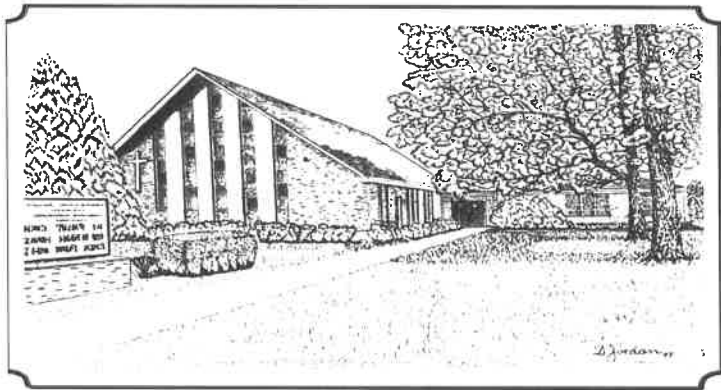


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Dear Friends,

The Covid-19 pandemic has taught us many things about what it means to be a global community. One of the most basic things we've been constantly reminded of is the importance of -washing our hands- in the battle to prevent infectious disease.

Hahn and her mom live in a poor rural village about 135 miles southeast of Vietnam's capital: Hanoi. Hahn had no idea what a toilet was. Where she lives, people still use fields, bushes, and streams as their bathrooms.

The situation is all too common in many places in rural Vietnam and across southeast Asia.

In September of 2018, latrine and water supply improvements were brought to Hahn's school. Since then, Hahn and her friends have had an exciting time experiencing latrines and clean water taps and how these conveniences lead to better hygiene and ultimately better health.

When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing** you are providing clean water for drinking and sanitation for children like Hahn and her classmates. As God's compassion flows through you, your gifts will bring the promise of better health to children. Please give generously to support this important work.

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        | Sharon Cozzoli  |
| Stirling and Rita Soukup | Christine Sokol |

The family of John A. Moriarity Sr.  
 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.



*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**

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Sun. Mar. 14th | Annual Meeting 11:00 am        |
| Wed. Mar. 17th | <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b> |
| Sat. Mar. 27th | Virtual Soup & Scripture       |

**Mark Your Calendars!!**



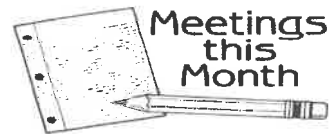
RADA CUTLERY is more than just cutlery. They have a variety of kitchen utensils, seasonings, soup & sauce mixes, party dips, cookbooks and baking pans. This fundraiser is year round. Orders can be placed anytime, but **allow a minimum of NINE days** to receive your order before you need it.

**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!!**

**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:**

- Mary Crabbs
- Judith Adams
- Lee Fraser
- Brenda & Gary McCue
- Margaret and Jim Silberger
- Bob & Jane Atkinson
- Edward & Judith Marcak
- Elaine Steinmetz
- Laurene Lynn
- Louise Radzicki

**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 your 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.

**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**

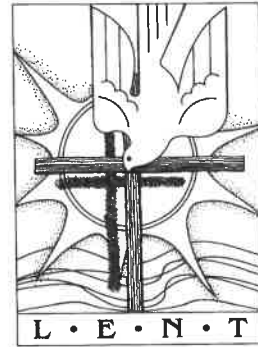
*There are openings in the schedule for flowers on the Chancel table if anyone would like to place an order in memory or honor of family/friends. To order, call the church office at 785-1829.*

**Sunday March 7, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.**  
**Margaret Silberger Chancel**

**Worship will via zoom.**



**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](http://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.

**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).

**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](http://www.wmcc1845.com). **Please do not use this account for your offering donations or event tickets. Thank You**

**ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED**

The Annual Meeting of the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will be **postponed till March 14th**, via zoom. 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. Anyone who would like an annual report mailed to them, please call Lori at the church at 516-785-1829.

**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 Report is available for pick up in the Narthex. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please give Lori a call in the office at 516-785-1829, and she will gladly mail one to you.



**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 email to the invite list.

**Board/Committee Openings**

The Annual Meeting will take place this Sunday, March 7th. 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.

**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.**

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### Upcoming Usher Schedule

**Week Of: March 14th**  
 Louise Radzicki (Chancel Deacon)  
**Worship will be via zoom**

**Week of: March 21st**  
 Andrea Ash (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.**

### 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.

### 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!***



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

It is that time of year when we collect the UCC One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Below is a description of just one way this offering helps people around the world. Please think about giving to this worthy offering. COVID has us doing zoom services, and I am unable to hand out the envelopes for this offering. You can mail your donation into the church, at 1845 Wantagh Ave. Wantagh NY 11793. Remember to put OGHS in the memo section of your check. Thank you for giving.

### **Water is life. Water is love. Let love flow.**

Access to clean fresh water is vital for all of humanity, but for women in particular, water access means the difference between life and death for them and their families. The United Nations International Observance of **World Water Day** (March 22) reflects on the importance of water in our daily lives and remembers those who lack access to adequate drinking water supplies.

For women and girls around the world, it can be a 12 hour walk to the nearest water source to collect water to maintain basic needs and crucial hygiene practices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With your support, 100 families will benefit from the Water Well project, sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Mozambique (UCCM). When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you invest in the hopeful future of women and girls around the world and serve as co-workers with God to build a *just world for all*.



<b>March 2021</b>						
<b>THUR</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>
<b>4</b> 7:00 Meditation 7:30 Bible Before Bed	<b>5</b> 7:00 Troop 689	<b>6</b> 9:00 Meroke 8:00 Justice Zoom	<b>7</b> 10:00 Worship <b>Via Zoom</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 Food Drive	<b>9</b> 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	<b>10</b>