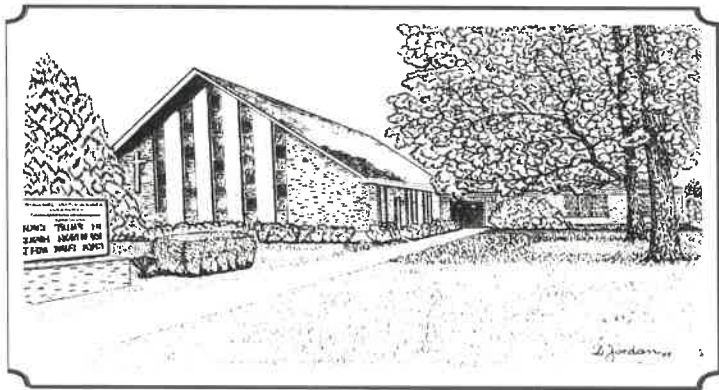


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Glimpses of Glory

Donna Schaper

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention! ... And God said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity." - Isaiah 49:1 & 3-4 (NRSV)

Jean Montrevil was deported to Haiti three years ago this month. A member of our congregation and proud father of three in our Sunday school, a successful businessman and entrepreneur, even across the distance he has kept his sense of humor and his childcare payments going. He started a restaurant in Haiti called Donnas where the squash soup is the best anywhere in either hemisphere. Soup Joumou joins pumpkin or squash, coconut milk, spicy spices. Haitians weren't allowed to eat it on New Year's Day until they achieved independence from the French in 1804. We are trying to get Jean a pardon. (If you want to join this campaign, just come on to www.judson.org to find out what you can do for the final 11 days of the month. Yes, it is a long story.)

But listen first to the scripture. It is addressed to those who feel as though they have worked in vain. Jean works harder than anyone I know, and fears that his work is in vain. But then he listens with the coastlands, with Rockaway in NYC, and with the shores of Haiti. And he hears God guarantee that God will be glorified through him. God's glory is often most visible in the kidnapped and the oppressed, those picked up outside their home on their way home from their day job to go to their night job. How to glimpse that glory? We help people like Jean come home.

Prayer

Whenever we get self-obsessed, O God, remind us of your people like Jean. Let us join all the bring-Jean-home campaigns. 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 | 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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|----------------|------------------------|
| Mon. Jan. 25th | Food Drive 10 am—11 am |
| Sun. Jan. 31st | Pastor's Tea 11:00 am |
- (No tea will be served,
you will go home with treats)

February 2021

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|----------------|------------------------|
| Mon. Feb 1st | Food Drive 10 am—11 am |
| Mon. Feb 8th | Food Drive 10 am—11 am |
| Sat. Feb. 13th | 2nd Sat. Bible Study |
| Mon. Feb. 15th | Food Drive 10 am—11 am |
| Tues Feb. 16th | Shrove Tues |
- (still in the talks)
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| Wed. Feb. 17th | Ash Wed. Service 7 pm |
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Mark Your Calendars!!

COUNCIL MEETING

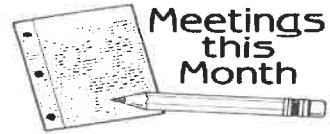


The next Council meeting is this coming Sunday, January 24th, immediately following the morning worship service, in the sanctuary. Your input is valuable, so please send a representative from each board or committee to report..

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!
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



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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!!

OFFERING ENVELOPES



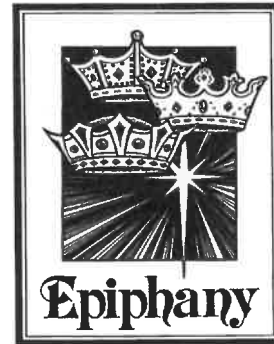
2021 Offering envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please call Lori at the church, if you would like to stop by and pick up your envelopes.

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 24, 2020


Second Sunday after Epiphany

WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Louise Radzicki Chancel
Lori Sobey Usher
Joan Holdsworth Usher



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.

Recently Posted by a Friend

A friend of mine recently posted this on facebook.
 I thought it was great.

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- (1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- (4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

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.

PASTOR'S TEA



Traditionally , we gather in Seaman Hall and have a pastor's tea, where Ron goes over what has been happening around our church, and what he would like to see happening in our church for the new year. Because of the pandemic we are not able to have this lovely time of fellowship. Instead, on January 31st we will meet after morning worship and have a tealess tea. We will have a discussion, and question and answer time for Rev. Ron. At the end everyone will go home with goodies, made by our Deacons. Looking forward to seeing everyone at this very different kind of pastor's tea.

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Upcoming Usher Schedule

Week Of: January 31st
 Andrea Ash (Chancel Deacon)
 Debbie Davis (Usher)
 Kim Walker (Usher)

Week of: February 7th
 Margaret Silberger (Chancel Deacon)
 Linda Cortes (Usher)
 Sharon Cozzoli (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

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/Parmlat
- *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 donations of food or financial contributions. Monetary donations should be either cash or **checks made payable to The Long Island Council of Churches, with Food Pantry in the memo**. 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.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS PREPAID GIFT CARDS



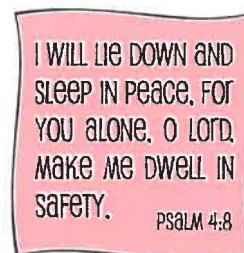
Remember this is an ongoing fundraiser. There are many holidays throughout the year that we give gift cards. We would really appreciate it if you would buy your gift cards from us. Also, if you purchase an Amazon Gift Card from us, and use it on Amazon Smile, the church will benefit twice. **Thank you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

ATTENTION: AMAZON SHOPPERS

Even though the holidays are over, I know a lot of us will still be shopping on Amazon. It seems to have become a way of life, during this pandemic. 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.

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**

January 2021

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
21 7:00 Meditation 7:30 Bible Before Bed	22	23 9:00 Meroke 8:00 Justice Zoom	24 10:00 Worship	25 10:00 Food Drive	26 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	27