



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

December 2021

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

www.umclr.com

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

Christmas Week Services

December 24, 2021

7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Family Service

11:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 26, 2021

10:00 AM

Appreciation Sunday



**Please make your
reservations now!**

**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.

Veterans Sunday
November 7, 2021

American Revolution

Civil War

World War I
World War II

Our Flag Today

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God Bless our Veterans

Veterans Luncheon
November 7, 2021

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December 5
Second Sunday
of Advent

Mal 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
Phil 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 12
Third Sunday
of Advent

Zeph 3:14-20
Isa 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 19
Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Mic 5:2-5a
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)
Heb 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

December 26
First Sunday
after Christmas Day

1 Sam 2:18-20, 26
Ps 148 (UMH 861)
Col 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52



The men are going to be having their December Dinner on the 6th at Uncle Joe's in Lake Grove. Men, let us know if you can make it!

William G. Ford, Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division 2nd Department, shared his faith with the United Methodist Men at their November breakfast. We had some of the women of our church join us and it was certainly a blessed event.



We are looking for men of all ages who would like to join the men's group. Please speak with Dennis Subbiondo if you are interested or if you know of someone who may just need a call from us to get them involved.

Thank you,
Dennis Subbiondo
President UMM



The winter season is upon us once again and your Board of Trustees would appreciate donations of salt and ice melt for our walkways. Thank you in advance for your donations.

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 at 7:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

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

**Prayer Group on Zoom led by
Rev. Pak**

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 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.*

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY

AT 5:00 PM

PICK UP YOUR PRE-PACKED

TAKE OUT MEAL

**IN FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY
DOORS**

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Cookie Walk
Saturday December 4, 2021
2:00 PM
Sponsored By
The United Methodist Women



Christmas Cantata
"Let Heaven & Nature
Sing Gloria"
Sunday
December 5, 2021
10:00 AM
To Sponsor A Visiting Musician
Call The Church Office
(631) 588-5856
The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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

We hope that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. We are now looking forward to a wonderful Christmas season celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior.

The shop has been busy working on many large bags of donations which included some lovely items.

Just letting you know, we will not be taking donations from Tuesday, December 1 until Monday, January 3. We will be closed Friday, December 24 and will reopen Monday, January 3.

Thank you for your continuing donations of all kinds.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



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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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kevin Flanagan***
- 2 Regina Eger***
- 4 Eleanor Subbiondo***
- 8 Eileen Torraca***
- 11 Sofia Pearl***
- 18 Kathy Smith***
- 18 Christine Pfeil***
- 18 Samuel Tom***
- 25 Paul Eger***
- 25 Soon Bowes***

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 | 1-800-933-2566

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

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The first Sunday in Advent has passed and the Sunday school children have created a beautiful bulletin board outside of Baker hall depicting the candles of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy in the advent wreath. Many of the children were blessed at our first Advent Church service. They watched as the first Advent candle was lit by the Duffy and Corvaia family which includes our youth group leader and Sunday School Superintendent.

Our Children’s Choir Director, Heather Edwards-Wilson, is working her magic to prepare yet another beautiful Christmas pageant with her choir and all the Sunday school children and pageant participants. It is truly a joy to watch this group rehearse as they tell the story of the birth of Jesus with song and dance. The Pageant is scheduled for December 12 during our Sunday service.

As we prepare to receive Jesus in our hearts this Christmas, let us remember to include the children in the process. John 3:16: “God so loved the world that He gave His only son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.” Let us all put God’s gift in the center our festivities.

May all of our children and all of our church family experience the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy that the Good News of the birth of Jesus can bring. Merry Christmas!

Sue Preddice, Education Chair

Bible Sunday
November 14, 2021

*"Let the little children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for the
kingdom of heaven belongs
to such as these"*

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Sauerbraten Dinner

November 13, 2021



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First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021





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Special thanks to Shop Rite, BJ's, Trader Joe's, McDonalds, Uncle Joe's, Starbucks Coffee, and IHop for their donations. Please support these businesses.

Also, a very big thanks to the church members who worked so very hard on this event to make it a success!



GOOD

NEWS



  THE CHRISMON TREE 

Chrismons are inspirational ornaments made from Christian symbols (a contraction for Christ and monogram). In November 1982 Rose Young led a Chrismon workshop at our church. Rose became interested in Chrismons while attending a study group on the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Rose wrote, "I visualized the Christmas tree in our sanctuary shouting the message of Christ, the Bible and the Church to everyone! The Holy Spirit was very evidently at work here".

Every year since then, the Chrismon Tree has been a source of beauty and inspiration to our church family.

Portions taken from: Highlights of our Heritage by Robert C. Van Horn

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



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New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church



Faithful in Ministry Award

Lake Ronkonkoma United Methodist Church

**Is Recognized for Faithfulness in Ministry
for Full Support of All 2020
Shared Ministry Apportionments**

**World Service and Conference Benevolences • Black College Fund • Missional Priority Fund
Ministerial Education Fund • Africa University • Clergy Support • Administration**


Resident Bishop


Conference CFO


District Superintendent

Our Mission: 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.

Our Vision: We see strong leaders who develop vital congregations that eagerly make new disciples, actively nurture existing disciples, and passionately advocate for the needs and concerns of all people.

Our Core Values: The values that drive us are deep love for God and unconditional love for all people. We value collaboration and partnerships that demonstrate God's love to a world that divides and alienates. We value relationships that foster accountability, excellence, and an ability to engage in open, honest, and respectful conversations. We value the hope that we have in Christ that, when discovered, brings us a unity of purpose, a joy that enlivens our spirit, and a peace that surpasses all understanding.



The flowers on the altar are available to purchase each week in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. Please call the church office at 588-5856 to make arrangements.

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Missions Christmas Greetings

Please send your Christmas Greetings to your church family - ornamental cards are available for your use. You can choose one that matches your spirit! The Mission Committee would love to have cards from each member of our church.

There is a free will offering container for anyone who would like to contribute. This year the Christmas Greeting Cards will fund our Church's needs as well as special needs for our church family.



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Sonevole presents

"The Silvery Sounds of the Season"
A recital of seasonal favorites



Saturday, December 4, 2021

3:00 p.m.

*United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma
792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY 11755
Freewill offering to benefit ALS*

United Methodist Women are having a Cookie Walk 2:00 p.m.

Come early and buy cookies by the pound.





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 12, 2021.
If you have any questions, contact Heather DeSanto at 631-764-1416.*

◀ December		January 2022					February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 Happy New Year!	
2	3 Thrift Shop 7:00 p.m. NA	4 Thrift Shop 3:00- 5:00 Food Pantry 7:00 PM Trustees	5 7:00 a.m. Prayer 12:00 Craft Group 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. UMYF	6	7 Thrift Shop	8 Thrift Shop	
9	10 Thrift Shop 7:00 p.m. NA	11 Thrift Shop	12 7:00 a.m. Prayer 12:00 Craft Group	13	14 Thrift Shop	15 Thrift Shop	
16	17 Thrift Shop 7:00 p.m. NA MLK, JR. DAY	18 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> Thrift Shop 3:00- 5:00 Food Pantry	19 7:00 a.m. Prayer 12:00 Craft Group 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. UMYF	20	21 Thrift Shop	22 Thrift Shop	
23	24 Thrift Shop 7:00 p.m. NA	25 Thrift Shop	26 7:00 a.m. Prayer 12:00 Craft Group	27	28 Thrift Shop	29 Thrift Shop	
30	31	UMCLR Office Hours are 9:00 a.m through 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.					





A coloring page for the young at heart!

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
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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	Sharon Corvaia
CHURCH STAFF:		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	Barbara Colucci
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