



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

GOOD NEWS

April 2020

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

www.umclr.com

Church Office Hours –
Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Nursery School –
631-467-9601

Thrift Shop –
631-981-9749

Staff

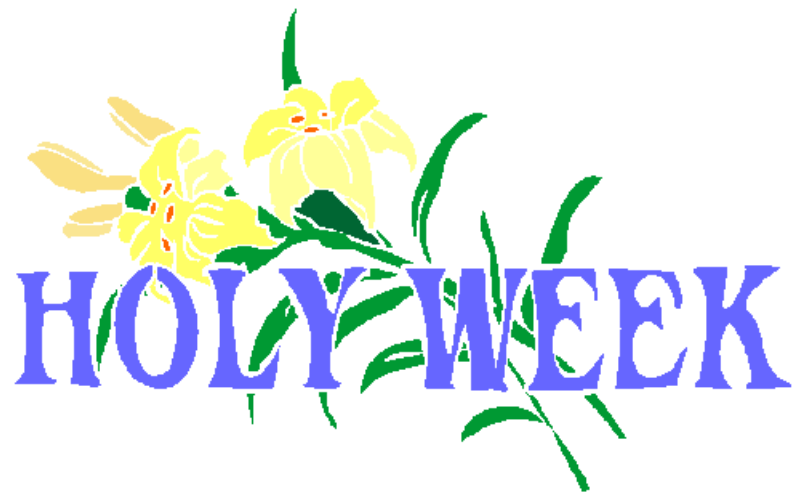
Rev. Dr. Constance Pak,
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,
Nursery School Director

Cathy Mitchell,
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



Passion/Palm Sunday

April 5

Holy Thursday

April 9

Good Friday

April 10

Easter

April 12

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the situation changes frequently. Please continue to watch your email for announcements regarding possible service times and locations as well as other important information.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE NY ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

We strive to share God's love by creating safe places where all are accepted and welcomed, connecting the needs of people to the presence of God, and transforming the world through Christ.

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.



Corned Beef Dinner

March 14, 2020



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Cyber Service

Taped March 20, 2020 - Aired March 22, 2020



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April 5
Passion/Palm Sunday

Palm Service:
Matt 21:1-11
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
(UMH 839)
Passion Service:
Isa 50:4-9a
Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
Phil 2:5-11
Matt 26:14-27:66 or
27:11-54

April 12
Easter Day

Acts 30:34-43
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
(UMH 839)
Col 3:1-4
John 2:1-18 or
Matt 28:1-10

April 19
Second Sunday
of Easter

Festival of God's
Creation
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Ps 16 (UMH 748)
1 Pet 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 26
Third Sunday
of Easter

Native American
Ministries Sunday
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 116:1-4, 12-19
(UMH 837)
1 Pet 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Now What Are We Going To Do?

With the pandemic in our midst and the limitations being imposed on attendance in large gatherings there are some things we can do as a church to help us continue our faith traditions.

Prayers – Now more than ever, we need to pray for ourselves and our community. The prayer guide is available by email from the church office and is an excellent place to start your prayers.

Presence – Although we may be limited in being a physical presence, we can reach out via telephone and email to our church community. If you need email or telephone numbers, please call the church office. Contact information is also in the UMCLR Mission Book that is presently being updated and is available through the church office.

Gifts – With the shutdown of business, the ability to continue to give may be a burden to some of us. However, if you are able to give while we are not able to attend church, please send your envelope with your check in it to the church and our financial secretaries will be able to process your gift. You may want to use your banks bill pay option. Please note that now more than ever we as a Church need to continue our regular giving and increase giving if at all possible. Our costs and expenses continue unabated and continue to track at a pace far exceeding our income. If we are to pay our employees, pay our electric and other bills we need to continue to receive your tithes and offerings on a regular basis.

Service – We are limited in gathering together but your church is looking for ways in which we can continue to serve our parishioners and community in the best way possible. Perhaps you are able to shop for homebound individuals. If you have other ideas on how we can be of help during this time, please let the church office learn of your suggestions.

Witness – Each of us by our lifestyle is a witness to others. During these times, we need to be the best that we can be as Christians and citizens.

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Martha's Place
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Temporarily
closed at this
time.

Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus pandemic situation, we have to close our Thrift Shop temporarily until further notice.

Please save your good donations until we are able to reopen. During this time, the donation drop-off bin will be locked. Please do not bring the donations at this time.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all faithful volunteers!!!



**History Comes Alive
At The
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma
Our Little Brown Church
Special but not unique**

 Saratoga, NY	 Ronkonkoma, NY	 Grass Valley, Oregon
 Springfield, Mn	 Wilson, Kansas	 Farwell, SD
 <small>Proprietors: W. H. & J. P. ... Price: ... Approximate cost, \$100 to \$1500.</small>		

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Dear fellow congregants,

As you are aware by now, our Church complex has been closed for more than 2 weeks due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. During this time of reflection and prayer, your Board of Trustees must prepare our buildings for the return of our Nursery School teachers and students, our Congregation, and all the special groups that call the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma home.

We have directed our new custodian to "deep clean" all buildings so that when we are permitted to reopen, everything will be completely sanitized, and disinfected.

To make sure that the areas treated are safe for our reopening, we ask that anybody entering the buildings in our Church Complex inform the Trustees immediately as to where they were so that the areas can be re-sanitized.

In order to save money, all heating has been set at 60 degrees. Please do not raise the temperature.

The Parish Hall should be considered off limits to all until further notice. The building has been completely sanitized, and unregulated entry will force us to deep clean again.

The Trustees must remind all church members that all our rental monies, and Nursery School donations have stopped. Please, if at all possible, continue to support your Church by donating as much as you can to offset the shortfall, which will be sizeable this year due to the COVID-19 forced closure.

On a happier note, the outdoor parking lot lighting has been replaced by PSEG at no charge to the Church. A work order has been generated by PSEG to repair the rear parking lot light, which does not work.

Our Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner raised over \$1,400! Thank you to all who dined in and took out.

As of now, we hope to be hosting our Spring Fair & Flower Show May 9, 2020. Please stay tuned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us in person, or email us at trustees@umclr.com.

"Never doubt that a just God, in His own good time, will give us the rightful result." - Abraham Lincoln

God will see us through this difficult time. Pray, and this too will pass.

Walter Schroeder & Keith Bowes, Co-Chairs

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Your Board of Trustees

Available personal protection equipment (PPE) from the LIE ERT trailer currently located in the parking lot of UMCLR, were donated to the Suffolk County OEM for distribution to area medical facilities. Authorization was received from the LIE district disaster preparation and response committee to donate the available supplies. A case and 1/2 of N95 masks totaling over 340 masks were dropped off at the Suffolk OEM collection site in Yaphank on March 25th to support the drive for PPE.



A farewell presentation to Mr. Sang Woo Joo (Our Custodian) was held on Sunday, March 1, 2020.

CHURCH FINANCE

Dear Church Family,

Hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy. It's crucial that we listen to our scientific experts and government leaders at this transformative time in our global history. I'd like to thank everyone that was involved in organizing our church services to be viewed online. It is a wonderful alternative to those who are unable to physically attend our services within our sanctuary.

I'd like to mention that although we are not physically able to be together on Sundays at this time, the church building and property still need to be maintained and we have financial obligations to meet. So, it is important that you continue your tithes and offerings to the church. A few options are mailing in a check enclosed in your church offering envelope or using the bill pay feature through your bank's online services. Your account number is your envelope number. If you do not have an envelope number, using "zero" as an account number would be fine. Any amount that you are able to give is appreciated.

At the present moment, the finance committee is discussing the pros and cons of providing the option to do e-giving through our website. We will let you know in the future if we find that it is feasible or not.

Yours in Christ,
Ilona Torraca
Finance Chairperson

Spring Festival & Flower Sale

United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

"5 Corners"

792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY

May 9, 2020

10 AM - 4 PM

(Rain date is May 16th)

Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun

For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit

WWW.UMCLR.COM



Baptism Sunday

March 15, 2020



Adalynn Grace Flanagan



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

B I R T H D A Y S



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

These names are offered each month. It is 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, please call the church office at (631) 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

- 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 William Mitchell
- 24 Lisa Eger
- 29 Heather Edwards-Wilson
- 30 Ileana Czerw



Official 225th Anniversary logo

Bicenquasquigenary Celebration

September 19, 2021

Save the date!

More exciting information to follow

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Church Office	(631) 588-5856	Board of Trustees	Walter Schroeder
Church FAX	(631) 588-0753		Keith Bowes
Nursery School	(631) 467-9601	Endowment	Sharon Millard
Martha's Place Thrift Shop	(631) 981-9749	Memorials	Janet Baumann
Parsonage	(631) 585-4968	Finance	Ilona Torraca
Church Email	Cathy@umclr.com	Financial Secretaries	Angelique Sinclair
Church Website	umclr.com		Bernice Waleski
Resident Bishop	Rev. Thomas Bickerton	Stewardship	Warren Ferry
District Superintendent	Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim	Worship	Heather DeSanto
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak	Lay Servant Coordinator	Heather DeSanto
CHURCH STAFF:		Education	Sue Preddice
Administrative Assistant	Cathy Mitchell	Sunday School Superintendent	Tammy Edwards-Wilson
Nursery School Director	Filomena Thomas	Youth Coordinator	Wendy Duffy
Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin	Missions, Evangelism & Nurture	Soon Bowes
Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Martha's Place Thrift Shop	Marilee Drisgula
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Soup Kitchen Representative	Diane Hatton
		UMM Representatives	Keith Bowes
			Dennis Subbiondo
		UMW Representatives	Ilona Torraca
Church Council	Debra Schild		Leslie Ann Alessi
Staff Parish Pastor Relations	Liza Wright	Church Historian	Walter Schroeder
Lay Leader	Marilyn Becht	Comm. & Tech.	(Needed)
	Angelique Sinclair	Disaster Prep. & Response	Warren Ferry
Lay Members to Conference	Diane Hatton	Good News Editor	Cathy Mitchell
	Bill Wahl	Circulation	Leslie Ann Alessi

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