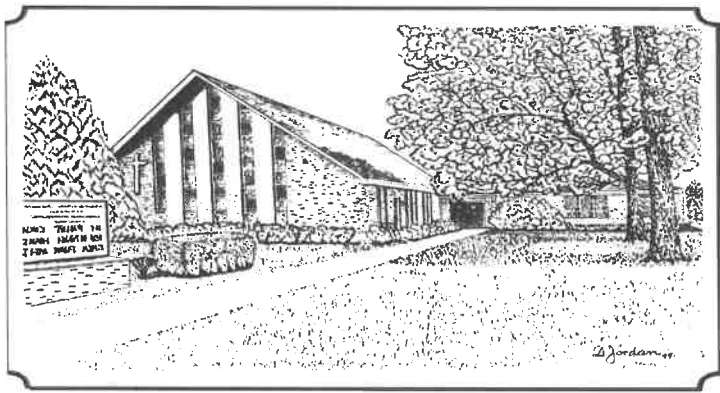


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How Not to Carry Heavy Things

Vicki Kemper

I hear this most gentle whisper from One I never guessed would speak to me: "I took the world off your shoulders, freed you from a life of hard labor. You called to me in your pain; I got you out of a bad place." - Psalm 81:5-7 (MSG)

The world is an impossibly heavy thing.

And yet we do our best to carry it, working and worrying, stressing and burning out as if its survival depends entirely on us. This is not to say we shouldn't want to carry the world's hurts and needs in our hearts, but rather that, as with any heavy load, how we carry them matters.

Do we lift from the back or bend at the knees? Do we put down our burdens when we get tired, or do we insist on taking them all the way? Do we carry the load all alone, or do we ask for help? Do we go all "they're not heavy, they're my sibling" in our best cheerful-martyr voice? Do we keep inviting others to "lean on us," or do we set healthy boundaries?

You may be bearing burdens so pressing and personal that they feel as heavy as the whole world—everything from numbing grief, crushing debt, and struggling loved ones to a lifetime of hurt and how to make it through this day.

Well, the same principles apply. The same grace abounds.

You are not called to life-sapping labor, but invited to find rest for your soul. You are not doomed to endless drudgery, but delivered into everlasting freedom. Come on out of your "I got this" hell; new life in God is waiting.

Prayer

Divine Deliverer, thanks for taking the load off my shoulders and carrying it in your heart.

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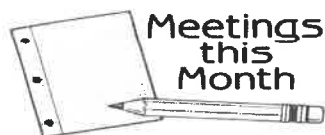
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Charlie Jackson	Karen Jackson
Tom Jackson	Beverly Perlow
Taylor Kenney	Lois Klappert
Mr. & Mrs. Tiso	Carolina Menendeo
Sharon Cozzoli	Christine Sokol
Stirling and Rita Soukup	Keith Williams

The family of John A. Moriarity Sr.
All who have been affected by COVID 19



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".

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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.



March 2021

Wed. Mar. 17th	<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>
Sun. Mar. 21st	Annual Meeting 11:00 am
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.

VIRTUAL SOUP & SCRIPTURE

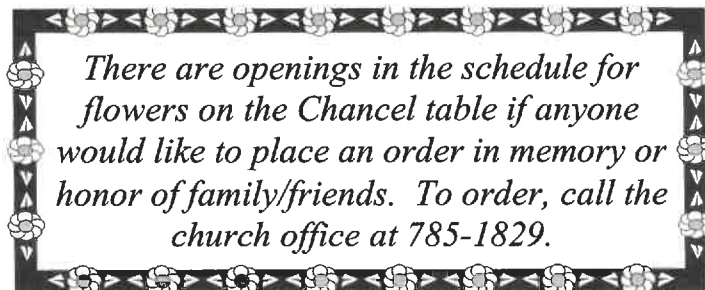


On Saturday, March 27th, at 6 pm, we are going to try something new. We will have a virtual Soup & Scripture Time of Fellowship. You will supply your own soup and

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

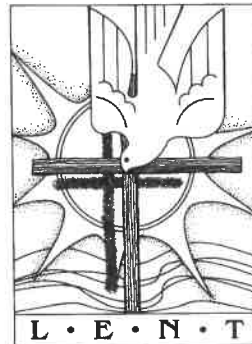


Sunday March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.
Louise Radzicki 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. 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.

Fellowship Time

Tired of being restricted to your house during the Pandemic? Need to make some contact with other church members?

If so, join us for Fellowship Time every Tuesday evening at 7 PM. Pastor Ron will share a short devotional and then we'll have an opportunity to just check in with each other.

This pandemic will be with us for a considerable time. Our mental health is just as important as our physical health. So, this time together can reduce the despair and sense of loneliness that we may be experiencing.

Fellowship Time will last for between 30 and 45 minutes. It will be a Zoom virtual meeting. You are most welcome to join us!

ANNUAL MEETING
POSTPONED

The Annual Meeting of the Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will be **postponed till March 21st**, directly after church in the sanctuary. We decided to wait till we can meet in person. 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.



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, and we will add your e-mail 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 21st
 Andrea Ash (Chancel Deacon)
 Lori Sobey (Usher)
 Joan Holdsworth (Usher)

Week of: March 28th
 Manny Marino (Chancel Deacon)
 Laurene Lynn (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.

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD



Some things always seem to signal the change from winter to spring. The first crocus. The sound of birds chirping. **Turning the clocks ahead an hour.**

On Sunday, March 14th, at 2 a.m., we need to turn our clocks ahead. Remember to do this before you go to bed on Sat. night, or you will be really late for church!

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.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS PREPAID GIFT CARDS

ESTER IS A FEW WEEK'S AWAY

Easter is only a few weeks away. If you would like to order gift cards to put in Easter Baskets, please give you order to Karen Jackson by March 21st.. **Please mail your order forms and checks to Karen Jackson, 64 Swan Lane, Levittown, NY 11756, or attach the order form to an e-mail and send to Karen, and mail her a check for payment. Her e-mail address is casey0704@aol.com. If you need an order form, give Lori a call at the church at 516-785-1829, or email the church at, wmcc1845@verizon.net and she will email one to you.**

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.** 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.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!

wmcc1845.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.



March 2021						
THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
11 7:00 Meditation 7:30 Deacons	12 7:00 Troop 689	13 9:00 Meroke 8:00 Justice Zoom	14 10:00 Worship Via Zoom	15 10:00 Food Drive	16 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day