



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

FEBRUARY 2018

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

Lisa Eger,
Youth Coordinator

BLUE VALENTINE *Dinner*



BEFORE
Ash Wednesday
Service

FEBRUARY, 14TH
UMCLR

6:00 P.M
Bring a Dish!

Hosted by the Nurture Committee <3

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.

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.

CPR/AED/FIRST AID TRAINING

(AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION)

FOR YOUTH & EDUCATION

@ UMCLR (Baker Hall)



February 24, 2018

10am-4pm

\$25 fee includes books, training and certification card*

(Cash or Checks made out to UMCLR)

PLEASE Contact Lisa Eger at lisa@umclr.com or

516-650-3443 to register by Thursday, 2/1/18

***Fee subject to change**

All youth group members, parents, Sunday School teachers and those on the Education Committee are invited to register to take CPR/AED/First Aid Class on Saturday, 2/24 from 10am - 4pm. Please register on/before 2/1.

Thank you,
Lisa Eger
UMCLR Youth Coordinator

Lectons

February 4
Fifth Sunday After
the Epiphany

Isa. 40:21-31
Ps. 147:1-11, 20c
(UMH 859)
1 Cor. 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11
Last Sunday After
the Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings: 2:1-12
Ps. 50:1-6 (UMH 783)
2 Cor. 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 18
First Sunday in Lent

Gen. 9:8-17
Ps. 25:1-10 (UMH 756)
1 Pet. 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25
Second Sunday in Lent

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16
Ps. 22:23-31 (UMH 752)
Rom. 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

The United Methodist Women will host a Super Bowl Sunday Bake Sale on February 4 after service. Be sure to pick up a goodie to enjoy during the game!



AED / CPR training will be held on Tuesday evening, February 20th at 7 PM. You do not need to be an EMT. Sign up for the 2 hour AED / CPR class and learn how and when to use the AED device and how to perform CPR. Contact Cathy in the church office at 631-588-5856 or Warren Ferry at 631-875-5204.



Hold the date!!!
UMW Retreat at Quinipet
April 27, 28, & 29, 2018

Personal Testimony

The Stewardship committee is seeking individuals who wish to offer their personal testimony during a service in the fall of this year. Each year individuals are offered the opportunity to give their personal testimony and speak about how individually they reflect the tenets of our commitment for prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness. If you wish to offer your testimony at one of our Sunday lay presentations, please contact Warren Ferry at 631-875-5204 or Cathy in the Church office at 631-588-5856.

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



A happy and healthy 2018 to our family of donors and customers! Your continued support of "Martha's Place" has brought a friendly and inexpensive shopping experience to those members of our community who may need aid and assistance. The Thrift Shop of the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma is here to serve them.

Your donations throughout the years form the basis of our current inventory, such as gently used men's, women's and children's clothing along with housewares, small appliances, wall art, sewing items, CD's, DVD's, objects de arte and the occasional antique

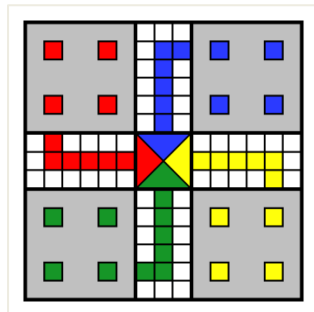


We also carry some new merchandise, greeting cards and seasonal items for Valentine's Day, Saint Patrick's Day and Easter.

Please stop by and check out our ever changing inventory. If you don't see what you're looking for, ask. You'll be glad you did.

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

Game Night!



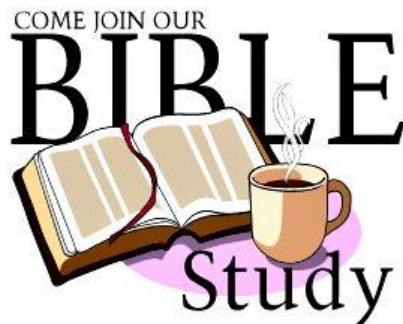
All adults are welcome to join us for Game Night on Friday, February 16th.

Enjoy a night out filled with fun and fellowship!

“Come and See What!”



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF LAKE RONKONKOMA



Disciple Bible Study, led by Richard Wahl, will return in February! Book distribution will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 2 and the study will begin the following Friday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to join us for this well-loved program!

"Alpha" Program

Please consider joining us for a new study beginning in the Lenten season called Alpha. What is Alpha? It is a program for new and experienced Christians, introducing Jesus in a whole new way. You are encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor to this class. There will be interactive sessions over 10 weeks including a weekend day apart. The sessions have a flow, so you should try to set all the dates aside to join us. We will be meeting on Thursday evenings beginning on February 15, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The program runs until April 19, 2018. There will be a Saturday retreat day which is a very important part of the program. We will share food, fellowship and study time together. This program can be a life changing experience! We are excited to offer this. If you have questions, please see Diane Hatton or Marilyn Becht. There is a sign-up sheet in Hertlin Hall.

5Cs Youth Group



"We exist to REACH youth in order to SHARE the light of Christ and together CONNECT, so we can GROW in our ability to GLORIFY God!"

February Meeting Schedule

- 7th - Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)
- 14th – Ash Wednesday - Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)
- 21st – No Meeting – Winter Break
- 28th – Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)

***Save the Date: District East Youth Retreat
4/20-4/22 at Camp Quinipet
More info to follow...**

MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

At our first meeting on Sunday, January 14th, we started organizing our annual projects. Members of the committee volunteered to be in charge of specific events.

- A. Street Fairs
- B. Easter Bible Buckets
- C. Blood Drives - 1. April 6th, Friday and 2. November 18, Sunday.
- D. Concert/Dinner - Heather Edwards-Wilson and Debra Schild.
- E. Operation Christmas Child - Hopefully Heather DeSanto will still be in charge.
- F. Cookie Walk, Dec 1st -in conjunction with the LIFC Holiday Flute Concert. (UMW)
- G. School Bags and supplies - Craft Group
- H. Pumpkins - committee to be determined.
- I. Christmas "Ornaments" money was used for the Pastor's discretionary fund.Church Council Feb. 6th
- J. Welcome Bags- Nurture and Mission and Evangelism.
- K. Veteran Activities - Diane and Jerry June
- L. Thanksgiving Baskets- Diane and Jerry June
- M. Flood Buckets- Diane and Jerry June
- N. Coat Drive - Ran itself. Craft Group went thru the donations and donated to the Eastern Farm Workers.

New Ideas

- A. Valentine Cards sold to raise money for Orchestra musicians
- B. St. Patrick's Day - Shamrocks sold to raise money possibly for bibles for the Easter Bible Buckets.

We know that there are many other wonderful mission and evangelistic projects being organized by other groups in the church.

The committee would love to hear about other projects or ideas the congregation would like to support.

Members of the committee are:

Helen Morley	Judy Fleming
Gina Gong	Sue Sprague
Ileana Czerw	Soon Bowes
Doris Coniglio	Marilyn Becht
Natacha Fleuriant	Sue Preddice
Rosemarie Heiserer	Debra Schild

Here's to a great year of bringing the message and love of Christ to our community.

Debra Schild

~Food Pantry~

We are in need of additional food supplies for our clients. They have come to depend on our church to assist in their nutritional health.

The following canned goods would be very helpful:

- Tuna
- Sardines
- Salmon
- Clams
- Chicken
- Red Kidney Beans
- White Beans
- Pinto Beans
- Baked Beans
- Black Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cereals – Hot & Cold
- Soups/Broths – Any variety

- Tomatoes – Sauce, Paste, Whole
- Corn
- String Beans
- Beets
- Yams
- Potatoes
- Peaches
- Pears
- Pineapple
- Applesauce
- Dressings – Salad, Oil, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo
- Rice – Brown/White
- Pasta – Any variety



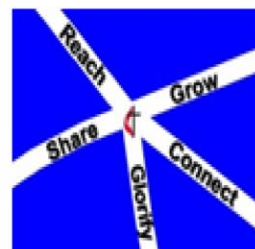
**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- Non refrigerated Milk
- Juices

Please be sure to check the expiration dates!

Drop off on Sundays before or after service or during our church office hours (Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.).

Thank you for your generosity!



Please join us for...
Our 3rd Annual
Scouting and Youth Sunday

WHEN: **Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 10am Service**

WHERE: **UMCLR** (*Please wear your uniform/vest or 5Cs Youth Group Shirt—“We exist to REACH youth in order to SHARE the light of Christ and together CONNECT, so we can GROW in our ability to GLORIFY God.”*)

WHY: To Celebrate our Youth and recognize the scouts in our congregation.

Please RSVP to Lisa@umclr.com if your son/daughter are in scouts or any youth that is interested in helping out during service. **Those scouts that participate will receive a patch only if they RSVP by February 16th.**

-D2D-

Disciple to Disciple Training 2018
- Long Island East District of the NYAC -

Saturday, February 3 @ Hampton Bays UMC
Saturday, February 10 @ Westbury UMC

RSVP to Nancy Fogg at (631) 366-2396

Or liedistrict@nyac-umc.com

The event is free!

Schedule

8:30 – Gathering and refreshments

9:00 – Opening prayer/Testimonials– DS Rev. Julia YH Yim

10:00 -11:45 – **Morning Sessions**

Finance – Conference Staff

SPR – DS Rev. Julia YH Yim

Trustees – Rev. Carole Paynter

Mission/Disaster Resp. – Rev. Tom Vencuss

Consilio de Iglesia – Rev Enrique Lebron *(solo el 10 de febrero)*

11:45-12:15 – Break, light lunch

12:15-2:00 – **Afternoon Sessions**

Lay Leadership – Rev. Constance Pak

(Leadership Ministry Manual in the Local Church)

Prayer – Rev. Marjorie Nunes

Congregational Care: Clergy & Laity in Ministry Together – Rev. Penny
Gadzini & Rev. Bob Leibold *(Rev. Leibold at Hampton Bays only)*

Family Ministry – Rev. David Collins

Intro to Preaching in Spanish – Rev. Hector Rivera *(solo el 10 de febrero)*



If you're interested in joining, please
see Pastor or Eileen Torraca.



January 7, 2018
 Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord
 Holy Communion
 Baptism Sunday



Neville River Ross *Born – May 7, 2017*



HE SAW THE HEAVENS
 OPEN AND THE HOLY
 SPIRIT DESCENDING
 ON HIM.

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The very popular **Little Angels Music Class** will return on Friday, February 16 at 6:15 p.m. and meet each Friday through March 23. Please consider joining us for this fun program that will promote fellowship, musicianship, play and prayer among little ones (Age 0-5) and their families/caregivers. Feel free to come weekly, just once, or whenever you can. Please contact Heather Edwards-Wilson for more details: hw322@nyu.edu.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS- 2018

CHURCH COUNCIL - 7:30 PM

Tuesday 2/6
Tuesday 5/8
Tuesday 9/11
Tuesday 11/13

NURTURE - 11:15 AM

Sunday 1/21
Sunday 3/18
Sunday 5/20
Sunday 7/15
Sunday 9/16
Sunday 11/25

EDUCATION - TBA

EVANGELISM & MISSIONS - 7:00 PM

Monday 1/8
Monday 2/12
Monday 3/19
Monday 4/2
Monday 5/21
Monday 6/18
Monday 7/16
Monday 8/27
Monday 10/15
Sunday 11/11 - 11:15 AM

SPPRC - 7:30 PM

Tuesday 1/9
Tuesday 2/13
Tuesday 5/1
Tuesday 9/4
Tuesday 10/9

STEWARDSHIP - 7:30 PM

Tuesday 3/27
Tuesday 5/22
Wednesday 8/28

TRUSTEES - 7:00 PM

Tuesday 1/2
Tuesday 2/13
Tuesday 3/6
Tuesday 4/3
Tuesday 5/1
Tuesday 6/5
Tuesday 7/10
Tuesday 8/7
Tuesday 9/4
Tuesday 10/2
Tuesday 11/6
Tuesday 12/4

FINANCE - 7:30 PM

Tuesday 1/16
Tuesday 4/17
Tuesday 6/19
Tuesday 9/18
Monday 11/19

LAY LEADERSHIP-NOMINATIONS

Thursday 5/3
Thursday 6/21
Thursday 9/13

NURSERY SCHOOL - 7:30 PM

Monday 1/8
Monday 4/16
Monday 6/4
Monday 9/17
Monday 12/17

WORSHIP - 11:15 AM

Sunday 2/4
Sunday 3/4
Sunday 5/6
Sunday 8/26
Sunday 11/4

*These are the regular meetings scheduled. If you need to change any date, please consult with the pastor and check the wall calendar in the office.

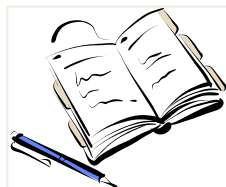


FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

These names are offered each month as 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, call the church office at (631) 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

3	Catherine Shick
3	Wade Gagliano
7	Jean McNeill
7	Jessica Alessi
9	Cheryle Otto
10	Helen Mulvihill
15	Sue Sprague
15	Conner Tracey
19	Gregory Olivotti, Jr.
22	Barbara Brown
24	Janet Baumann
24	Tessa Tom
28	Donna VanSicklin
28	Ralph Vcelka



Don't forget to notify the church office of any telephone number, address or email address changes so that we may update our files.

Save money on your energy bill. Support a worthy cause.

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

is holding a fundraising drive. We're not selling anything you don't need! In fact, you can help our cause by saving money on something you already use! You can save money on energy by switching your service to Ambit Energy, our partner in this fundraising effort.

Switch to Ambit and you'll enjoy lower rates. You'll get a free 3-day, 2-night travel certificate just for trying Ambit service. Plus, you'll get a chance to win a free cruise, earn Travel Rewards Points redeemable for vacations,



and referring others to Ambit Energy qualifies you to earn energy credits up to and including free energy! Plus, when you pay your energy bill month after month, part of the money goes to support

the UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma.

Great Rates On Energy!

When you switch your energy service to Ambit Energy, nothing will change except the size of your bill.

Ambit Energy customers save 7% off the estimated energy supply charge for the first two months and enjoy a competitive monthly rate thereafter. Plus, customers save an additional 1-2% in taxes on the delivery charges each and every month you have Ambit Energy service.

There is no cost to switch. No contracts are required. You can switch back at no cost.

For more information about Ambit's rate plans or to enroll for service, go to our fundraising site: www.umclr.joinambit.com

NATIONAL GRID offers the discount on Natural Gas and CON EDISON offers the discount on Electric & Natural Gas.



Please contact me if you have any questions about supporting our cause and saving money with Ambit.

Contact me: **Ron @ phone or Sharon @ e-mail**

Voice: (631)588-5856

Email: 4energysavings@gmail.com

Online: www.umclr.joinambit.com

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Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the
UMCLR is open
Tuesdays and
Thursdays at 5:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

The Emergency
Food Pantry
is open on
Wednesdays
12:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays at 7:00 pm in
Fellowship Hall

*Alcoholics
Anonymous*
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
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.



February 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Soup Kitchen 5 Girl Scouts 6:30 Girls Scouts 7 Rabbit Breeders Assoc. - Library 8	2 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Disciple Bible Book Distribution 7:30 AA 8	3 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
4 UMW Super Bowl Sunday Bake Sale	5 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7	6 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Church Council 7:30 Emmaus 7:30	7 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Food Pantry 12:45-3 Youth Group 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	8 Soup Kitchen 5 Girl Scouts 6:30 Girls Scouts 7	9 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Disciple Bible 7:30 AA 8	10 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
11 Worship Comm. after service	12 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7 Evangelism & Missions 7	13 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Trustees 7 SPPRC 7:30	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Food Pantry 12:45-3 Youth Group 6:00 Blue Valentine's Dinner 6 Chapel Choir 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30	15 Soup Kitchen 5 Girl Scouts 6:30 Alpha 6:30 Girls Scouts 7	16 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Little Angels 6:15 Game Night 7 Disciple Bible 7:30 AA 8	17 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
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Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin
Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson
Youth Coordinator	Lisa Eger
Church Council	Richard Wahl
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Lay Leader	Marilyn Becht
Lay Members to Conference	Diane Hatton Michael Zukowski

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Nurture/Care Ministry	Soon Bowes
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