



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

**APRIL 2021**

United Methodist Church  
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

[www.umclr.com](http://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

Abby Preziosi,  
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,  
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,  
Youth Choir Director &  
Organist

## *Holy Week Cyber Services*



*Maundy Thursday  
April 1, 2021 7:30 PM*



*Good Friday  
April 2, 2021 7:30 PM*



*Easter Sunday  
April 4, 2021 10:00 AM*

*The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma  
UMCLR.COM*



***If you have any concerns or prayer requests, do not  
hesitate to contact the church office and the pastor at  
any time.***

## 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.



*Please join us . . .*

We will be starting another discussion group on Thursdays beginning April 15th at 6:30 p.m., led by Rev. Laura Bender (Ret. Navy Chaplain). It will be for four weeks with a new topic each week (Forgiveness, Gratitude, Carrying others burdens, Respect).

You can participate for one or more sessions but we need your email address to send you the reading for that session. If you plan on being part of this, please email Eileen Torraca: [eileentorraca@yahoo.com](mailto:eileentorraca@yahoo.com)

## *Spring Festival & Flower Sale*

*United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*

*"5 Corners"*

*792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY*

*Saturday, May 8, 2021*

*10:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

*(Rain Date May 15, 2021)*

*Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun*

*For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit*

*WWW.UMCLR.COM*

## Lectons

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April 4  
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

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April 11  
Second Sunday  
of Easter

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

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April 18  
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

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April 25  
Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
Festival of  
God's Creation

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

**Looking for volunteers to manage the following booths at the Spring Fair and Yard Sale on May 8th:**

**Holiday Hideaway** - selling all manner of Christmas (mostly) goods

**Houseware Haven** - dealing with glassware, cookware, table ware, small appliances, etc.

**Entertainment Emporium** - handling toys, games, CD's, and electronics.

**Knick-Knack Knook** - pushing all those miscellaneous decorative geegaws and collectibles

The Thrift Store has committed to organize the **Fashion Forum** - peddling clothing, jewelry and other accessories

Rex will be manning the **Bargain Book Boutique** - hoping to hawk 22 boxes of locally donated books.

John Stein is taking charge of the **Posey Parlor** - offering garden flowers and plants.

The Men's Club and Craft Group also will set up booths.

Please respond ASAP if you will help support this endeavor so that we may proceed confidently.

Rex Enderlin (for the UMCLR Trustees)



The men are going to have a table at the fair on May 8 with food (light packaged items) and memorabilia: masks, cups, etc.



Official 225th Anniversary Logo

September  
19th  
2021

Save the date!

## Bicenquasquigerary Celebration

*Join us for our next Book Discussion  
Monday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church  
or you can join by  
FB Messenger*

*We will be discussing  
A.D. 30  
by Ted Dekker*

*The outcast daughter of one of the most powerful Bedouin sheikhs in Arabia, Maviah is called on to protect the very people who rejected her. When their enemies launch an attack, Maviah escapes with the help of an Arabian warrior and a Jew. Maviah hopes to make an alliance with King Herod of the Jews to save her people. Maviah's path, however, leads her unexpectedly to another man, a teacher who speaks of a way in this life that offers greater power than any kingdom. His name is Yeshua.*

## Missions, Evangelism, and Nurture Committee

### Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes  
Soup Kitchen of the  
UMCLR will be open  
every Tuesday  
beginning  
April 13, 2021  
at 5:00 p.m. for a  
pre-packaged take  
out meal.

The Food Pantry  
is open on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
of the month  
(except holidays)  
from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

*The Coat Drive was successful! We delivered seven bags of coats and men's clothes to the Eastern Farm Workers. Additionally, we delivered four boxes of food pantry items.*

*The Food pantry is open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month. Thanks to Marilee Drisgula and Diane Hatton for their help with the Food Pantry and all the people who open their hearts for this mission. Also, I am grateful for Pastor Pak's delivering groceries to EFW and congregants in need.*

*You can drop off groceries or other necessities for the food pantry Monday through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*If you are in need of any assistance, please contact the church office or call Soon - 631-585-5634.*

*Blessings,  
Soon Bowes*

*Next meeting: April 20 - 7:00 p.m. in Hertlin Hall*



Martha's Place  
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Mondays  
10 am - 2 pm

Tuesdays  
10 am - 2 pm

Fridays  
10 am - 2 pm

Saturdays  
10 am - 2 pm

*Martha's Place Thrift Shop*

Welcome to April with Spring in the air leading us to Easter. The Thrift Shop is busier now that we are open four days per week with our usual hours of Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are busy hanging spring and summer clothing after our long winter months!

We are still in need of one or two fill-in volunteers so, if you have time, we can always use your help. Thank you.

In God's Service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

# Martha's Place Thrift Shop

## Spring & Summer Apparel

## Housewares - Jewellery - Keepsakes

Open

Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



***Donations are accepted on Fridays and Saturdays  
between 10 AM and 2 PM***

## Support Groups:

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

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



Please come and join Trivia Night on Zoom

Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a wide variety of categories and time to visit with one another. Everyone welcome and invite friends.

Zoom Meeting: **Trivia Night and FUN!**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9019019876?pwd=Q2djNGIrcE9IRUUvb0pkMWNPTW40Zz09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/krUlYs6eW>

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*Belated Christmas wishes from our friends  
at Imparare Giocando, Naples, Italy*

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Always remembering my  
visits to your congregation.  
Hope to return one day  
soon



Rosaria and  
all at IG

Christmas 2020

MAY HIS LOVE FILL YOU  
WITH PEACE AND  
HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS.

The children and staff  
at Imparare Giocando  
want to send you many  
special wishes for a healthy  
and peaceful New Year.  
this is a difficult time  
but God will not abandon  
His children.

# E D U C A T I O N



Happy Easter and spring to all. We are filled with hope that the pandemic restrictions will lessen and we can soon begin to gather together for in person classes. The Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt and activities remind us how much we do miss seeing each other. It makes us more determined to be able to once again be together on a regular basis. We will be considering all of our options this month and asking for input from all participating Sunday school families as we make our plans.

The secondary Sunday school will remain on skype due to the fact that Allyssa is in Germany. We are so very grateful for her faithful leadership during this time. The elementary Sunday school will make plans according to the church guidelines and the comfort level of all participants. If regular classes do not resume right away there may be another event Sunday or two this spring at church. Please let your teachers know what your family feels comfortable doing.

We will also plan Confirmation in consideration of the comfort level of our participants as well as how we can comply with our safety guidelines. I would like to thank our teachers for their willingness to adapt to new ways of reaching out to our children and to the speakers who are keeping our children's message a part of our weekly cyber service. I believe that we will truly appreciate our time together in person someday soon. Please pray for our children and Sunday school. Pray that we have the wisdom and patience we need to help us make good decisions moving forward.

Sue Preddice  
Education Chair

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## ***Wednesday Morning Prayer***

***We are having a morning prayer group meeting on Zoom every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Please feel free to join us.*** Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9019019876?pwd=Q2djNGlRcE9lRUUvb0pkMWNPTW40Zz09>

Meeting ID: 901 901 9876

Passcode: MG6T1x



GOOD NEWS

**THERE IS AN URGENT NEED...**  
...FOR **DONORS** LIKE YOU.



**Donate Blood**

To schedule an appointment  
go to.....

**WWW.NYBC.ORG**

Or call...  
**(800) 933-2566**

♥♥ **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

**URGENT CALL FOR HEALTHY DONORS AS BLOOD SUPPLY  
DROPS TO DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVELS**



Please notify the church office of any telephone number, address or email address changes so that we may update our files.

**LOAVES & FISHES SOUP KITCHEN**

**OPEN EVERY TUESDAY**

**BEGINNING**

**APRIL 13, 2021 AT 5:00 PM**

**PICK UP YOUR PRE-PACKED**

**TAKE OUT MEAL**

**IN FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY  
DOORS**

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*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.*

## *April Birthdays*

- 1 Liza Wright*
- 2 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*
- 17 Megan Schwab*
- 17 Miriam Rodriguez*
- 17 Charles Duffield*
- 22 Diane Drisgula*
- 23 Nicolas Tracey*
- 24 William Mitchell*
- 24 Lisa Eger*
- 29 Heather Edwards-Wilson*
- 30 Ileana Czerw*



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*Palm Sunday Cyber Service*  
*March 28, 2021*



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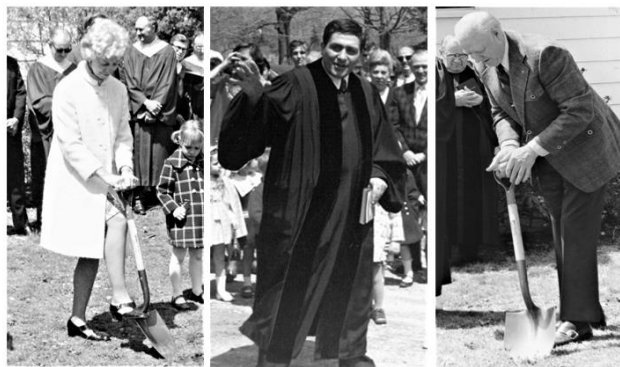
*Easter Egg Hunt*  
*March 28, 2021*



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**History Comes Alive  
At The  
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma**



Forty-nine years ago, this month, Reverend Frederick Moore officiated as Trustee Chairperson James Agnew turned over the first shovel of dirt as ground was broken for the East Wing on Sunday, April 23, 1972. Many other congregants also participated in the groundbreaking ritual including Education Committee Chairperson Lillian Hertlin. The new addition was dedicated later that same year on November 12, 1972.

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If you would like to order a mask with a picture of our church on it, please contact Dennis Subbiondo.

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# Grand Fall Auction September 18, 2021

**12 Noon**

**Viewing At 11:00 AM**

**Make-an-Offer / Yard Sale At 9:00 AM**

**Hundreds of interesting items!**

**Rain or Shine!**

**Bring a chair & a sense of adventure**

**Food & Beverages Available**

**United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma**

**792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove (At 5 Corners)**



## UMC/LR AUCTION 2021 PLEDGE SHEET

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Item description (brief, but with all pertinent information)	Approx. value (if known)	Reserve (optional)

Auction is scheduled for September 18th. All pledge sheets MUST be returned for cataloging by September 5th  
Leave your completed sheets in the auction mailbox sooner rather than later.

Please bring pledged items to the church on Friday, September 17th for labeling unless other arrangements are made.  
ANY ITEMS BROUGHT AFTER THE PLEDGE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE AUCTIONED. NO EXCEPTIONS!



He is  
*Risen*



If you are in need of a prayer shawl, please contact the office, we will be happy to provide you with one.



***Please don't forget, reservations will be required for in person services. Be sure to call the office or email [umclr@verizon.net](mailto:umclr@verizon.net) by the Wednesday before the service.***



***Once we reopen, we will be able to perform Baptisms again. Please contact the office if you have a request.***

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

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