



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

April 2022

United Methodist
Church of Lake
Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

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Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Nursery School
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Heather Edwards-
Wilson,
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Organist



Baptism Sunday March 13, 2022



Cassandra Rose Flanagan



*The United Methodist Church
Of Lake Ronkonkoma*

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.



Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

6:30 AM

Lake Ronkonkoma County Park
(Smithtown Blvd & Lake Shore Road)

In the event of inclement weather
Please meet at the Church

Lectons

April 3
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isa 43:16-21
Ps 126 (UMH 847)
Phil 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 10
Passion/Palm Sunday

Palm Service
Luke 19:28-40
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
(UMH 839)
Passion Service
Isa 50:4-9a
Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
Phil 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or
Luke 23:1-49

April 17
Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
(UMH 839)
1 Cor 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 or
Luke 24:1-12

April 24
Second Sunday in
Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Ps 150 (UMH 862)
Rev 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Please join us:

Holy Week Service Schedule



Palm Sunday Service

April 10, 2022 10:00 AM

UMCLR Brass Quintet
Chancel Choir + Children's Choir



Maundy Thursday Service

April 14, 2022 7:30 PM

Holy Communion
Chancel Choir + Organ



Good Friday Service

April 15, 2022 7:30 PM

Confession of sins + Sending off the scapegoat
Chancel Choir + Organ



Easter Sunday Service

April 17, 2022 10:00 AM

Praise Band
Chancel Choir + Children's Choir

GOOD NEWS



- The UMM has had a very busy February and March with the Quinipet retreat and the start of our breakfasts again. Our next breakfast will be held on April 3rd at 7:30 a.m. in Hertlin Hall.
- We have concluded our study on Peter.
- We gave monies to UMCOR for the Ukrainian people during this tumultuous time; please keep them in prayer.
- We are looking forward to more UMM activities as spring is coming!

Thank you,
Dennis Subbiondo
President, UMM

Prayer Group on Zoom led by Rev. Pak

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. as we discuss the Upper Room publication reading for that date, and continue our prayers for those who are in need. This is a wonderful way to focus on your communication with God and become closer to members of your church family, as they share their thoughts, praises, petitions, prayers and faith.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9019019876?pwd=Q2djNGIrcE9IRUUvb0pkMWNPTW40Zz09>
Meeting ID: 901 901 9876
Passcode: MG6T1x

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

E D U C A T I O N

CHRISTIAN education

Greetings from the education work area. We have made it to spring! The season of hope and rebirth. As we watch the leaves turn green, the birds return, and we enjoy the warmer weather, let us rejoice this Easter season and share that joy especially with our young children and youth.

We had record attendance last week in Sunday school and I am hoping this becomes a trend now that the winter is behind us and the Covid numbers are lower.

I am including a message from our Sunday School Superintendent, Sharon Corvaia: We are happy to have all of our friends back after a long winter. The kids are having fun making their journey through Holy Week and the Lenten Season. The Easter egg hunt will be Palm Sunday 4/10 directly after the Church Service.

Our Youth Group leader Wendy Duffy reports: During our meetings in April, the UM Youth group will be taking a time travel trip to Jerusalem, 34 A.D. to partake in the Last Supper gathering. We will do an Earth day project. We will also be participating in the Long Island East District Youth retreat at Camp Quinipet.

Confirmation students should be actively participating in all of their required activities. They are also, when invited, able to assist in the various missions and work areas in the church. Classes have been well attended on Wednesday evenings. We are pleased to have eight students this year. There will not be a Confirmation ceremony this year as they all are working toward a Confirmation in 2023. Please continue to support and pray for them.

Our work area will meet after the church service April 3rd. We are looking for volunteers in all areas of our program. We will be planning for the end of this school year and the beginning of next. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Happy Easter to all!

Sue Preddice
Education Committee Chairperson

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

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
- 10 Cayden Robert Otto
- 12 Doris Tschoke
- 13 Richard Wahl
- 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



*Join us for our next Book Discussion
Monday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church
We will be discussing
"Freedom's Ring"
by Heidi Chiavaroli*

Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the

UMCLR opens every
Tuesday at
5:00 p.m. for a pre-
packaged take out
meal.

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

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays - 7:00 pm
Thursdays - 6:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesdays - 6:30 &
8:30 p.m.
Fridays - 8:00 p.m.

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



Corned Beef Dinner
March 12, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

Food Pantry
Open
Tuesday
April 5 & 19, 2022
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

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

We are now headed into Spring and Easter is around the corner!! Yeah!!

We are busy hanging spring and summer clothing; we also have some Easter and spring knick-knacks.

We are excited about our customers who are happy to receive some good sales and who keep coming back to shop here. We are blessed!!

Yours in Christ

In God's service,

Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Winter & Spring Apparel
Housewares - Jewellery - Keepsakes

Easter Merchandise

Open Monday-Tuesday-Friday-Saturday
10AM-2PM



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MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF UMW!



Who Are
We?

Sporting
the latest
fashions
from our
Thrift Shop



Tom Schiavone & Charlie Bornscheim

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Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday



And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage,
to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,
"Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.
If any one says anything to you, you shall say,
'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately."
This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
"Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble,
and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass."
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt,
and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.
Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road,
and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"
And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying,
"Who is this?" And the crowds said,
"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

Matthew 21: 1-11

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Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

Maundy Thursday



And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him.
And he said to them,
"I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer;
for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."
And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said,
"Take this, and divide it among yourselves;
for I tell you that from now on
I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
And he took bread,
and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
And likewise the cup after supper, saying,
"This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.
For the Son of man goes as it has been determined;
but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"
And they began to question one another,
which of them it was that would do this.

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Good Friday

April 15, 2022

Good Friday



So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gol'gotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfil the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19: 1-30

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Holy Saturday *April 16, 2022*

Holy Saturday



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Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022



God is not Dead

The joy of Easter
fills the air anew
With signs familiar,
and a joy to you;
Can anyone be sad,
and reckless day
That "God is dead,"
and so forget to pray
That he will keep them
through another day?

It's Spring again;
the Resurrection nigh,
And the birds
and flowers
and trees
and all things
try to prove
that heav'n and earth
will never, never die.

Alice Hawkins Coleman
April 14, 1966

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Spring Festival & Flower Sale

United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

"5 Corners"

792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY

Saturday, May 7, 2022

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(Rain Date May 14, 2022)

Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun

For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit

WWW.UMCLR.COM

Grand Fall Auction **September 10, 2022**

12 Noon

Viewing At 11:00 AM

Make An Offer At 10:30 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)



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"Lord, hold Sam in your loving hands. Protect him as he protects us.
Bless Sam and his family for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
Please place a hedge of protection around each and everyone.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

The Tom Family, March 20, 2022



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

H I S T O R Y

History Comes Alive At The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar which advanced the calendar 10 days-as called for by the Council of Trent-and moved the start of the new year to January 1st. In the Julian Calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1st. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "April fish" said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

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(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 | 1-800-933-2566

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DROPS TO DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVELS**

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Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

I would just like to thank you for all your prayers, visits, cards, and telephone calls throughout the time I was in the hospital and beyond. All was greatly appreciated.

Yes, the power of prayer really works. It was a life-or-death surgery so I was given a second chance to live my life for which I will be forever grateful. Since then, during my daily meditation and reflection time before I fall asleep, I've discovered my new purpose of living is to help others as best I can. Whether it is through my life coaching practice, Peace Room advocacy, or my political position in the community, I always try to strive to see others with a smile on and seek out those with a positive attitude.

Thank you again for your care, love, and support.

Love & Peace,
Ilona J. Torraca



Thank you to all who attended our March meeting. All women of the church are invited to join us as we support each other on our spiritual journey. We hope to create a sense of fellowship, mission and communication as we join together in the life of our church.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. then, on Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m., we will gather together to experience a program about The Kindness Rock Project: Alyssa's Wishes led by Sue Simon.

Looking ahead: July – meet every Sunday for after church coffee hour! (We will be providing the refreshments and clean-up.) August – planning meeting and potluck dinner (date TBA).

Thank you,

Barbara Colucci, Miriam Rodrigues, Soon Bowes



Easter Flower Order Form

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

In Memory of _____ from _____

In Memory of _____ from _____

In Memory of _____ from _____

In Honor of _____ from _____

In Honor of _____ from _____

In Honor of _____ from _____

Offering Envelope # _____

Easter Plants _____ at \$12.00 each = \$ _____

Donation to Flower Fund \$ _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: United Methodist Church. (On memo line, put Flower Fund.) Send to the church office by the deadline of Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Heather DeSanto at 631-289-1009.

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