



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

**APRIL 2018**

United Methodist Church  
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

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Monday – Thursday  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Thrift Shop –  
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Choir Director

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Youth Choir Director &  
Organist

Lisa Eger,  
Youth Coordinator

## United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



### **BLOOD DRIVE**

### **In support of Ron Drisgula**



**Friday, April 6, 2018**

**3:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove**

**Your donation will help to *save up to THREE lives.*  
Our community hospitals need your help.  
Please share this lifesaving gift!**

**Thank You for Caring!**

**♥♥ Eligibility Criteria ♥♥**

Bring **Donor Card or ID.** Minimum Weight: 110lbs. No New Tattoos  
for past 12 months. Ages 16 – 75(16 year olds must have parental permission)

**For questions concerning medical eligibility:**

[www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org) | 1-800-933-2566

**For more information or to schedule an appointment:  
Debra Schild (631)921-9366**

**Long Island Blood Services**

VISION STATEMENT  
OF THE NY ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE

The New York Annual Conference through the grace of God embodies the beloved community of hope, building up a healthy body of Christ, with heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.

VISION STATEMENT  
OF THE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
OF LAKE  
RONKONKOMA

We are the church at Five Corners spreading the "Light of Christ" from ourselves to the community and the world.

## Soup Sunday

Soup Sunday was a great success. We raised \$373.00 towards the children's Bibles. We have already received a new order. We did need some for this year. So we have a head start on next years Easter Bible Baskets.



As for the **Easter Bible Baskets - 65** were delivered to Lighthouse Mission. They will be distributed on Saturday, March 31st.

Sensational feeling to be a part of our church family.  
You are all angels!!!

## Our next big event is the BLOOD DRIVE

Friday April 6th

3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

As of this writing we have 24 people signed up. Remember because of the snow, blood drives had to be cancelled so please we need more people to donate!!



## Bible Sunday – March 4, 2018

### Lections

April 1  
Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43  
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24  
(UMH 839)  
1 Cor. 15:1-11  
John 20:1-18 or  
Mark 16:1-8

April 8  
Second Sunday  
of Easter

Acts 4:32-35  
Ps. 133 (UMH 850)  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

April 15  
Third Sunday  
of Easter  
Native American  
Ministries Sunday

Acts 3:12-19  
Ps. 4 (UMH 741)  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

April 22  
Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

Acts 4:5-12  
Ps. 23  
(UMH 754 or 137)  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

April 29  
Fifth Sunday  
of Easter

Acts 8:26-40  
Ps. 22:25-31  
(UMH 752)  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8



## Scouting & Youth Sunday

March 18, 2018



The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

# Soup Sunday

March 18, 2018








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# Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018





*Hosanna Son of David!*

*Your King comes to you!*










NYAC Walk to Emmaus  
Men's Walk #47  
May 3rd [7PM] thru May 6th, 2018

**"The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed through other believers."**

About twenty five years ago, our church first took part in the Walk to Emmaus. Over the next ten years, about 100 adults and 70 youth [who attended the teen version called "Chrysalis"] "sponsored" by those who had already gone and found the program of such great value that they had to share it with others. These "pilgrims" returned to our church at 5 corners in a closer relationship with God and Jesus Christ and became more active and involved in the church. Many have become members of committees, volunteers for soup kitchen, class members and teachers of Bible Study, lay servants, and even students for various types of ministry.

The weekend consists of 15 talks - 5 grace talks given by clergy and 10 "what is Christianity talks" given by lay people. There are 5 talks of about 15-20 minutes each per day, followed by discussion and "representative posters, skits, or songs" done by each "table" group. There are many food breaks and lots of singing and the "joy" of life in Christian community.

It is now time for the "new" group of Christians that have joined our church over the last few years [and who are "ready" for this experience] to be given the opportunity that so many of us have enjoyed in the past. The weekend isn't for everyone - the avowed purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to prepare "pilgrims" for a closer relationship with God and Jesus Christ and to have them return to their home churches and assume a more active role in the life of their churches.

If you would like to know more, have questions, or are a previous pilgrim who would like to sponsor someone, please contact Ray Becht [631-585-3111 or [rbecht@aol.com](mailto:rbecht@aol.com)] or Dennis Subbiondo [ 631-682-9114 or [dsubbiondo@aol.com](mailto:dsubbiondo@aol.com)].

In Christ's Love,  
Ray Becht

Martha's Place  
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Mondays  
10am - 2pm

Tuesdays  
10am - 2pm

Fridays  
10am - 2pm

Saturdays  
10am - 2pm



# MARTHA'S PLACE THRIFT SHOP

Happy Easter and Happy Spring!!!!

We are here at your service but we still need volunteers 1 or 2 hours on either Monday, Tuesday, Friday or Saturday. We are here from 10:00

a.m. until 2:00 p.m. all 4 days. If you have a few hours to help, I promise the jobs will be light work. You will not have to lift anything other than some clothes on hangers.



Right now we are hanging Spring and Summer clothes and boxing up Fall and Winter clothing.

You can do this, so please come talk to me and we can figure out a time once a week or month!!!

In GOD'S service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

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**The United Methodist Women will  
meet on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The program will be:**

***Have you ever experienced  
a "God Wink" in your life?***

**Come to our meeting and find out what it is...**

**(There will be no Monday night meeting in April.)**

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Don' t forget!! Please hold the date!!

The UMW Retreat at Quinipet is April 27, 28, & 29.  
Please see Sue Sprague or email her at  
craftysms@aol.com for details.



# Seeds of Faith

ENCOURAGING WOMEN'S FAITH JOURNEYS

**Invites you to a woman's day apart**

**Saturday, May 5th: 9am to 3pm**

**Sea Cliff Methodist Church**

**Victorious:**

Living a fulfilling life in the midst of storms &

**Daughter's Journey**

Knowing our worth in God's eyes

Two interactive sessions led by  
Award-winning author Tessa Afshar



Cost: \$25 includes lunch and coffee break

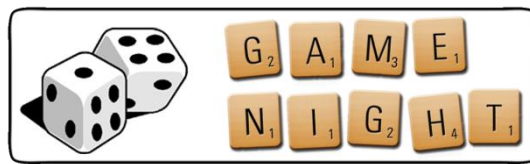
To purchase tickets: <https://seeds-of-faith.eventbrite.com>

For more information: [seedsoffait4women@gmail.com](mailto:seedsoffait4women@gmail.com)

## Personal Testimony

The Stewardship committee is seeking individuals who wish to offer their personal testimony during a service in the fall of this year. Each year individuals are offered the opportunity to give their personal testimony and speak about how individually they reflect the tenets of our commitment for prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness. If you wish to offer your testimony at one of our Sunday lay presentations, please contact Warren Ferry at 631-875-5204 or Cathy in the Church office at 631-588-5856.

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All adults are welcome to join us for  
Game Night on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m. .

Enjoy a night out filled  
with fun and fellowship!

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The UM Men will have a Breakfast Meeting on  
Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. All men of the  
church are welcome to attend. Please join us!

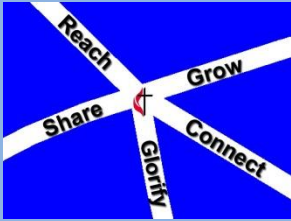
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*A memorial gift has been given in memory of  
Amy Wahl from Georgene Clark.*



*"We exist to REACH youth in order to SHARE the light of Christ and together CONNECT, so we can GROW in our ability to GLORIFY God!"*



## Youth Group Activities for April

- 4<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting – Easter/Spring Break
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)
- 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – District East Youth Retreat @Quinipet
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last Day for Plant Preorders for 5Cs Youth Spring Plant Sale Collection
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Youth Program Registration begins for 2017-2018 School year (Youth Group, Sunday School, Youth Choirs, Confirmation)

Thank  
You

**Our heartfelt thank you to all of my church family for all of your prayers, support, cards, texts , e-mails and the many ways you have expressed your condolences on the loss of my mother, Christine Henning.**

**Love,  
Liza Wright and Family**

# H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

These names are offered each month as an opportunity to extend to our friends and loved ones the love of Christ on these special days and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst.

If you would like to be on our birthday list, call the church office at (631) 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

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|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Doug Filipowich     |
| 1  | Liza Wright         |
| 3  | Andrew Campbell     |
| 6  | Michael Czerw       |
| 7  | Brian Drisgula      |
| 8  | Judith Pfeil        |
| 9  | Victoria Olivotti   |
| 9  | William Otto        |
| 9  | Kara Pearl          |
| 9  | Philip Preddice     |
| 12 | Doris Tschoke       |
| 13 | Richard Wahl        |
| 15 | Tristen Kohout      |
| 17 | Stephan Van Sicklin |
| 17 | Megan Schwab        |
| 17 | Miriam Rodriguez    |
| 17 | Keith Bowes         |
| 17 | Charles Duffield    |
| 22 | Diane Drisgula      |
| 23 | Nicolas Tracey      |
| 24 | Lisa Eger           |
| 30 | Ileana Czerw        |

Ongoing Mission:

Loaves & Fishes  
Soup Kitchen of the  
UMCLR is open  
Tuesdays and  
Thursdays at 5:00 pm  
in Fellowship Hall

Support Groups:

*Narcotics Anonymous*  
Mondays at 7:00 pm in  
Fellowship Hall

*Alcoholics Anonymous*  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm  
and 8:30 pm, and  
Fridays at 8:00 pm in  
Fellowship Hall

*COPE*  
*Connecting Our Paths Eternally*  
*(A grief and healing organization dedicated to helping parents and families living with the loss of a child.)*  
Fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Library

Please call our church office at 631-588-5856 for further information.



| April 2018                                                                                                          |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                             |
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| Sun                                                                                                                 | Mon                                                                                    | Tue                                                                                                            | Wed                                                                                                                                    | Thu                                                                                  | Fri                                                                                                                    | Sat                                                                                         |
| <b>1</b> Easter Day<br>Sunrise Service at Lake Ronkonkoma Park 6:30 AM<br><br>Services at Church 9:15 AM & 11:00 AM | <b>2</b><br>Church Office Closed<br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7<br>Evangelism & Missions 7 | <b>3</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>Soup Kitchen 5<br>AA 6:30 & 8:30<br>Board of Trustees 7<br>Emmaus Board 7:30 | <b>4</b><br>Morning Prayer 7 AM<br>Craft Group 12<br>No Wednesday Programs                                                             | <b>5</b><br>Soup Kitchen 5<br>Alpha 6:30-8:30<br>Rabbit Breeders Assoc. 8            | <b>6</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>Blood Drive 3 – 9<br>Disciple Bible 7:30<br>AA 8                                     | <b>7</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2                                                              |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                            | <b>9</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>NA 7                                                 | <b>10</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>Soup Kitchen 5<br>AA 6:30 & 8:30<br>Finance 7:30                            | <b>11</b><br>Morning Prayer 7 AM<br>Craft Group 12<br>Youth Group 6:00<br>Chapel Choir 6:30<br>Confirmation 7:30<br>Chancel Choir 7:30 | <b>12</b><br>Soup Kitchen 5<br>Girl Scouts 6:30<br>Alpha 6:30-8:30<br>Girls Scouts 7 | <b>13</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>Disciple Bible 7:30<br>AA 8                                                         | <b>14</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>Emmaus Team Meeting 8:30-3:00                            |
| <b>15</b><br>Baptism Sunday<br>Nurture Meeting after service                                                        | <b>16</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>NA 7<br>Nursery School Committee 7:30               | <b>17</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>Soup Kitchen 5<br>AA 6:30 & 8:30                                            | <b>18</b><br>Morning Prayer 7 AM<br>Craft Group 12<br>Youth Group 6:00<br>Confirmation 7:30<br>Chancel Choir 7:30                      | <b>19</b><br>Soup Kitchen 5<br>Girl Scouts 6:30<br>Alpha 6:30-8:30<br>Girls Scouts 7 | <b>20</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>District East Youth Retreat at Quinipet Game Night 7<br>Disciple Bible 7:30<br>AA 8 | <b>21</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>District East Youth Retreat at Quinipet Game Night 7     |
| <b>22</b><br>UMM 7:30 AM<br>District East Youth Retreat at Quinipet Game Night 7                                    | <b>23</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>NA 7                                                | <b>24</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>Soup Kitchen 5<br>AA 6:30 & 8:30                                            | <b>25</b><br>Morning Prayer 7 AM<br>Craft Group 12<br>Youth Group 6:00<br>Confirmation 7:30<br>Chancel Choir 7:30                      | <b>26</b><br>Soup Kitchen 5<br>Girl Scouts 6:30<br>Girls Scouts 7                    | <b>27</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>UMW Retreat at Quinipet<br>COPE 7<br>Disciple Bible 7:30<br>AA 8                    | <b>28</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>Emmaus Team Meeting 8:30-3:00<br>UMW Retreat at Quinipet |
| <b>29</b><br>UMW Retreat at Quinipet                                                                                | <b>30</b><br>Thrift Shop 10 – 2<br>NA 7                                                |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                             |

# Save money on your energy bill. Support a worthy cause.

## United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

is holding a fundraising drive. We're not selling anything you don't need! In fact, you can help our cause by saving money on something you already use! You can save money on energy by switching your service to Ambit Energy, our partner in this fundraising effort.

**Switch to Ambit** and you'll enjoy lower rates. You'll get a free 3-day, 2-night travel certificate just for trying Ambit service. Plus, you'll get a chance to win a free cruise, earn Travel Rewards Points redeemable for vacations,



and referring others to Ambit Energy qualifies you to earn energy credits up to and including free energy! Plus, when you pay your energy bill month after month, part of the money goes to support the UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma.

### Great Rates On Energy!

When you switch your energy service to Ambit Energy, nothing will change except the size of your bill.

**Ambit Energy customers save 7% off** the estimated energy supply charge for the first two months and enjoy a competitive monthly rate thereafter. Plus, customers save an additional 1–2% in taxes on the delivery charges each and every month you have Ambit Energy service.

There is no cost to switch. No contracts are required. You can switch back at no cost.

For more information about Ambit's rate plans or to enroll for service, go to our fundraising site: [www.umclr.joinambit.com](http://www.umclr.joinambit.com)

NATIONAL GRID offers the discount on Natural Gas and CON EDISON offers the discount on Electric & Natural Gas.



**Please contact me** if you have any questions about supporting our cause and saving money with Ambit.

Contact me: **Ron @ phone or Sharon @ e-mail**

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# GOOD NEWS

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| Church Office                  | (631) 588-5856                                           | Board of Trustees            | Keith Bowes          |
| Church FAX                     | (631) 588-0753                                           | Endowment                    | Beth Ann Graf        |
| Nursery School                 | (631) 467-9601                                           | Memorials                    | Sharon Millard       |
| Martha's Place Thrift Shop     | (631) 981-9749                                           | Finance                      | Janet Baumann        |
| Parsonage                      | (631) 585-4968                                           | Financial Secretaries        | Rich Tom             |
| Church Email                   | <a href="mailto:umclr@verizon.net">umclr@verizon.net</a> |                              | Holly Ghosio         |
| Church Website                 | umclr.com                                                |                              | Angelique Sinclair   |
| <b>Resident Bishop</b>         | <b>Rev. Thomas Bickerton</b>                             | Stewardship                  | Warren Ferry         |
| <b>District Superintendent</b> | <b>Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim</b>                           | Worship                      | Heather DeSanto      |
| <b>Pastor</b>                  | <b>Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak</b>                         | Lay Servant Coordinator      | Heather DeSanto      |
| <b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>           |                                                          | Education                    | Allyssa Schoenemann  |
| Administrative Assistant       | Cathy Mitchell                                           | Sunday School Superintendent | Tammy Edwards-Wilson |
| Nursery School Director        | Filomena Thomas                                          | Youth Group Leader           | Jonathan Ghosio      |
| Chancel Choir Director         | Rex Enderlin                                             | Evangelism & Missions        | Debra Schild         |
| Organist                       | Heather Edwards-Wilson                                   | Martha's Place Thrift Shop   | Marilee Drisgula     |
| Children's Choir Director      | Heather Edwards-Wilson                                   | Soup Kitchen Representative  | Diane Hatton         |
| Youth Coordinator              | Lisa Eger                                                | Nurture/Care Ministry        | Soon Bowes           |
|                                |                                                          | UMM Representatives          | Keith Bowes          |
| Church Council                 | Richard Wahl                                             | UMW Representative           | Dennis Subbiondo     |
| Staff Parish Pastor Relations  | Bill Otto                                                | Church Historian             | Catherine Carlson    |
| Lay Leader                     | Marilyn Becht                                            | Comm. & Tech.                | Walter Schroeder     |
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