



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

December 2022

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Ronkonkoma

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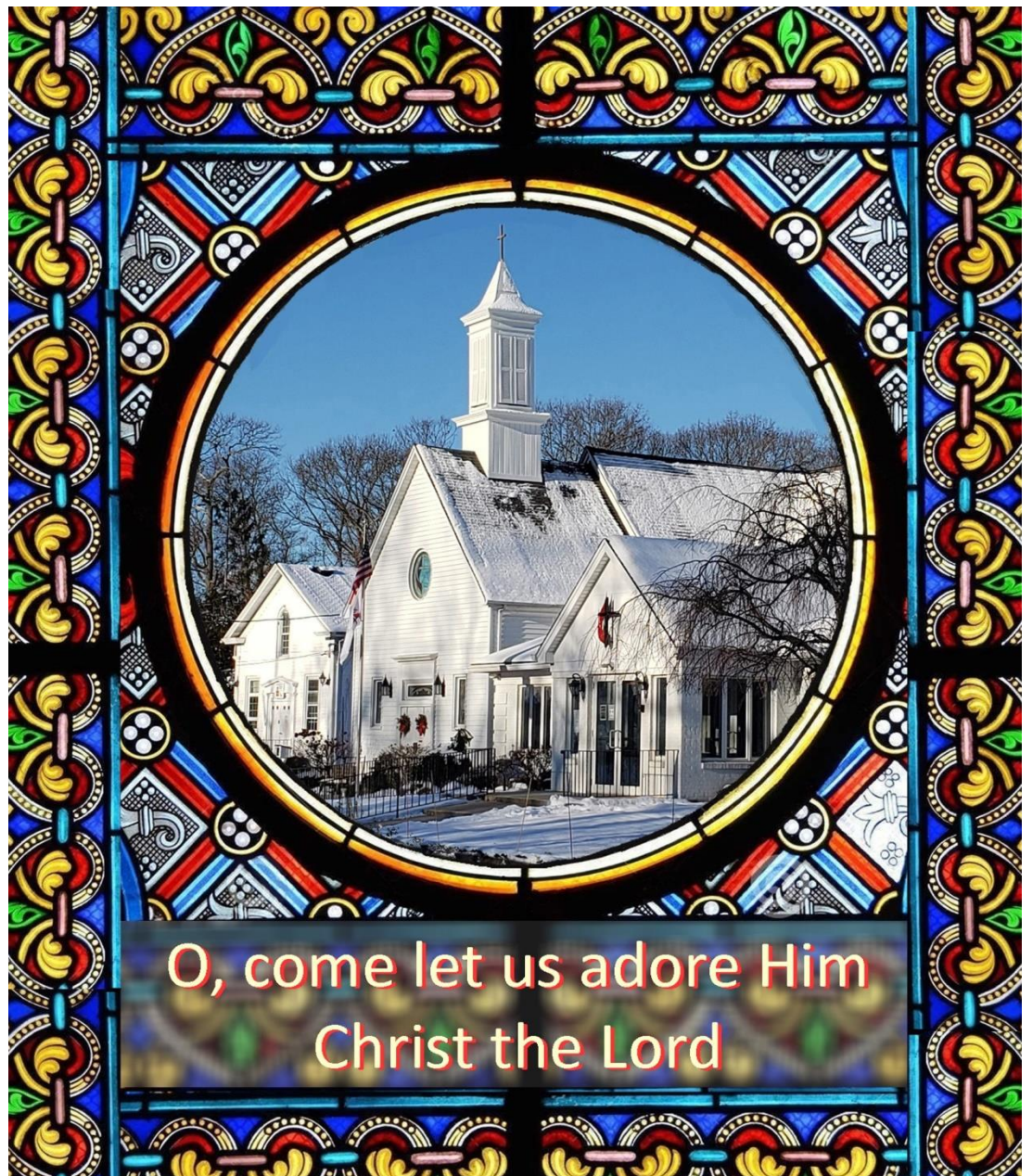
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Choir Director

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O, come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

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.



Dear Friends,

December is a month to maximize God's gift of joy! Let us be intentional about doing so through our sharing and caring and connecting in Christ's Name. While life always has its ups and downs and challenges, there are extra opportunities for fun and fellowship and inspirational music in the month of December that can uplift and cheer us and others whom we invite to join us at church. You will find many of these in this newsletter. Use these opportunities to bless people you know; reach out. The goal is to build fellowship and faith as we meet together, to inspire, to touch hearts so that lives are changed and renewed and the world is impacted for the better.

As our District Superintendent recently reminded us at our Charge Conference, Jesus is the source of our joy. J.O.Y., she said, stands for "Jesus Over You" (as Leader of our lives and life together) or "Jesus Overwhelming You" (through the Holy Spirit). As we gather, we celebrate the birth and love of Jesus that changes us from the inside out as we turn to God and experience God's magnificent Presence.

I want to say a special thank you to all of our volunteers and our staff who make this beautiful month of Advent and Christmas celebration possible. Each of you is an ingredient in the "recipe" that makes for such an incredible offering to God through our worship and music. Each of you is an ingredient in what we offer to the community so that it turns out sweet! God is good and has gifted all of you in so many special ways that bear fruit for God's kingdom.

Whom can you invite to be present that can use some Christmas joy?
Whom are you praying for? When we do our part, God does the rest!

Wishing you Christmas blessings,

Pastor Karen Burger

Lections

December 4
2nd Sunday of Advent

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

December 11
3rd Sunday of Advent

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

December 18
4th Sunday of Advent

Isa 7:10-16
Ps 80:107, 17-19
(UMH 801)
Rom 1:1-7
Matt 1:18-25

December 25
Christmas Day

Isa 52:7-10
Ps 98 or UMH 818
Heb 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

Christmas Cantata

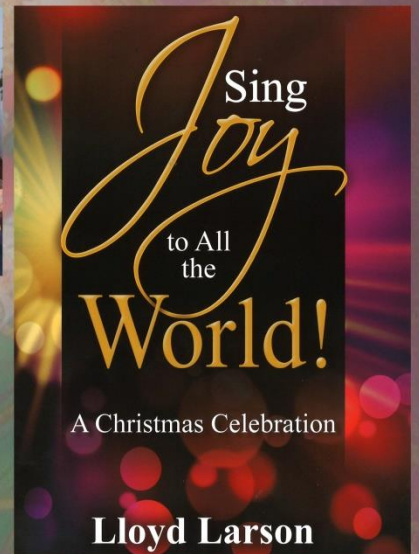
Sunday, December 4, 2022



To sponsor a visiting musician
\$125.00

Call the Church Office at:
(631) 588-5856

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Join us for our next
Book Discussion

Monday, January 9, 2023
at 2:00 p.m. at the Church

We will be discussing
"Everything Beautiful in Its Time
Seasons of Love and Loss"
(non-political)

by Jenna Bush Hager

Jenna Bush Hager, the former first daughter and granddaughter, bestselling author, and co-anchor of the Today show, shares moving, funny stories about her beloved grandparents and the wisdom they passed on that has shaped her life.

Ongoing Missions:

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.



Flag Placement

November 3, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

We Remember
and
We Honor



Flag Retirement Ceremony

November 6, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Sauerbraten Dinner

November 5, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

*Food and ...
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Veteran's Luncheon

November 6, 2022



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Advent Schedule

November 27th 9:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

December 4th 9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

Cantata: "Sing Joy to All the World"

December 11th 9:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Communion Sunday

December 18th 9:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24th

Christmas Eve Family Service

7:30 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

11:00 PM

December 25th

Christmas Day

No Service



We give small toiletries to needy people at Christmas. During Covid, few people traveled and thus did not get them from motels. If you have some, please put them in the box before December 11. Thank you.

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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.



- 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*



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.

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 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 Thursday, December 1 until Tuesday, January 3. We will be closed Saturday, December 24 and will reopen Tuesday, January 3. Thank you for your continuing donations of all kinds.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all great volunteers



Martha's Place
Winter Clothing
Housewares
Jewelery - Keepsakes
&
Christmas
Merchandise
Open
Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

E D U C A T I O N

Greetings from the Education Work Area;

We are blessed with a holiday season that is a bit more like our pre-covid days where we are able to see each other in person. Please check the many opportunities for families to partake in at UMCLR.

It was so wonderful to see our children sing at St. Joseph's Church during the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. They made us proud under the direction of Heather Edwards- Wilson. The Children's choir and extended family and friends are busy working on this year's Christmas Pageant. It has become a wonderful tradition that is a treat for everyone who participates and all who attend the service.

The UMYF was blessed in November to have Warren Ferry as a guest speaker. He shared stories of his military experiences, which encouraged the youth to share what their career goals are. If you have a talent or experience that you would like to share with our young people please reach out to Wendy Duffy. We welcome guest speakers. Our very lively group continues to have good attendance. Among the activities we are looking forward to in December is our 2nd Annual Ugly Sweater Contest.

The season is busy for all but let us not forget the reason for the season. Let's be joyful together and share the blessings of the Good News of God's most precious gift. Looking forward to seeing you all at church to wish you all the peace and joy of this beautiful Christmas season.

Sue Preddice
Education Chair

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The UMM had a very successful sauerbraten dinner, learning more of what to do and what not to do. The youth were wonderful in helping with the running of the food up from downstairs as well as serving. Also members of the Women of Faith were instrumental in making sure this went smoothly. The diners that attended were very satisfied.

We have purchased two 8' tables for the church and plan on getting one more. We are looking forward to our December Christmas dinner at Uncle Joes.

One unforeseen incident was the closing of Camp Quinipet for the winter, having to move our January retreat to March; however with the worry of winter cold and snow lessening, we may bring in more men. We also are going to invite the men from our cooperative church Trinity Methodist to join us.

Dennis Subbiondo

UMM President

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PRAYER GROUP ON ZOOM

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.

Meeting ID: 858 8602 0997 and Passcode: 011880



**G A M E
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Friday, December 16, 2022
7:00 PM

Enjoy a game of your choice or play one of ours.
Come, laugh, and have fun.

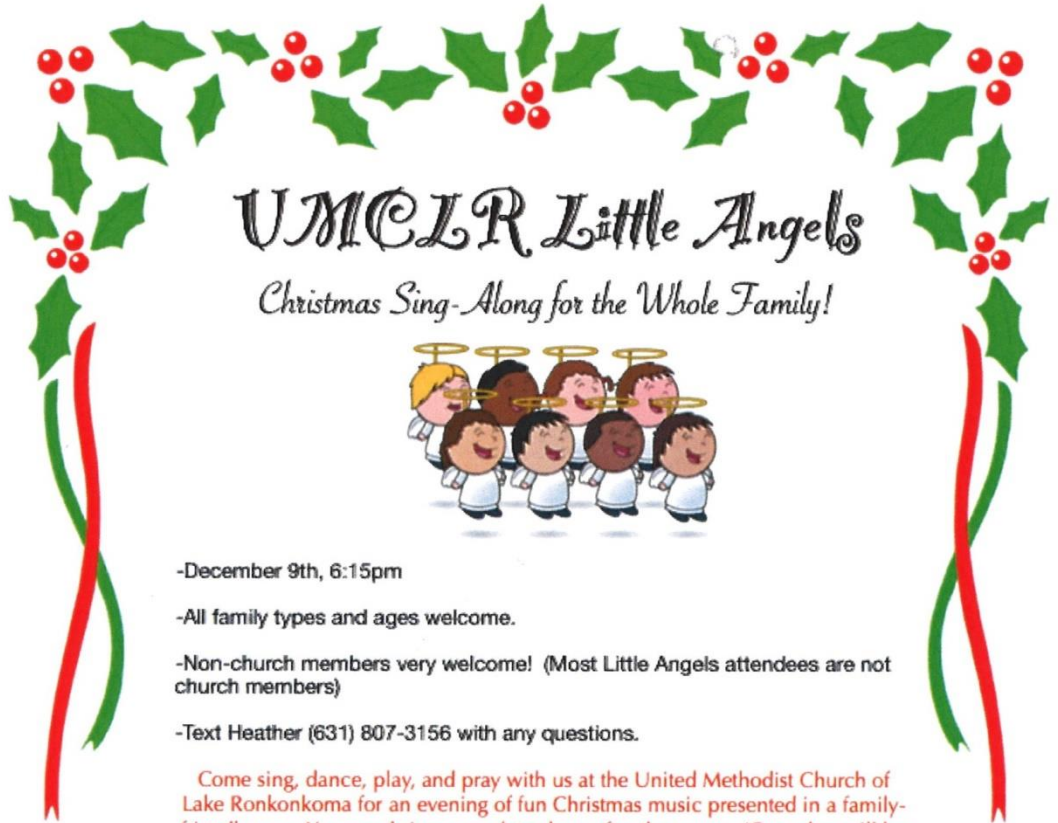
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We will be selling homemade cookies on December 10th starting at 2:00 before the flute concert. Everyone picks out the ones they want and we sell them by the pound; we will also sell them at church on Sunday. We need donations; please sign up in Hertlin Hall. Call Diane June at 631-585-1481 if you have a question.





UMCLR Little Angels

Christmas Sing-Along for the Whole Family!



-December 9th, 6:15pm

-All family types and ages welcome.

-Non-church members very welcome! (Most Little Angels attendees are not church members)

-Text Heather (631) 807-3156 with any questions.

Come sing, dance, play, and pray with us at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma for an evening of fun Christmas music presented in a family-friendly way. You may bring a snack to share after the songs. (Cupcakes will be provided for Zephyr's birthday!)

Children's Christmas Pageant



Bring The Entire Family!

December 18, 2022 - 9:30 AM

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



United
Women
in Faith

Christmas Dinner

Monday

December 12, 2022

For more information call the Church Office at:
(631) 588-5856

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MINISTRY
"UMW"**

"All women are invited to our meetings! Please share the experiences and bring friends . . ."

Please sign up if you would like to bring an appetizer or a desert to share! Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Barb Colucci and Tessa Tom



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

**Stay up to date on happenings by
visiting our website:**

www.umclr.com

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Thanksgiving Sunday

November 20, 2022



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So much to be grateful for!

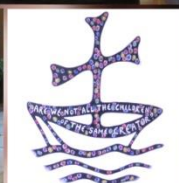


Ecumenical Prayer Service

November 22, 2022



Hosted by Saint Joseph R.C. Church, Ronkonkoma



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Thanksgiving Baskets



Thank you for your donations!

The United Methodist Church
Of Lake Ronkonkoma
Serving our community since 1796



Our Crèche set-up crew

GOOD TIMES



Breakfast with Santa
November 26, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Christmas Festival
November 25 & 26, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

ADVENT QUIZ

1. What does the word Advent (from the Latin adventus) mean?
 - A. Before Christmas
 - B. Arrival or coming
 - C. To go on an adventure

2. True or False: Like the 40 days of Lent, Advent is a fixed number of days before Christmas.

True
False

3. Which of these Advent hymns was written by Charles Wesley?
 - A. "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
 - B. "Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
 - C. "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

4. According to tradition, approximately how far did Mary travel to visit Elizabeth?
 - A. 10 miles
 - B. 50 miles
 - C. 100 miles

5. Why are the Advent candles arranged in the shape of a circle?
 - A. They make a wreath, and wreaths are Christmassy.
 - B. It is the easiest way to see all four candles.
 - C. Circles symbolize eternity.

6. What is a Jesse Tree?
 - A. The tree decorated with Chrismons
 - B. A representation of Jesus' family tree

7. On the third Sunday in Advent, churches light a pink candle in the Advent wreath. Why?
 - A. Pink (or rose) is a color of joy.
 - B. It represents the positive outlook we have in Christ.
 - C. The rose color symbolizes Jesus' childhood.

8. Do you know how the Advent calendar began?
 - A. Chalk lines were drawn on the door to mark the days.
 - B. Religious families hung pictures on the wall, one for each day.
 - C. A candle was lit for each of the 24 days in December.
 - D. All of the above

9. What is the meaning of the Hebrew word "Emmanuel"?
 - A. Mighty king
 - B. Christ child
 - C. God with us

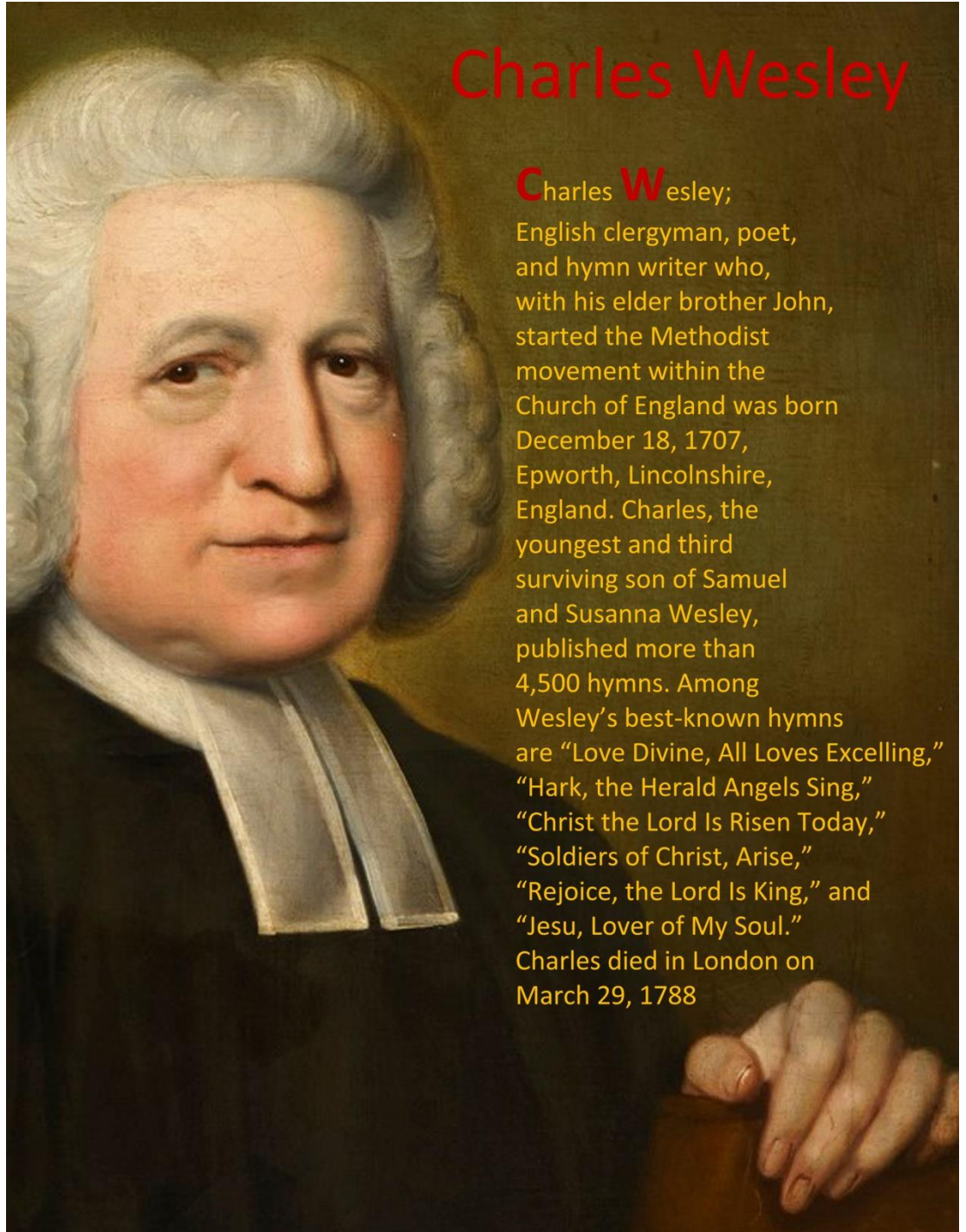
1: B, 2: False, 3: A, 4: C, 5: C, 6: B, 7: A, 8: A, 9: C



The flowers on the altar are available to purchase each week in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please call the church office at 631-588-5856 to make arrangements.

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Charles Wesley

Charles **W**esley; English clergyman, poet, and hymn writer who, with his elder brother John, started the Methodist movement within the Church of England was born December 18, 1707, Epworth, Lincolnshire, England. Charles, the youngest and third surviving son of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, published more than 4,500 hymns. Among Wesley's best-known hymns are "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," "Rejoice, the Lord Is King," and "Jesu, Lover of My Soul." Charles died in London on March 29, 1788



H I S T O R Y

History Comes Alive At The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



Rev.
Elbert C.
Hoag

In December 1924, a new parsonage was built and dedicated next to our "Little Brown Church" on land donated by Mrs. Alice Ruland. The newly completed building was covered in brown shingles like the church next door. To celebrate the event, members of the congregation were invited to an open house. Sixty people attended the event hosted by its first occupant, the Rev. Elbert C. Hoag. The building served as our pastor's residence until 1975 when a more private home was purchased for use as our parsonage. On November 23, 1976, our Thrift Shop opened in the former parsonage, and continues to use the building to this day.

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The Chrismon Tree



Rose Young



In November 1982 congregant Rose Young led a Chrismon workshop. “A Chrismon (Christ Monogram) is an inspirational decoration solely related to the life of Christ, the Church and Bible Symbolism”. Rose became interested in Chrismons while attending a study group at our church on the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Rose wrote in The Good News, “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”. Each year since then, the Chrismon Tree in our sanctuary has been a source of beauty and inspiration. What a fitting Memorial to Rose Young.

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COAT DRIVE

November 1 - December 11

Please place coats in the bin in
Hertlin Hall

Sponsored by:
The Missions Committee

First Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Hope



Jeremiah 33:14-16

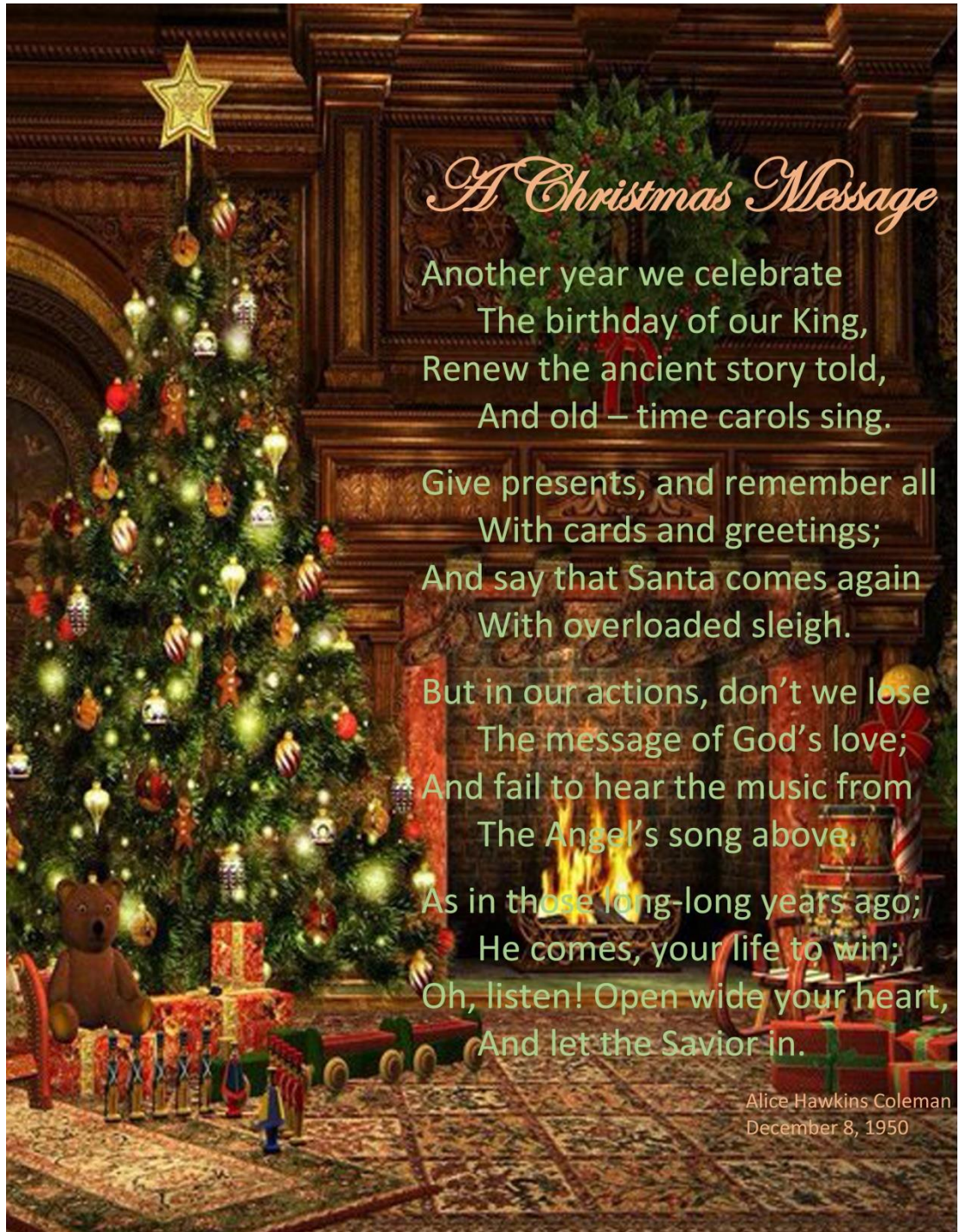
“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.” “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”



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Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

*Saturday
March 11, 2023
5:00 PM*

*Adults & Youth \$20.00
Children under 12 \$17.00
Children under 5 Free*

(Eat in or Take out)

Tickets Available or Call (631) 588-5856

*The United Methodist Church
Of Lake Ronkonkoma at "5 Corners"
792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove*



Spring Festival & Flower Sale

*United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma
"5 Corners"*

792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY

Saturday, May 13, 2023

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(Rain date: May 20, 2023)

Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun

*For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit
WWW.UMCLR.COM*

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Q: What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?

A: Cookie sheets!

Q: How does a sheep say Merry Christmas?

A: Fleece Navidad!

Q: Where does a snowman keep his money?

A: In a snow bank!

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Frosted Flakes!

Q: What kind of motorcycle does Santa like to ride?

A: A Holly Davidson!

Q: What do you get when Santa becomes a detective?

A: Santa CLUES!

Q: How does a snowman lose weight?

A: He waits for the weather to get warmer!

Q: What do you call a reindeer with bad manners?

A: RUDE-olph!

Q: Why did the turkey join the band?

A: Because he had the drum sticks!

Q: What falls at the North Pole and never gets hurt?

A: Snow!

Q: What do you call a reindeer who wears earmuffs?

A: Anything you want! He can't hear you!



United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

Out-of-Hibernation

Spring Flea Market & Sidewalk Sale

Saturday, May 13th, 2023 - (Rain Date: May 20th)
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Independent Vendor Agreement

Your signature below indicates that you have read and do agree to the following caveats:

*Being entirely outdoors, this event may be postponed by inclement weather until the next clear Saturday. If you are unable to attend the rain date, your space rental will be refunded in full.

*Restrooms only will be available inside.

*Space is limited both by our small campus and the need for physical distancing. Though the vendor fee remains at \$40, we are enlarging space for each vendor booth and spacing the booths farther apart.

*Spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Your place is confirmed when this signed document and accompanying payment are received at the church office.

*All vendors and attendees must abide by all protocols adopted by this church.

*Be advised that you will be sharing this day with a concurrent church-wide yard sale.

*You alone are responsible for the set-up, maintenance, and removal of your booth. The church will not be able to furnish tables, canopies, chairs, or other necessities.

*The church assumes no responsibility for losses which may occur due to weather, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Further information may be obtained by calling the church office at 631-588-5856, emailing questions to festival@UMCLR.com, or by visiting our website: www.UMCLR.com

(return this portion)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Merchandise: _____

Space rental is \$40.00.

Please make checks payable to UMCLR

Send completed form and accompanying check to:

UMCLR Attn. Spring Festival
792 Hawkins Ave.
Lake Grove, NY 11755

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Church Website	umcdr.com	Stewardship	Warren Ferry
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District Superintendent	Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim	Lay Servant Coordinator	(Needed)
Pastor	Rev. Karen A. Burger	Education	Sue Preddice
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