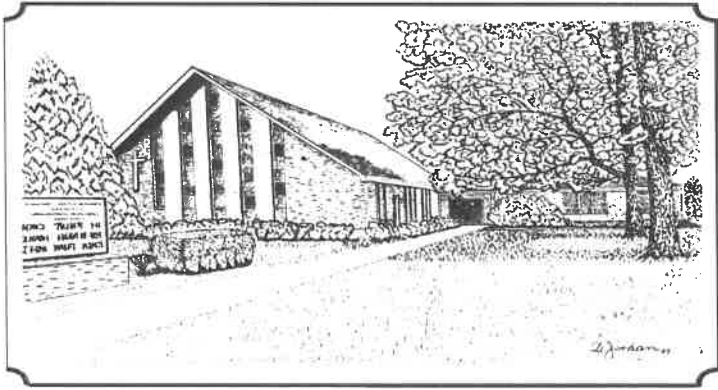


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Dear Friends,

As I said on Sunday, these last few months have raced by. Now we enter the time of preparation in the season of Advent. Our liturgical color turns to purple and the banners in our sanctuary reflect the anticipation of the coming of Christ. Each Sunday we will light another candle on our advent wreath as we reflect on hope, peace, love, and joy.

For most of us, it has been a difficult year. Covid-19 has forced us to stay in our homes as a precaution. We had months of Zoom worship services before we met outside. It has been a blessing to return to our sanctuary. We celebrate the fact that we are a small enough congregation that we can meet without going over 50% capacity.

I give thanks to God for each of you. In this time of isolation I have often felt like a shepherd without a flock. Although we have met virtually for Bible studies, meditation, and yes, even worship it is not the same as face to face meetings. And even now, when we meet for worship, we have to maintain a social distance. We have learned to wave to one another as a substitute for passing the peace.

Let each of us pray for the ministry and mission of WMCC as we enter a new church year. Let us remain faithful followers of the risen and living Christ. This Sunday, when we meet for our first Sunday in Advent we will light the candle of hope. Even in this difficult time we remain hopeful. We remain hopeful because we are people of faith. That hope sustains us.

Sincerely,

Ron

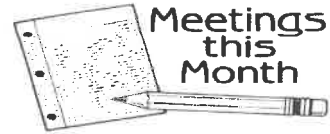
**Please keep in your prayers this week:**

- |                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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 |                    |

The Family of Bob Lennon  
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. **Thank You.**



**December**

Thur. Dec. 10th	Deacons	7:30 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 13th	Council	11:15 a.m.
Mon. Dec. 27th	Trustees	7:30 p.m.

**Please Mark Your Calendars**

***With Sympathy and Great Sadness***



*It is with deepest sympathy that I inform everyone of the passing of our friend and member Bob Lennon, on November 12th. Bob's wife Tracey writes, "A kind soul who found solace*

*in the arms of our church." I think this is a very good description. She also writes, that when Margaret Silberger would call... he would rise to the occasion, whether it was helping with the pumpkin patch, demolition of the organ or installation of our big screen. He was also one of our faithful ushers, always remembering to come when it was his turn. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Tracey, and his family.*



**December**

- Dec. 4th Decorate Trees for VA Hospital **7 pm**
- Dec 13th Community Caroling Around a Fire Pit **2 pm**
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Services (5 pm, 8 pm 11:30 pm)
- Dc. 25th **Merry Christmas**

**Mark Your Calendars!!**

**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.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH RAFFLE**

**There are still tickets available for the 100 ticket BOCO fundraiser. I would like to draw the winners in December. If you would like to buy a ticket, please give the church a call.**

**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!!**

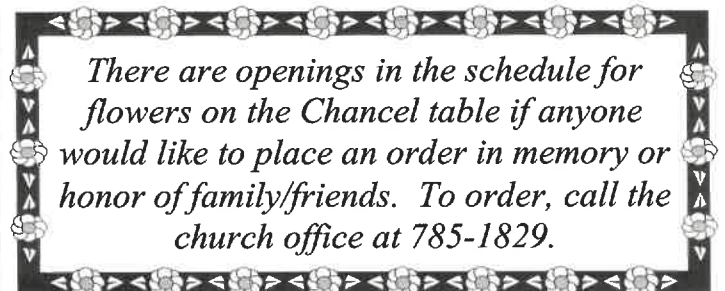
**Please support BOCO and the mission work of our church!!**

**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 29, 2020**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.**  
**Margaret Silberger Chancel**  
**Linda Cortes Usher**  
**Sharon Cozzoli Usher**



**December Birthdays**

6th—Richard Pepenella  
 13th—Jacqui Nunez  
 13th—Jean Yberg  
 13th—Rachelle Reisberg  
 19th—Matthew Cliszis  
 28th—Lee Fraser Woodruff

**December Anniversaries**

I have no Dec. Anniversaries on my list.

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.

**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!!!**



**BOCO Christmas Card "Tree"**

Now that the holiday season is here, BOCO will once again have their Christmas Card "Tree.", which in one form or another has decorated the church during Christmas, for many years. The idea is, instead of sending individual Christmas cards to all your church friends, send just one to be placed on BOCO'S Christmas card Tree for all your church friends to see. It is hoped that the money you save in postage stamps, cards, etc. will be donated to BOCO. BOCO will then donate all monies received to the Christmas Fund to supplement the current UCC special offering. Please make your checks payable to WMCC . Put BOCO Card Tree in the memo. **Thank You!**



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.

**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.

**USHER LIST**

The usher/chancel deacon list has been e-mailed to those people that volunteer. Please check your emails. **Thank you**

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## Upcoming Usher Schedule

- Week Of: December 6th**  
 Luke Benedetto (Chancel Deacon)  
 Lori Sobey (Usher)  
 Joan Holdsworth (Usher)
- Week of: December 13th**  
 Sharon Cozzoli (Chancel Deacon)  
 Linda Cortes (Usher)  
 Lori Sobey (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.**

**Christmas Carols**  
**Sunday, December 13th**  
**2:00 p.m.**



Sing-a-long with your favorite Christmas Carols, in a relaxed, informal setting, around a fire pit and enjoy some holiday treats!



RADA CUTLERY is more than just cutlery. They have a variety of kitchen utensils, seasonings, soup & sauce mixes, party dips, cookbooks and baking pans. This fundraiser is year round. Orders can be placed anytime, but **allow a minimum of NINE days** to receive your order before you need it.

**THANK YOU** for supporting our fundraiser through Rada Cutlery – well known for quality Made in the USA products. Every purchase you make using our unique shopping link **helps support our group!** Use the link below to shop. You can copy and paste. I tried it and it works.  
<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4889540.5206f3>

**Thank you for supporting our church!!**

## 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. An order form is attached to this Messenger. 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).


### 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](mailto: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](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. 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. Give the church if you would like to pick up a tree to decorate.**

November 2020				December 2020			
THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	
26 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	27	28	29 10:00 Worship	30 10:00 Food Drive Behind the Church in the Parking lot	1 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	2	

# WMCC Scrip order form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Orders due by:

1st Sunday of Month

8- 10 business day delivery

## Make checks to: WMCC-Fundraising

Only the profit % is tax deductible for each card. If you would like a year end report please check here ( ).

Circle card value for each order ie \$25 or \$100

Vendor	Profit	Qty	Total
1-800-Flowers/\$25	12%		
Ace Hardware \$25 / \$100	4%		
aerie/\$25	10%		
Aeropostale \$25	10%		
Amazon.com \$25 / \$100	3%		
AMC Theatres \$25	8%		
American Eagle Outfitters \$25	10%		
APP Store \$15/\$25	5%		
Applebee's \$25 / \$50	8%		
Arby's \$10	8%		
Auto Zone \$25	8%		
Banana Republic \$25/\$100	14%		
Barnes & Noble \$25 / \$100	8%		
Bass Pro Shops \$25 / \$100	8%		
Bath & Body Works \$10 / \$25	12%		
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25/ \$100	7%		
Best Buy \$25 / \$100 /\$250	4%		
Blimpie \$5/\$10	11%		
Bloomingdale's \$25/ \$100	12%		
Bonefish Grill \$25 \$50	8%		
Boston Market \$10	12%		
BP Gas \$50 / \$100 / \$250	2%		
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10/ \$25	8%		
Build A Bear Workshop \$25	8%		
Burger King \$10	4%		
Buy Buy Baby \$25/ \$100	7%		
Cabela's \$25 / \$100	11%		
Cheesecake Factory \$25	8%		
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25/\$50	11%		
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10/\$25	10%		
Chuck E Cheese \$10	8%		

Profit % are what WMCC gets for each purchase.

Vendor	Profit	Qty	Total
Cold Stone Creamery \$10	11%		
Cracker Barrel \$10/\$25	9%		
CVS Pharmacy \$25/ \$100	6%		
Dave & Buster's \$25	12%		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25 / \$100	8%		
Disney \$25 / \$100 / \$1000	2%		
Dominio's Pizza \$10/\$25	8%		
Exxon \$50 our profit is 1.5%			
EB Games \$25	3%		
Foot Locker \$25	8%		
Game Stop \$25	3%		
Gulf Gas \$25	2%		
Home Depot \$25/ \$100 / \$500	4%		
Home Goods \$25 / \$100	7%		
Honey Baked Ham \$25	12%		
IHOP \$25	8%		
Jcpenney \$25/ \$100	5%		
Gap \$25/ \$100	14%		
Kohl's \$25 / \$100	4%		
Dunkin Donuts \$10 /\$25	3%		
Land's End \$25/ \$100	16%		
LL Bean \$25/\$100	16%		
Lowe's \$25/\$100 / \$500	4%		
Macy's \$25/ \$100	10%		
Marshall's \$25 / \$100	7%		
Michaels \$25	4%		
Old Navy \$25 / \$100	14%		
Olive Garden \$25	9%		
On the Border \$25	11%		
Outback Steakhouse \$25 / \$50	8%		
Panera Bread \$10 / \$25	8%		

Vendor	Profit	Qty	Total
Columbia Sportswear \$50	12%		
Dairy Queen \$10	3%		
DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$25 \$100	8%		
Famous Footwear \$25	8%		
<b>Groupon.com \$25</b>	7%		
ITunes \$15 / \$25	8%		
j crew \$25	13%		
Jiffy Lubbe \$30	8%		
Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Store \$25	6%		
Model's Sporting Goods \$25	8%		
Omaha Steaks \$25	11%		
Oriental Trading \$25	9%		
PeaPod Online Grocery \$25 / \$50 / \$100	4%		
Pep Boys \$20	4%		
Pier1 imports \$25	9%		
Pottery Barn \$25 / \$100	8%		
Red Lobster \$25	9%		
Red Robin \$25	8%		
Regal Theatre \$25	8%		
Rite Aid \$25	4%		
Ruby Tuesday \$25	8%		
Sally Beauty Supply \$25	12%		
Sears \$25 / \$100 / \$250	4%		
Shell \$25 / \$50 / \$100 our profit is 2.5%			
ShopRite \$25 / \$100	4%		
Shutterfly \$25	9%		
Smashburger \$10	10%		
Staples \$25 / \$100	5%		
Starbucks \$10 / \$25	7%		
Sunoco \$50	2%		
Please note there will be returned check fee for			
any bounced checks. The checks are electronic			
and drawn quickly to process our order.			

Vendor	Profit	Qty	Total
Nike \$25	12%		
Planet Smoothie \$10	10%		
Sephora \$25	5%		
T. J. Maxx \$25 / \$100	7%		
Taco Bell \$10 \$25	7%		
Talbots \$25	13%		
Tanger Outlets \$25	\$8		
Target \$25 / \$50 / \$100	2%		
Texas Roadhouse \$25/\$100	8%		
TGI Friday's \$25	9%		
The Children's Place \$25	12%		
The Container Store \$25 \$100	9%		
ULTA \$25	4%		
Under Armour \$25	11%		
United Artists Theatres \$25	8%		
VISA Five Back \$50/\$100/\$200	2%		
Walgreens \$25 / \$100	6%		
Walmart \$25/\$50/ \$100	2%		
Wayfair \$100	6%		
Wendy's \$10	6%		
Whole Foods Market \$25 / \$50/\$100	3%		
Williams Sonoma \$25/\$100	8%		
Zappos \$25/\$100	8%		
Please total the number of cards			
and total purchase amount			
<b>Total numbers of cards:</b>	(	)	
<b>Total \$ purchase amount:</b>			\$
<b>Thank you for your order!</b>			