



United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma

Good News

DECEMBER 2019

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

The Long Island Flute Club

presents

“Silvery Sounds of the Season”



*A recital of seasonal favorites, performed by the
Long Island Flute Club Holiday Flute Choir*

*Saturday, December 7, 2019 3:00 pm
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma
792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove*

*Sunday, December 8, 2019 1:00 pm
Red Ballroom, Old Westbury Gardens
Admission to Concert is free with paid admission to Gardens*

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.



Cookie Walk

We will be selling delicious cookies made by members of our congregation on Saturday, December 7th before and after the flute concert and Sunday morning before and after church.

You pick out the cookies you want, put them in a bag and we weigh them and sell them for \$8 a pound.

We need people to bake 4 dozen of each type and bring them on the 7th at 12 noon. There is a sign up sheet in Hertlin Hall.

The special ones sell out quickly so pick early.



The UMM will enjoy a Christmas Dinner together at Flanagan's Pub (451 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Ronkonkoma) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9.



All women of the church are welcome to the UMW Christmas Party on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Hertlin Hall

A potluck dinner will be held.

Contributions to the table are welcome but not necessary to attend.

There will be a "Sharing Table" at the party. Instead of new, wrapped gifts, everyone is encouraged to bring items that they are no longer using or even ever used (i.e. CDs, books, jewelry, scarf, etc.) and we will have a game to pass them around.

Lectons

December 1
First Sunday
of Advent
UM Student Day

Isa. 2:1-5
Ps. 122 (UMH 845)
Rom. 13:11-14
Matt. 24:36-44

December 8
Second Sunday
of Advent

Isa. 11:1-10
Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19
(UMH 795)
Rom. 15:4-13
Matt. 3:1-12

December 15
Third Sunday
of Advent

Isa. 35:1-10
Luke 1:46b-55
(UMH 199)
James 5:7-10
Matt. 11:2-11

December 22
Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Isa. 7:10-16
Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19
(UMH 801)
Rom. 1:1-7
Matt. 1:18-25

December 29
First Sunday After
Christmas Day

Isa. 63:7-9
Ps. 148 (UMH 861)
Heb. 2:10-18
Matt. 2:13-23

*The UMYF will be selling Christmas
wreaths for \$15 on Sunday, December 8.
Help support our youth!*



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

In Memory of _____ from _____

In Memory of _____ from _____

In Honor of _____ from _____

In Honor of _____ from _____

Poinsettias ordered _____ at \$13.00 each = \$ _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Envelope # _____

Make checks payable to United Methodist Church. (On memo line put Flower Fund.)

Place in offering plate or send to the church office by the deadline of December 15, 2019.

If you have any questions, contact Heather DeSanto at 631-764-1416.

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



We hope you are looking forward to having a wonderful Christmas Season this year.

If you decide to come into your Thrift Shop, you will find some lovely Christmas items and Christmas sweaters, etc. to enhance the season.

We have been working very hard to show our friends and neighbors that we can display our items nicely for their pleasure and we hope they will be willing to buy a few also.



We have some trees this year and if you are looking to buy one, please let us know. Hopefully we will have the size you need.

Once again, thank you for your continued donations to keep the shop running so well. Thank you to all my volunteers who show up and keep the shop running smoothly.



In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



To All UM Women interested in the
2020 Retreat – April 24-25-26:

We are scheduled to stay at Asbury again. If possible, we are asking for a \$30.00 deposit ASAP. Please contact me so that I have an accurate count. My cell number is 631-835-2045.

Thanks,
Sue Sprague



Sauerbraten Dinner

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men

November 2, 2019



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Soup Sunday IV

November 3, 2019



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Game Night!

All adults are welcome to join us for Game Night on Friday, December 20th.

We will be meeting at BLD's (299 Hawkins Ave., Ronkonkoma) for dinner at 5:00 PM, followed by Game Night at 7:00 PM at church. Enjoy a night out filled with fun and fellowship!

Join us for
Christmas Caroling
on Wednesday,
December 18



**The Christmas Pageant
is on Sunday, December 22
at 10:00 a.m.**

Join us on Christmas Eve!

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service

11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(With caroling beginning at 10:30 PM)



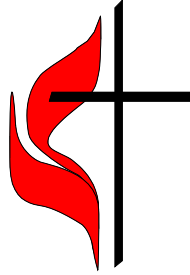


**Merry
Christmas
From Your
Church Historian**

**Don't forget!
Our Charge Conference will be held on
Sunday, December 8th at 12:00 PM
at Bayport UMC.**



The Trustees wish to thank Samuel Thomas who built and installed a "Little Free Library" outside our Parish Hall as his Eagle Scout Project.



Season's Greetings from your Board of Trustees!

Our contracts for leaf removal and snow plowing are in place.

The Trustees would greatly appreciate your donation of Ice Melt for our walkways.

Projects Completed in 2019:

LED lighting in all church buildings
Surveillance Camera system installed
Parsonage deck replaced
Thrift Shop cesspool replaced
Fellowship & Baker Halls painted
Lavatory exhaust fan for Hertlin Hall & Finance Office replaced
Evacuation Gate into cemetery installed
Parish Hall railing installed
Parking Lot lines repainted & no parking zone marked for disaster preparedness
Outdoor Flag light repaired
Fellowship Hall window grates repaired & cement work redone
New fire alarm bells installed in Parish Hall
Church Air Conditioning unit repaired & new filters installed
Tile floors burnished monthly
Tree removal on Smith Street Property completed
Church lawn sprinkler system repaired
Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 outdoor clean-ups completed
New Utica National Insurance company policy for 2019/2020

Ongoing Projects:

Cell Tower contract negotiations with Elite
Brookhaven Town request to purchase 507 sq. feet of church property for road improvement
Re-Investing Church CD's in December at a higher insured rate
Steeple repair & painting
Feasibility of solar panel installation & cost
Upgrading phone system
Disaster preparedness report

2020 Proposed Projects:

New Sign for church
Parsonage repairs & updates
Dishwasher in Fellowship Hall kitchen for Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen
Re-evaluating all maintenance contracts
Updating 2019 rental agreements
Corned Beef & Cabbage Fund Raiser in March 2020
Spring Fair & Flower Show in May

We were truly blessed to have Doug Filipowich, Quinn Vollgraff, Jim Pennise, Rex Enderlin, and John Stein, who were always available for repairs, and even Barbequing for our Grand Fall Auction and Annual Sunday School Picnic.

Thank you to Jill Holmes our Secretary and Ileana Czerw for working to get us a better insurance deal.

Finally, we would like to thank our co-chairperson, Beth Ann Graf, for her leadership and hard work over the past three years.

The three Trustee nominees for the Class of 2022 will be:

Keith Bowes
Marilee Drisgula
Doug Filipowich

Praying for a bright and prosperous 2020.
In God's service

Respectfully submitted by:

Walter Schroeder
&
The Board of Trustees



The Community Ecumenical Pre-Thanksgiving Service was hosted by St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church this year on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

It's Christmas At Martha's Place! Thrift Shop



Christmas Merchandise - Winter Clothing - Housewares Arriving Daily



Open Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday - Christmas Eve
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Fellowship Dinner At LaGrova November 12, 2019



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DECEMBER 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.

2	Regina Eger	18	Kathy Smith
3	Gunner Teigland	18	Christine Pfeil
4	Eleanor Subbiondo	18	Samuel Tom
8	Eileen Torraca	25	Paul Eger
11	Sofia Pearl	25	Christopher Fechtmann
12	Amanda Martocello	25	Soon Bowes
15	Kristina Purcaro	31	Krista Teigland





Veterans Sunday

November 10, 2019



Ron Driscula Flag Retirement Service



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*Richard Marshall Komst,
Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak*

*Special thanks to our
Veterans Sunday guest speaker,
Richard Marshall Komst,
Director, Human Resources at BH Aircraft., Inc.*

**Join us for our next book discussion on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 PM.
We will be reading "Until We Find Home" by Cathy Gohlke.**

Set in England's Lake District in the early days of World War II when the Kindertransport of 1938-1940 brought 10,000 predominantly Jewish children, to Great Britain for refuge from Nazi oppression. American Claire Stewart becomes stranded on English shores with five French Jewish children she smuggled across the channel before Nazis stormed Paris. Her estranged aunt is Lady Miranda Langford who owns a magnificent estate. Miranda reluctantly agrees to take the children into her home if Claire will stay to help. Claire is ill-prepared for the daily dramas of raising children, yet she must find a way to keep the children safe during this time of war.

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma
Missions, Evangelism & Nurture Committee
Newsletter Submission

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us, teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present God, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life, we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart, the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

God, for today's encounters with all who are in need; who hunger for acceptance for righteousness and bread. We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on, renew us with your Spirit; and free us, make us one!

Fred Kaan

Updates and Check in:

The Orphanage of Tapio in Haiti is again in need. We are looking to send another donation before the end of the year. We humbly thank the congregation for their prayers and support.

"Clinica Bethesda" in Guatemala is in need of funds to continue to set up its dental lab. Soon will be bringing funds with her in January when she and Diane return. It is exciting to see how much has been done and the steadfast faith displayed by Pastor Luke Rhyee.

Please note that our Food Pantry: beginning in December, will be open on the first Tuesday of every month from 3-5 p.m. This change is due to the low attendance on Wednesdays.

The Heifer Project: Piggy Banks were collected on November 24th with a "dedication." Congratulations to the children of the United Methodist Church for their hard work and desire to make a difference in the lives of people across the globe who are in need.

Soup Sunday/November 3rd: was a most delicious, nutritious and a lucrative fundraiser.

The Blood Drive, held on Sunday, November 17th from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., was another way in which our congregation and community give back. We will hold another drive on **April 19, 2020**, during the same times.

Veterans Day: Richard Marshall Komst was the guest speaker and the service was a moving tribute to our local veterans, spanning decades of service, sacrifice and bravery.

Welcome Bags: the existing bags are in the process of being updated.

Nurturing Committee updates: Cards and calls will continue to be made to reach out to congregation and community members.

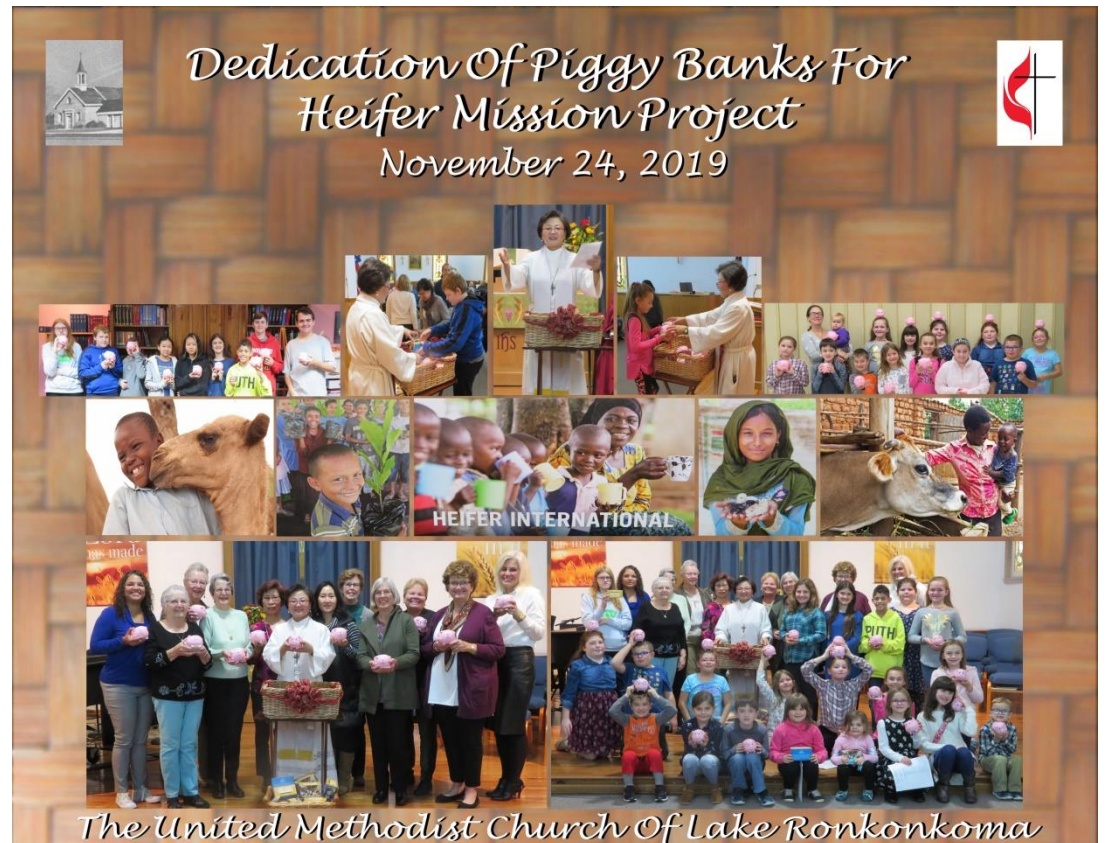
International Dinner: January 11, 2020 at 5:00. This will be a potluck dinner and tickets will be sold.

Open Discussions:

- * Hospitality Committee will be formed and headed by Rosemarie and Marilee.
- * Toy Drive: possibly Helen, Cheryle, Diane and Jerry and the Sunday School
- * Christmas Cards: Rosemarie and Helen
- * Prayer requests were made and prayers are being lifted

The meeting closed with a pastoral prayer.

Upcoming Meeting: December 17, 2019
all meetings begin at 7:00



Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the
UMCLR is open
Tuesdays and
Thursdays at 4:45 pm
in Fellowship Hall

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

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays at 7:00 pm in
Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
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.



December 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1 st Sunday of Advent Cantata Sunday	2 Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7	3 Thrift Shop 10-2 Food Pantry 3-5 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Trustees 7	4 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 UMYF 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	5 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30 Disciple Bible Study 7:30 Rabbit Assoc. 8	6 Thrift Shop 10-2 AA 8	7 Thrift Shop 10-2 UMW Cookie Walk 1 LIFC Holiday Concert 3
8 2 nd Sunday of Advent Communion Sunday UMW Cookie Walk Charge Conference at Bayport UMC 12	9 Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 UMW Christmas Party 7 UMM Christmas Dinner 7	10 Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Emmaus 7:30	11 Morning Prayer 7 AM Loaves & Fishes 10 Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	12 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30	13 Thrift Shop 10-2 AA 8	14 Thrift Shop 10-2 Emmaus Gathering 4-7
15 3 rd Sunday of Advent Poinsettia Orders Due	16 Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7	17 Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Missions, Evangelism & Nurture 7	18 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Christmas Caroling	19 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30	20 Thrift Shop 10-2 BLD for Dinner 5 Game Night 7 AA 8	21 Thrift Shop 10-2
22 4 th Sunday of Advent Pageant Sunday	23 Church Office Closed Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7	24 Christmas Eve Church Office Closed Thrift Shop 10-2 Family Service 7 pm Candlelight Service 11 pm (caroling at 10:30 pm)	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed No Wednesday Programs	26 Church Office Closed	27 Thrift Shop Closed COPE 7 AA 8	28 Thrift Shop Closed
29	30 Church Office Closed Thrift Shop Closed NA 7	31 Church Office Closed Thrift Shop Closed AA 6:30 & 8:30				

GOOD

NEWS

Church Office	(631) 588-5856	Board of Trustees	Beth Ann Graf
Church FAX	(631) 588-0753		Walter Schroeder
Nursery School	(631) 467-9601	Endowment	Sharon Millard
Martha's Place Thrift Shop	(631) 981-9749	Memorials	Janet Baumann
Parsonage	(631) 585-4968	Finance	Rich Tom
Church Email	umclr@verizon.net	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	Evangelism & Missions	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
		UMW Representatives	Dennis Subbiondo
Church Council	Debra Schild		Ilona Torraca
Staff Parish Pastor Relations	Bill Otto	Church Historian	Leslie Ann Alessi
Lay Leader	Marilyn Becht	Comm. & Tech.	Walter Schroeder
	Angelique Sinclair	Disaster Prep. & Response	(Needed)
Lay Member to Conference	Diane Hatton	Good News Editor	Warren Ferry
		Circulation	Cathy Mitchell
			Leslie Ann Alessi

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