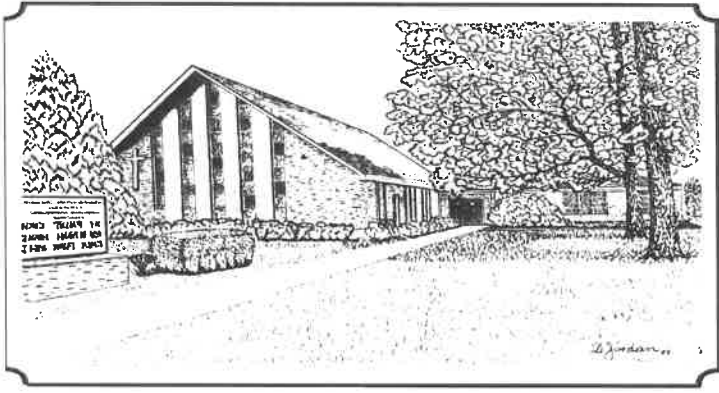


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Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this I am reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

He [God] shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4

When I was a young Second Lieutenant in Germany in 1979, my platoon had the responsibility of providing security for a Pershing nuclear missile site. We not only secured the missiles but it was our responsibility to keep protestors from disrupting the day to day operations on the site. We did our job well.

42 years later, I think I have come full circle. As a member of Veterans For Peace, I protest against nuclear weapons. Perhaps it is because I want my five grandchildren to grow up in a nuclear free world. Perhaps it is because I see the money that we spend on maintaining and upgrading our nuclear arsenal could be better spent on social programs.

Isaiah's ancient words still speak to us today. Who was Isaiah speaking about when he wrote that God would judge and arbitrate between **strong** nations? And what nation is stronger than ours? And from our position of power can we lead the world in the abolition of the weapons of mass destruction?

On January 22nd of this year, I will gather with fellow protestors at the Isaiah Wall outside the United Nations. Maybe it is not a protest -perhaps it is a celebration. The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will take effect on that day. We and the other eight nations which possess these weapons will be breaching international law. Of course, these nine nations will not immediately rid themselves of these weapons. But maybe it will begin a dialogue.

Is my protest against such weapons because I want a secure world for future generations? Do I want our taxes going to programs that sustain our world and touch the lives of the marginalized? Probably both. But the main reason I have taken this position on nuclear weapons is because I am a Christian. I say that with great humility because I am a flawed Christian, But I am committed to not learning war any more.

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 | Mr. & Mrs. Tiso |
| Carolina Menendeo | |
| Stirling and Rita Soukup | Christine Sokol |

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.**



January 2021

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| Fri. Jan. 1st | Happy New Year 2021 |
| Mon. Jan. 18th | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |

Mark Your Calendars!!



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.

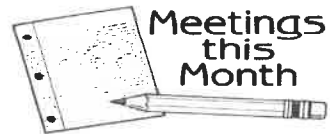
THANK YOU for supporting our fundraiser through Rada Cutlery – well known for quality Made in the USA products. Every purchase you make using our unique shopping link **helps support our group!** Use the link below to shop. You can copy and paste. I tried it and it works.
<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4889540.5206f3>

Thank you for supporting our church!!

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★ wmcc1845.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.



January

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| Thur. Jan. 14th | Deacons | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun. Jan. 24th | Council | 11:15 a.m. |
| Mon. Jan. 25th | Trustees | 7:30 p.m. |

Please Mark Your Calendars

Messenger Appreciation

It's that time of year again, when we humbly ask our readers to consider making a donation to help support the printing of the Messenger. The cost of publishing and mailing the Messenger each week is about \$25 per year, per subscription. This is an optional donation and any amount would be a great help. Please make checks payable to "WMCC" and in the memo area of your check mark it for "Messenger Appreciation".

Thank you to the following for your donation:
Mary Crabbs
Judith Adams



"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

C. S. LEWIS

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IN PERSON SERVICE



We will resume our in person services on **January 17th**. Rev. Ron needs to quarantine until January 12th. Keeping everyone safe is our #1 priority, during this crazy time.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2021 Offering envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please call Lori at the church, if you would like to stop by and pick up your envelopes.



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 January 10, 2020
Second Sunday after Christmas
WORSHIP: 10:30 A.M.
Margaret Silberger Chancel
(Church will be via zoom)



ZOOM SERVICE

This Sunday, January 10th, we will be holding morning worship, through zoom. Please send an email to the church through Friday, or call Rev. Ron at 516-826-0248, if you would like to receive the zoom invite.



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.

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 for this event.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

100 TICKET RAFFLE

Our 100 Ticket Raffle was a success. The Board of Christian Outreach was able to raise \$1,075. We are going to split the money 3 ways. Building Homes for Heroes, The Last Hope Animal Shelter and the Freeport Food Pantry will all receive one third of the money raised. Thank you all, for supporting our Christian Outreach. 2020 has been a challenge, to say the least. We have not been able to have our normal fundraisers. We are very happy that we were able to raise money through this fundraiser, and will hopefully be able to do it again in 2021.

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**

ANNUAL REPORTS



All annual reports are due no later than January 31, 2021. Please try to get these reports in by that date. It takes time to prepare the annual report, for our Annual Meeting. If your report is not handed in in time, you will need to type it, and present it at the Annual Meeting. Please call me at the church and let me know if you are having a problem getting your report to me and I will try and work with you. Thank You, Lori



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.

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!**

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Upcoming Usher Schedule

- Week Of: January 17th**
 TBA (Chancel Deacon)
 Laura Mauer (Usher)
 Sharon Cozzoli (Usher)
- Week of: January 24th**
 Louise Radzicki (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.

Food Pantry Needs

- *Canned Vegetables/Fruit/Soups
- *Fresh Vegetables/Fruit (Bags or Bunches)
- *100% Fruit Juice, Dry Milk/Parmalat
- *Pasta, Rice, Bags of Potatoes
- *Complete Pancake Mix, Cereal, Oatmeal Syrup, Tomato Sauce, Butter, Cooking Oil
- *Canned Meats, Tuna, Chicken, Stew
- *Peanut Butter & Jelly, Bread
- *Baby Food, Baby Formula, Diapers
- *Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes
- *Low Salt, Low Fat Items, Gluten Free Dairy Free Items
- *Toilet Paper, Paper Towels.

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. We would like to thank all of you who have been donating each week. It is amazing how generous everyone has been, and the amount of food that we collect each week is awesome. Please call 516-785-1829 with questions.

THERE WILL BE NO FOOD DRIVE ON JANUARY 18, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, THE FOOD PANTRY IS CLOSED THAT DAY.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS PREPAID GIFT CARDS



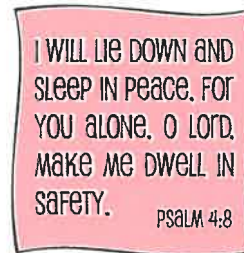
Remember this is an ongoing fundraiser. There are many holidays throughout the year that we give gift cards. We would really appreciate it if you would buy your gift cards from us. Also, if you purchase an Amazon Gift Card from us, and use it on Amazon Smile, the church will benefit twice. **Thank you in advance for purchasing your Gift Cards from us. 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.

2nd Saturday Bible Study

Our second Saturday Bible Study will be held, this Saturday, January 9th, through a Zoom Meeting. Ron will send out a Zoom invite for this bible study. If you haven't been receiving Zoom invites, please send and e-mail to the church at wmcc1845@verizon.net, so that we can get you on the 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, and we will add your e-mail to the invite list.

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**

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THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
7 7:00 Meditation 7:30 Bible Before Bed	8 7:00 Troop 689	9 9:00 Meroke 10:00 Second Sat Bible Study	10 10:00 Worship (via zoom)	11 10:00 Food Drive Behind the Church in the Parking lot	12 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	13