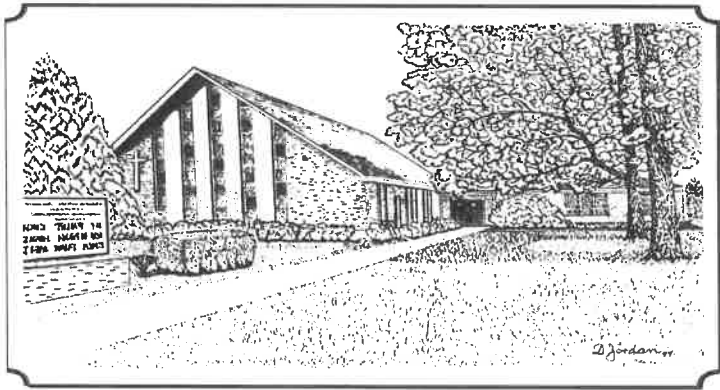


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Birthdays and Rainbows

Donna Schaper

I have made you; you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you. - Isaiah 44:21

A man with lots of tattoos walked on to the A train at 42nd street. He was carrying a large Carvel ice cream birthday cake. It was not yet dripping but you could tell it was going to.

He had a great smile on his face. He had a handful of plastic spoons. The car wasn't that crowded. Maybe 20 of us. He invited us to celebrate his birthday with him and gave us all a spoon.

A few people declined. Most jumped in. He was so glad to be born. God was glad he was born. God had not forgotten him. Plus, he helped me with my perennial philosophical problem about a personal God for my personal person. Clearly, every now and then I get invited to be God's proxy.

I want my intimates to remember my birthday. I'm not sure I want God to remember my birthday. God has so much else to do, as I see it. Rainbows. Dawn. Dusk. Thunderstorms. Feeding me and my kids and my friends and the kids and friends of people I don't know and never will. Accuse me of being one of those Christians who believes God wound the clock and did so with miracles embedded and then stepped away. Think of me as a believer in evolution.

Simultaneously, I don't really know what God is giving up for this Lenten season, but I know it is not me. That's why it was so great to be delivered from these big kinds of thoughts for a small one on the subway.

Prayer

Deliver us, O God, from philosophical problems we cannot solve and send us some sweet ones we can really enjoy. Amen.

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Please keep in your prayers this week:

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Gavin Taylor | Flo Clausen |
| Arthur Singer | Mateo Cardoza |
| Charlie Jackson | Karen Jackson |
| Tom Jackson | Beverly Perlow |
| Taylor Kenney | Lois Klappert |
| Mr. & Mrs. Tiso | Carolina Menendeo |
| Sharon Cozzoli | Christine Sokol |
| Will Oquendo | Keith Williams |
| Matt Brolly | Lauren Odonnell |
| Elise Sheridan | Diana Mendez |
- 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.



March 2021

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| Sun. Mar. 21st | Annual Meeting 11:00 am |
| Sat. Mar. 27th | Virtual Soup & Scripture |
| Sun. Mar. 28th | Lenten Cantata |
| Sun. Mar. 28th | Palm Sunday |

April 2021

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| Sun. Apr. 4th | <i>Happy Easter</i> |
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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.

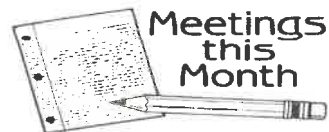
THANK YOU for supporting our fundraiser through Rada Cutlery – well known for quality Made in the USA products. Every purchase you make using our unique shopping link **helps support our group!** Use the link below to shop. You can copy and paste. I tried it and it works.

<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

Mon. Mar. 29th 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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- Elaine Steinmetz
- Laurene Lynn
- Louise Radzicki
- Bob and Nancy Kalberer
- Lisa & Bobby Dickes
- Shirley Peckham

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.

Memorial Easter Flowers



We are placing an order for Memorial Easter flowers to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Please fill out the order form on the back page of this Messenger. Please return your orders ASAP. If you are planning to order please e-mail the church at wmcc1845@verizon.net or call 516-785-1829.

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 March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

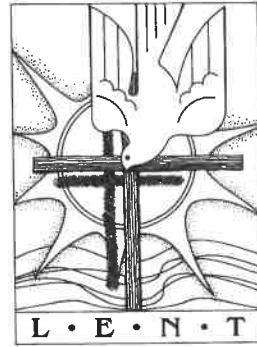
WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.

Andrea Ash Chancel

Lori Sobey Usher

Joan Holdsworth Usher

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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM RON PRAYER LIST

I've been asked why I don't always share the specific reason that someone is on our prayer list. This is especially true in the midst of Covid-19. I only share what I am given permission to share. In the case of Covid-19, I am not at liberty to share information unless the affected person gives me permission to do so. Rest assured, if we cancel sanctuary worship, it is because someone has had a positive test. The safety of our members and friends is tantamount. -Ron

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.

BCE Plant Sale



BCE will be having their annual plant sale. They will be selling flats of plants, as well as hanging baskets. Order forms are included with this Messenger. Let's all help

BCE, and buy our spring plants from them this year. **Pre orders only. Orders are due by Sunday, April 28th, no exceptions.** Please fill out the order forms and mail them back to the church, or put them in the mail slot in the front of the church.. **Flowers will be ready for pick-up on Sat. May 1st, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., on the back lawn of the church.** Please make checks payable to **WMCC BCE**. If you have any questions you can contact Laurie Nunez at 516-781-9263 or at laurie3k@gmail.com.

Easter Cantata **Sunday March 28th**



The WMCC Chancel Choir will present The Passion of Jesus on Sunday, March 28, 2021, with original music by our music director Hsia-Jung Chang, who wrote the songs especially for our Lent observance. Hope everyone can join us either in the sanctuary, or on Face Book for this wonderful performance.

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Upcoming Usher Schedule

Week Of: March 28th
 Manny Marino (Chancel Deacon)
 Laurene Lynn (Usher)
 Debbie Davis (Usher)

Week of: April 4th
 Margaret Silberger (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.

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.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

PREPAID GIFT CARDS

EASTER 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!!!

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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**

EASTER LILIES AND HYACINTH ORDER FORM FOR 2021
This year Lilies will cost \$12 and Hyacinth's will cost \$10 per plant.

_____ *Lilies*

_____ *Hyacinth*

Your name: _____

_____ *In Loving Memory*
 of _____

_____ *In Honor*
 of _____

Thank you for helping to beautify the Chancel for Easter! Please enclose payment with your order. (Make checks payable to WMCC and put Flower committee in the memo). Please get you order in ASAP

March 2021

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
18 7:00 Meditation	19 7:00 Troop 689	20 9:00 Meroke 8:00 Justice Zoom	21 10:00 Worship 11:00 Annual Church Meeting	22 10:00 Food Drive	23 7:00 Cyber Fellowship 7:30 Virtual Crochet	24

Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church
BCE Plant Sale -- Pick up Saturday, May 1, 2021 (btwn 10:30 am and 12:30 pm)
Orders Due No Later Than Sunday, April 18, 2021 (no exceptions)

PRESALE ONLY

Flowering Annuals in Flats -- \$15.00 ea. or 2 for \$28.00
(32 Plants per flat -- full flats only)

BEGONIAS (Part Sun) Green Leaf

- Red
- Pink
- White
- Mix

BEGONIAS (Part Sun) Red Leaf

- Red
- Pink
- White
- Mix

LOBELLIA- (Part Sun)

- Blue

IMPATIENS (Part Sun to Shade)

- Red
- Violet
- White
- Mix

MARIGOLDS (Full Sun)

Bonanza Series--Small Flower

- Orange
- Yellow
- Mix

Antiqua Series--Large Flower

- Orange
- Yellow

PETUNIA (Full to Part Sun)

- Midnight Blue
- Red
- Mix

ZINNIAS (Full Sun) Dreamland Mix

- Mix

4" Potted Herbs \$3.00 ea. or 2 for \$5.00

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|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosemary* | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Basil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thyme* | <input type="checkbox"/> Italian Parsley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oregano* | <input type="checkbox"/> Tarragon |

4" Potted Plants \$4.00 ea. or 2 for 7.00

GERANIUMS

- Red
- White
- Pink
- Lavender

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

- Red
- White
- Pink
- Lavender

6" Potted Plants \$6.00 ea. or 2 for \$11.00

- Dragon Wing Begonia-Rose Flower, Gr. Leaf
- Kong Coleus
- Non Stop Begonias-Assorted Colors
- Dwarf Dahlias-Assorted Colors

10" Hanging Baskets \$15.00 ea. or 2 for 28.00

- Fuchsia - Mix
- Scaveola - Blue
- Dragon Wing Begonia-Pink
- Ivy Geraniums - Lavender

Wave Petunias

- Rose
- Blue

New Guinea Impatiens

- Red
- White
- Pink
- Lavender

10" Patio Planters - \$16.00 ea. or 2 for \$30.00

- Geraniums
- New Guinea Impatiens



Sold To:	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone: _____	
Total Due: \$ _____	
<i>(Checks payable: "WMCC" & Memo: "BCE flowers")</i>	
Paid: Yes / No	
Pick Up: Saturday, May 1, 2021	
<i>(btwn 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)</i>	

Thank you for your order!

Questions?? Contact Laurie Nunez at 516-781-9263 or e-mail: laurie3k@gmail.com

* = Good for Honey Bees