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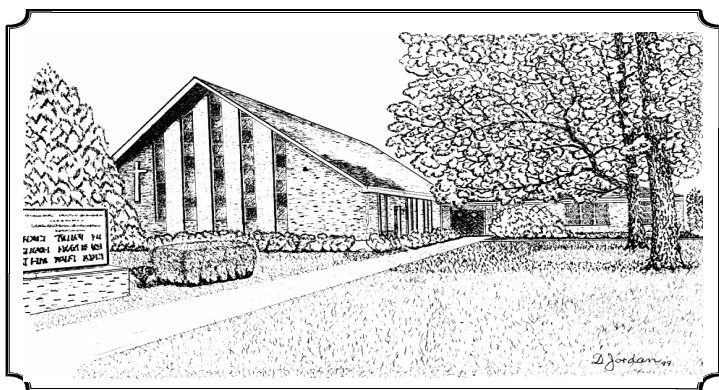
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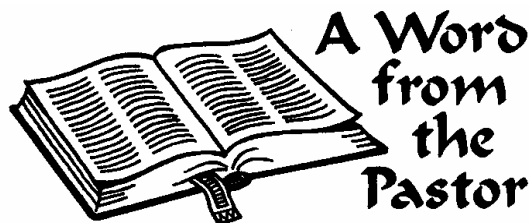


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Since it has been many years since Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church participated in the Installation of a Pastor, I thought it might be helpful for us to review what an installation service is all about. The following is excerpted from the United Church of Christ Book of Worship in its introduction to the service of installation.



*In this order the association, at the request of a local church, confirms and celebrates the covenant between a local church and a newly called pastor and teacher and reaffirms the covenantal relationship of all the churches in the association. In planning the service, set the time so that people from other churches within the association, representatives of other Christian communions, and guests from synagogues or other communities of faith may participate. Services of installation held on Sunday mornings prohibit the enrichment afforded by this participation.*

*Representatives of the association committee on the ministry, in full consultation with the pastor to be installed and the local church requesting the service, plan the service of installation. Conference representatives may participate in the planning. Lay and ordained people may share in the leadership of the service.*

*This order may be incorporated with a Service of Word and Sacrament or a Service of the Word. It is fitting that a sermon be preached concerning the ministry of all the people of God and the particular ministry of a pastor and teacher in the life of the church. The service may be enriched by the generous use of music. Plans should be made in consultation with the music leaders of the local church.*

*The person to be installed may sit with the congregation until requested to come forward at the presentation.*

During this service I will make the following covenantal promise:  
*I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.*

During the service the congregation will make the following covenantal promise:  
*We, the members of Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, receive Ron Garner as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.*

The installation service is scheduled for November 15, 2009 at 3:00 PM. I thank you for the privilege of serving with you!

Ron

Please keep in your prayers this week:



Remember our ill

Sally Warner

Midge Bedell

Irene Hampton



**November**

Communion	Sun., Nov. 1st
Daylight Savings Time Ends	Sun., Nov. 1st
Election Day	Tues., Nov. 3rd
Harvest Dinner Set up	Fri., Nov. 6th
Harvest Dinner	Sat., Nov. 7th
Picture Day	Sun., Nov. 8th
Veteran's Day	Wed., Nov. 11th
Rev. Garner's Installation	Sun., Nov. 15th
Theater Trip	Sun., Nov. 22nd
Thanksgiving	Thur., Nov. 26th
1st Sunday of Advent	Sun., Nov. 29th

Mark Your Calendars!!

**Theater Trip**



The successful theater trip of last Spring to the Stage Theater in Merrick has peaked interest in another excursion. A fall theater trip has been scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd to see "All My Sons", a drama by Arthur Miller at the Stage Theater in Merrick. The cost will be around \$15. We are also planning to once again return to Butera's in Seaford for a fabulous lunch prior to the performance. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex, please sign up if you plan to attend.

**Board/Committee Meetings**

If you are no longer having regular meetings or have permanently changed your meeting date or time please inform the church office so we can make appropriate changes to the calendar. Thank you.

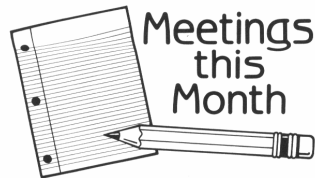
**Harvest Dinner Volunteers Needed**

It's that time of year again when we begin our holiday celebrations. Kicking off the holiday season is our **Harvest Dinner** on November 7th.

As always volunteers are needed to help with this annual event. Anyone willing to cook turkeys, carve turkeys, bake desserts, peel and chop vegetables, clean up or set up, please call the Church office at 785-1829. Thanks!

**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.



**November**

BCE	7:00 p.m.	Mon., Nov. 2nd
BOCO	7:00 p.m.	Tues., Nov. 3rd
Deacons	7:30 p.m.	Thurs., Nov. 5th
Endowment	8:00 p.m.	Tues., Nov. 10th
Council	12:00 p.m.	Sun., Nov. 22nd
Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Tues., Nov. 24th

**Members of the above committees should mark their calendars and please make every effort to attend.**

**Rev. Ronald Garner's Installation**

The Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church is pleased to announce the Installation of Reverend Ronald Garner as Pastor on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the installation of Rev. Garner. There will also be a celebration and buffet style refreshments immediately following the service.

Kindly let us know if you will be attending, and if at a later time you find that you are unable to attend please inform us of that as we need to give an exact count to the caterer at least five days prior to this celebration.

A freewill offering will be greatly appreciated, but will not be collected at the installation celebration. Instead, you can either leave your offering in the collection plate on Sunday, marked for BCE, or you can mail your offering, made out to the Board of Christian Education, to the church office. You can also see one of the following board members, Tom Davis, Bob Kalberer, Bill Sheerin, or Peter Perlow.

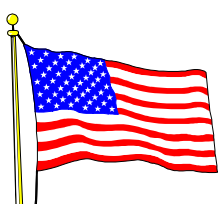
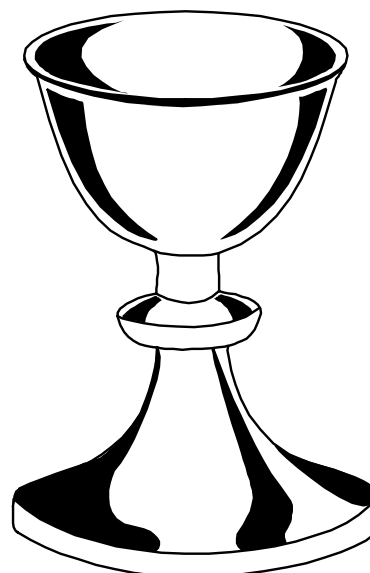
**Snow Birds**

For those of you who will be returning to the south for the long cold winter, please don't forget to contact the church office to let us know when you will be leaving so that we can forward the Messenger to you. Call 785-1829. Thank you!

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**Sunday, November 1, 2009**  
**All Saint's Day**  
**Communion Sunday**

**WORSHIP:** 10:30 A.M.  
**Scripture:** Mark 12:28-34  
**Message:** "Minds as well as hearts -  
 Losing Our Religion"  
**Chancel Deacon:** Benno Ansbacher  
**Ushers:** Wally Kingman  
 Joan Holdsworth  
**Greeter:** Dee Sheerin



**Veterans Day**

On November 11th United States citizens will once again honor veterans all across the country.

It is our custom at this time to honor our local heroes and heroes they are. Whether they served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard or Coast Guard they did it to protect our way of life. They made it possible for us to continue to live as we do.

We have a list of veterans from past years, but if you are new to our church or have not yet given us your name, please let us know now if you served in the U.S. Military. We would like to show our appreciation and include your name on our honor roll. Call the church office at 785-1829.

**SHOPPING BAGS NEEDED**

The Freeport food pantry needs paper or plastic shopping bags. Please consider recycling your plastic/paper bags by bringing them in to us for re-use at the Freeport food pantry. Thank you!

**Election Day**

Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. This may not be a presidential election, but it is just as important for you to get out and vote for our local government officials. The only way for your vote to count is for YOU to make it count. Remember to cast your vote!!



**A Head Start Christmas**

As you begin your holiday shopping, please remember that the Women's Fellowship will be collecting toys/games for the children in the Head Start Program in Freeport. (These are the same 3 and 4-year-olds who attend the BOCO picnic in July). The gifts you select should be "ethnically correct", age appropriate and valued about \$10. Please wrap them and mark whether they are for a "boy", "girl", or "either". You can place them under the Christmas tree from November 29th thru Dec. 13th. Your gifts may be the only gifts these children receive so please be as generous as you can. Thank you!



**All Saint's Day**

All Saint's Day is Sunday, November 1st. At this time that we would like to remember some of the past saint's of our church.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bruce Klappert          | Grace MacMillan       |
| Bill & Doris Navin      | Ed Mauer              |
| Bob & Peg Hitchens      | Carolyn Sipes         |
| Karen Hinrichs          | Chuck Hinrichs        |
| Arthur Huners           | Jim Lyons             |
| Elise Birmingham        | Al Hayden             |
| Cynthia & Joe Pepenella | Kathy Colona          |
| Bobby Remmert           | Marjorie Strang       |
| Harvey Tutchings        | Dave Bedell           |
| Bob Hampton             | Fred Seitz            |
| Marie & George Williams | Bruce Brickmeier, Sr. |

**If you know of anyone else who should be on this list, first please forgive us for forgetting, and then let us know.**

**Thanksgiving Interfaith Services**

The Thanksgiving Interfaith Service this year will be held at the B'Nai Torah Synagogue on the corner of Jerusalem & Oakfield on Wednesday, November 25th at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



**Picture Day**

There will be a congregation picture taken as we've done in the past following the Sunday morning service on **November 8th**. This picture will once again be placed on a postcard to be sent to prospective members. We will also be taking individual and family pictures for display in the Narthex and possible use in a Church Yearbook. So please make sure to be here on this day.

*Daylight Savings Ends on Sunday, November 1st ~ Don't forget to turn your clocks back!!*



## Up Coming Usher Schedule

**Week Of: November 8th**  
 -Laura Mauer (Chancel Deacon)  
 -Robert Lennon  
 -Laura Brandt  
 -Erika Oliver (Greeter)

**Week Of: November 15th**  
 -Keith Brandt (Chancel Deacon)  
 -Bill Sheerin  
 -Helene Klappert  
 -Marion Hayden (Greeter)

**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.**

### Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church

## HARVEST DINNER



Turkey, Farm Fresh Vegetables,  
 Home Baked Desserts

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**

Two seatings—  
 5:30 and 7:30 P.M.

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**  
**Call 785-1829**

Tickets \$13.00 adult; \$9.00  
 12 & under



## Holiday Fair News

As the holidays begin to approach please keep in mind that the Holiday Fair will be held on **December 5th**, and that we will begin collecting items for "Grandma's Attic" (no clothing or textbooks please) very soon. Maybe now would be a good time to clean out your attics and closets. We would also appreciate donations of baked goods for the cake table when the fair gets closer. Thanks.



## Messenger Mailing List—Last Chance

YOU may be in jeopardy of being removed from the Messenger mailing list in the next couple of weeks if you did not reply to our Deacon survey. This is your last chance to let us know that you want to continue receiving this mailing. If we do not hear from you within the next couple of weeks your name will be removed from our mailing list.

## FOOD PANTRY

Food donations are needed at the Long Island Council of Churches' Emergency Food Pantries, which are feeding many more people than last year—which was itself a record year. They particularly need low-sodium food, low-fat food, dietetic food, Ensure (and similar supplements), baby food, and infant formula (especially those with iron, such as Enfamil with LIPIL). Donations of toiletries, personal care items, and plastic or paper shopping bags are also welcome. They often distribute produce and other perishable food too, but please call first before bringing these items to make sure we have room to store them.

The Freeport pantry needs donations from a bakery or bagel shop, a freezer, copier, vacuum cleaner, small shopping carts, some comfortable chairs, and Spanish-speaking volunteers who are available anytime Monday through Friday between 11:00 and 4:00.

They also need drivers to pick up food donations occasionally and deliver them to Freeport, Hempstead, or Riverhead, as needed and as you happen to be available with absolutely no guilt if you do not happen to be free.



### November Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 3rd—Alexander Nunez  | 11th—Deborah Kumar  |
| 4th—Nancy Hyton      | 14th—Scott Dallas   |
| 5th—Jacob Pizzigati  | 21st—Irene Hampton  |
| 5th—Tom Davis        | 23rd—Karen Trucios  |
| 9th—Louise Reisberg  | 25th—Charles Dallas |
| 10th—Catherine Mayer | 30th—Melinda Molnar |

### November Anniversaries

- 12th—Laurie & Miguel Nunez  
 27th—Mike & Helen Moriarity

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.

## November 2009

<b>1</b> <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 10:30 Worship 7:30 Bel Canto	<b>2</b> 7:00 AA 7:00 BCE 7:30 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 1:30 Steering 6:45 NA 7:00 BOCO	<b>4</b> 4:30 GS #3088 7:00 AA 7:00 Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00 MSR 7:30 Deacons	<b>6</b> <b>Harvest Dinner Set-up</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Harvest Dinner</b> 9:00 D.T.