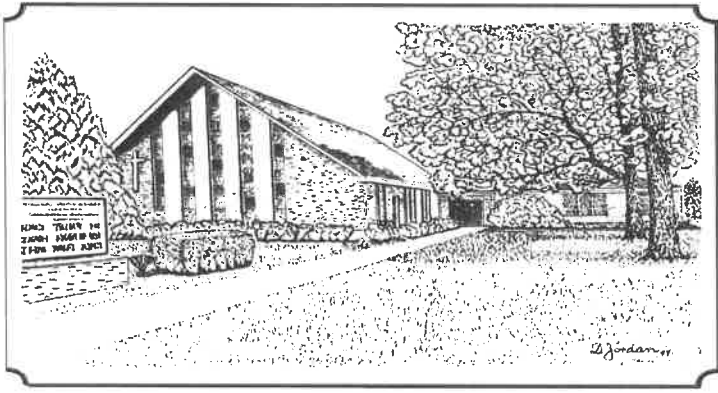


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Dear Friends,

What is the purpose of a Bible Study? That's a good question. It is one that I don't get asked very often -perhaps because people are hesitant to ask. But I, in my role as preacher and teacher of the church, feel like on occasion I should attempt to answer that question. Even if no one asks.

I believe Bible Studies are ways that we gain insights not only to the wide variety of genres contained in our sacred scriptures but that we can become aware of the context and culture of those who originally wrote the different books of our Hebrew and Christian scriptures. And from that base we can apply the writings to our own time and situation.

Since the start of the pandemic we have been holding our Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM. The study lasts for about a half hour and is conducted by Zoom. We have titled our study, Bible Before Bed. For the past few weeks we have been studying the Book of James in our Christian scriptures. We will have two more weeks of this book until we move on to the books of First and Second Kings from the Hebrew Scriptures. I will be using the work of Fr. Daniel Berrigan to supplement our study, You are most welcome to participate.

This Sunday, after worship, we will have our annual Pastor's Tea. Because of the pandemic, it will be a "tea-less tea" but you will have a goody bag to take home. The purpose of this tea is to give our members and friends a time to ask questions and an opportunity for me to provide a vision of where we go in 2021. I hope you can attend.

I want to thank the congregation for the generous love gift. It was greatly appreciated.

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	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**

Sun. Jan. 31st Pastor's Tea 11:00 am  
(No tea will be served,  
you will go home with treats)

**February 2021**

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)
Wed. Feb. 17th	Ash Wed. Service 7 pm

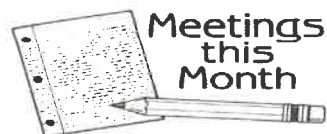
**Mark Your Calendars!!**

**We are socially distant, and masked on Sunday mornings. There is plenty of room for more. Please join us.**



**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.



**February**

Thur. Feb. 11th	Deacons	7:30 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 21st	Council	11:15 a.m.
Mon. Feb. 22nd	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  
Lee Fraser



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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!!**

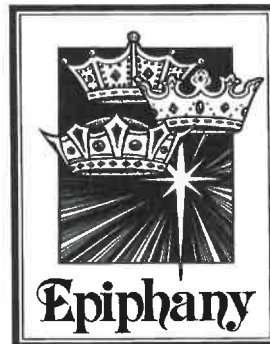
**OFFERING ENVELOPES**



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 31, 2020**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.**  
**Andrea Ash Chancel**  
**Debbie Davis Usher**  
**Kim Walker Usher**



To The Crochet Group  
 Many thanks for your Prayer  
 of Blessing accompanying your gift  
 of an exquisite shawl made in love  
 and received in love. It will most  
 certainly keep me warm.  
 Thanks also to Janet Seitz  
 who kindly delivered your gift.  
 God be with you.  
 Prayerfully yours,  
 Lori Sobey

**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



**February Birthdays**

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1st—Alexandria Bartkus | 15th—James LeWarn         |
| 4th—Lyette Bronleben   | 7th—Meadow Marino         |
| 4th—Danielle Raimondi  | 22nd—Michael Morarity Jr. |
| 5th—Elizabeth Isakson  | 23rd—Eric Isakson         |
| 12th—Jill Bischof      | 23rd—Violet Radzicki      |
| 12th—Zachary Huners    | 26th—Laurie Nunez         |
| 13th—Andrew Cattani    | 27th—Nancy Kalberer       |
| 13th—Barbara Pizzigati | 27th—Matthew LeWarn       |
| 13th—Judith Storm      |                           |

**February Anniversaries**

- 1st—Tom & Debbie Davis
- 22nd—Charlie & Karen Jackson

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.

**GROUNDHOG DAY**

**February 2nd**

It is the day that the **Groundhog** comes out of his hole after a long **winter** sleep to look for his shadow. If he sees it, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole. If the day is cloudy and, hence, shadowless, he takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground.



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

**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).

**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: February 7th**  
 Margaret Silberger (Chancel Deacon)  
 Linda Cortes (Usher)  
 Sharon Cozzoli (Usher)
- Week of: February 14th**  
 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.**



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.

**BUNDLE UP AND STAY WARM**



It's cold out there!

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

### 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.



### 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](mailto: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

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THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
28 7:00 Meditation 7:30 Bible Before Bed	29 7:00 Troop 689	30 9:00 Meroke 8:00 Justice Zoom	31 10:00 Worship 11:00 Pastor's Tea less Tea	1 10:00 Food Drive	2 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	3