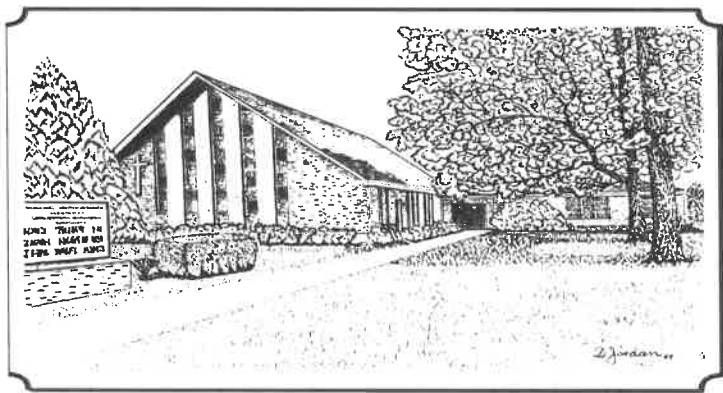


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You Alright?

John Edgerton

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night, your hand was heavy on me; then I acknowledged my brokenness to you and did not cover up my iniquity... And you forgave the guilt of my sin. - Psalm 32:3-5 (NIV)

Beloved, can we talk? Things aren't okay with you. Anyone who loves you can see it. It's all over your face. I know you think nobody can see. But don't you remember? "Not a sparrow should fall to the earth but that I know it."

You haven't been okay for a while now. I know you're trying to put on a brave face, not be a burden, look after yourself. I get it. I know you're keeping it together for other people—for your family, for your boss, for the other volunteers. You do so much. You can't keep doing this forever. And I don't think you even want to.

The empty bottles are piling up. Things you used to be able to laugh off will linger for days. It's like there's a heavy hand pushing down on your neck all the time. Tell me what's wrong. I mean really, truly, deep-down wrong in that place you never talk about.

You care about other people. You love them even. And heaven knows they're not perfect (trust me on that one). Why can't you give yourself that same grace? Love yourself the way you love your neighbor? Just be honest, I promise I won't tell another living soul. I created the world with just a few words, but my silences are deeper than Sheol. Just tell me.

Prayer

God—forgive me, so that I can truly live.

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Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Gavin Taylor
- Arthur Singer
- Mateo Cardoza
- Karen Jackson
- Beverly Perlow
- Lois Klappert
- Carolina Menendeo
- Stirling and Rita Soukup
- The family of John A. Moriarity Sr.
- All who have been affected by COVID 19

- Flo Clausen
- John Moriarity
- Charlie Jackson
- Tom Jackson
- Taylor Kenney
- Mr. & Mrs. Tiso
- Christine Sokol

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.



*God didn't promise days without pain,
laughter without sorrow or sun without rain.
But He did promise strength for the day,
comfort for the pain and light for the way.*



March 2021

- Sun. Mar. 7th Annual Meeting 11:00 am
- Wed. Mar. 17th **Happy St. Patrick's Day**
- Sat. Mar. 27th Virtual Soup & Scripture

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.

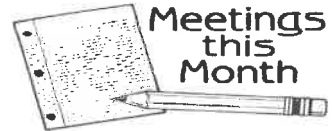
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<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4889540.5206f3>

Thank you for supporting our church!!

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.



March

- Thur. Mar. 11th Deacons 7:30 p.m.
- Mon. Mar. 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:

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- Judith Adams
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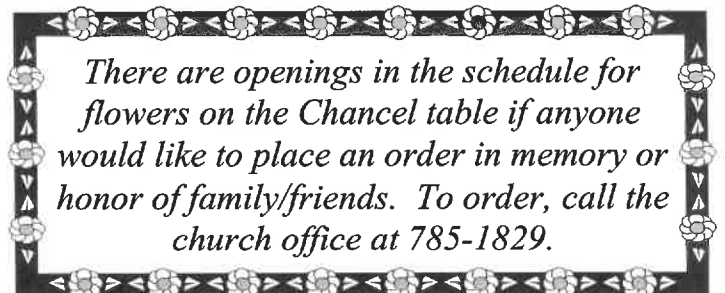
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 4th—Carol Isakson
- 6th—Cheryl Tribley
- 7th—Herb Chamberlin
- 11th—Maurene O'Hagan
- 16th—Kenneth Krayner
- 16th—Scott Navin
- 16th—Kyle Dallas
- 17th—Mary Dallas
- 19th—Paul Raimondi Sr.
- 21st—Paul Raimondi Jr.
- 23rd—Katie Osterman
- 26th—Rick Birmingham
- 28th—David Ryan Silberger
- 30th—Katy Campbell
- 31st—Lori Sobey

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 18th—Diane & Paul Raimondi

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.

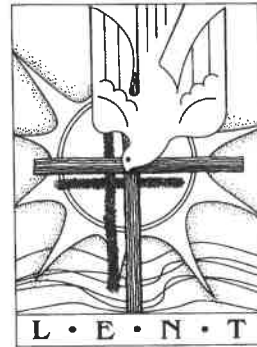


There are openings in the schedule for flowers on the Chancel table if anyone would like to place an order in memory or honor of family/friends. To order, call the church office at 785-1829.

Sunday February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Manny Marino Chancel
Kim Walker Usher
Debbie Davis Usher



PIXIE NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



Pixie Nursery School registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. Classes are filling up quickly. We have a virtual tour on our website, at wmcc1845.com. Click on Pixie Nursery School and click on, click here for a "Peek" inside. Please call the nursery school at 785-1247 for any questions.

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.

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.

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**

THE CALL TO MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will be held on Sunday, March 7th, directly after church in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports of its officers and organizations, to elect officers for the year 2021, and to enact any other business proper, to come before the meeting.

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS



The Annual reports are now officially past due. Please reach out to me if you haven't sent me your report. 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



Board/Committee Openings

With the Annual Meeting about a month away, there are board and committee openings for anyone who might be interested. Some of our boards and committees are.

The Board of Deacons

(Which has three sub-committees within it; Worship & Spirituality, Christian Education, and Mission & Outreach)

Board of Trustees

Memorial Fund Committee

Flower Committee

Fundraising Committee

Please call the church office and let us know if you would like to be considered to fill an opening. Your church needs you. Get involved. Many hands makes light work.



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Upcoming Usher Schedule

- Week Of: March 7th**
 Margaret Silberger (Chancel Deacon)
 Linda Cortes (Usher)
 Lori Sobey (Usher)
- Week of: March 14th**
 Louise Radzicki (Chancel Deacon)
 Kim Walker (Usher)
 Debbie Davis (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.

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.

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/Parmalat
- *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

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.

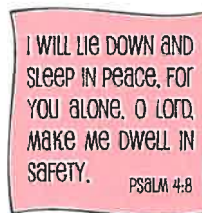
VIRTUAL SOUP & SCRIPTURE



On Saturday, **March 27th, at 6 pm**, we are going to try something new. We will have a virtual Soup & Scripture Time of Fellowship. You will supply your own

soup and we will supply a bread bowl for you to have you soup in. Bread bowls will be available from 2-4 at the church for pick-up. We will zoom and have dinner together along with scriptures from Rev. Ron. Look for your Zoom invite, or send the church an email if you would like an invite.

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
25 7:00 Meditation 7:30 Bible Before Bed	26 7:00 Troop 689	27 9:00 Meroke 8:00 Justice Zoom	28 10:00 Worship	1 10:00 Food Drive	2 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	3