



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

## FEBRUARY 2021

United Methodist Church  
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

[www.umclr.com](http://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

Abby Preziosi,  
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,  
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,  
Youth Choir Director &  
Organist

*Ash Wednesday Cyber Service  
February 17, 2021 7:30 PM*



*To receive Ashes  
by mail, call the  
Church Office  
at:*

*631 588-5856*

*The United Methodist Church  
of Lake Ronkonkoma*

*There will be a Lenten Study led by Cathy Schick (former organist) from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting on February 24th for 6 weeks. The book is "Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross" by Susan Robb. The cost is \$13 and you have to call the office to register for the study so we will be sure to have enough books.*

## 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.

## *Something to think about . . .*

*I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself. He sent me the following:*

- After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.*
- I have realized that I am not "Atlas." The world does not rest on my shoulders.*
- I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more are not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.*
- I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.*
- I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.*
- I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.*
- I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And, a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."*
- I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.*
- I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.*
- I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.*
- I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.*
- I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.*
- I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.*
- I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!*
- I decided to share this for all my friends. Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age?*



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February 7  
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

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February 14  
Transfiguration Sunday  
Scouting Sunday

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

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February 21  
First Sunday in Lent

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

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February 28  
Second Sunday in Lent

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



Official 225th Anniversary logo

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## September 19, 2021

### Save the date!

More exciting information to follow

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### Food Pantry

The food pantry is open the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month  
from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Donations are welcome!

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

Martha's Place  
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Fridays  
10am - 2pm

Saturdays  
10am - 2pm

*Martha's Place Thrift Shop*

We are hanging in here with only being open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM, and that is when we receive donations. We go through donations on Monday and Tuesday for the customers to peruse through and hopefully they will find an item or two to purchase.

We can always use a new recruit to help out because there are other easy jobs to take care of!!

Thank you for your continued donations and we like to remind you that whatever you donate, we would be pleased if it comes in clean!! Thank you for caring!!

In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



Whoops! I forgot – we are ready for Valentine's Day and you might find something for your loved ones!

*Spring Festival & Flower Sale*

*United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*

*"5 Corners"*

*792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY*

*Saturday, May 8, 2021*

*10:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

*(Rain Date May 15, 2021)*

*Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun*

*For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit*

*WWW.UMCLR.COM*

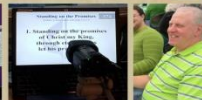




# "Come And See What ?!! 2020"



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## WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

We are having a morning prayer group meeting on Zoom every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Please feel free to join us.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9019019876?pwd=Q2djNGIrcE9IRUUvb0pkMWNPTW40Zz09>

Meeting ID: 901 901 9876

Passcode: MG6T1x

## Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes  
Soup Kitchen of the  
UMCLR is closed until  
further notice.

The Food Pantry  
is open on the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

*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.*

## *February Birthdays*

- 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



***Congratulations to Jean McNeill on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
We wish her many more.***

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The Nursery School would like to thank all of you who have donated paper towels, hand soap, anti- bacterial wipes, and sanitizer to the school. We greatly appreciate all your support.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Thomas

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Someone once said that whatever we possess becomes of double value when we share it with others. Looking around me at the difference your financial support has made to our organization, I know that to be true. So, I am writing you this brief note to express my thanks, our thanks, for all of you and for all of your donations.

We are humbled by your recent expression of support for our work. The world is a better place because there is always someone out there helping others.

Thank you.

Marge Ragonese

President, Loaves and Fishes of UMCLR

**History Comes Alive  
At The  
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma**



**JOHN FRANCIS DUINKERKE**

1885-1888 & 1903-1904

THE 18<sup>TH</sup> PASTOR TO SERVE OUR CHURCH. REVEREND DUINKERKE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 11, 1851 IN NEW YORK CITY. HE GRADUATED FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL AND BECAME A TRUSTED BOOKKEEPER. HE WAS LICENCED TO PREACH ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1875. HE WAS GRADUATED FROM WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT IN 1883. PASTOR DUINKERKE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LAKE RONKONKOMA IN 1885. HE WAS THE FIRST PASTOR TO BEGIN REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE LEADERS AND STEWARDS OF OUR CHURCH WHICH TODAY IS KNOWN AS OUR CHURCH COUNCIL. IN 1888 OUR PASTOR WAS REASSIGNED TO CONNECTICUT BUT RETURNED TO RONKONKOMA IN APRIL 1903 WITH HIS WIFE MARY IDA (OAKLEY) AND TWO SONS JOHN JUNIOR AND THOMAS. IN 1904 THE DUINKERKE FAMILY WAS REASSIGNED TO LONG ISLAND CITY. AFTER 39 YEARS OF SERVICE REVEREND DUINKERKE RETIRED TO FARMINGDALE WHERE HE PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 13, 1932.

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*We have Lenten devotional booklets available from the Society of St. Andrew: "Walk Humbly." They are on the table in the hallway; please feel free to pick one up. If you are unable to come in, call the office and we will arrange to have one delivered to your home mailbox.*



*Join us for our next Book Discussion  
Monday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church  
or you can join by  
FB Messenger*

***We will be discussing "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd***

***An extraordinary story set in the first century about a woman who finds her voice and her destiny.***

*"A richly imagined first-person narrative...In addition to providing a woman-centered version of New Testament events, Kidd's novel is also a vibrant portrait of a woman striving to preserve and celebrate women's stories—her own and countless others."*

***Publishers Weekly, Starred Review★***

*"Historical fiction page-turner... An excellent book club choice...The intensity, bravery, and strength of character of Ana, as imagined by Kidd will inspire readers but in a different way: to live authentically and remain true to oneself."*

***Library Journal, Starred Review★***



The United Methodist Men would like to thank Keith Bowes for his unwavering service to mission. Keith will still be a member with us but has to relinquish his post as President due to his taking on the position of Trustees chair. We are sure the Trustees are in excellent hands with Keith. For now Dennis Subbiondo will be acting President until a new one is elected.

We are looking into starting a zoom Bible study and already have four men interested in joining. If any men from the church would like to join, please email Dennis at [dsubbiondo@aol.com](mailto:dsubbiondo@aol.com).

In God's Service  
Dennis Subbiondo



# E D U C A T I O N

The Elementary and Secondary Sunday School classes continue to meet virtually as we navigate the winter months with caution during this pandemic. We miss gathering together but have adapted the best we can to the "new normal." We thank Sharon Corvaia for stepping up to help with the running of our Sunday school program.

The Scouts are usually recognized in a February Service. This will not happen this year due to the health concerns involved with gathering together to record the presentations. We would like to present Bibles to our third grade Sunday school children and will be contacting those that will receive a Bible to arrange for this soon.

Our current 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation class is working hard to complete their studies with Rich Tom with the goal of being confirmed this spring. We are looking for volunteers, especially someone to be our Confirmation Coordinator. It would be great to line up the confirmation team as soon as possible as we would like to review new curriculum and be ready for our first year class this fall.

We would also like some volunteers to help by giving our Children's message in the Cyber Service. I realize that many feel it is out of their comfort zone but our children have the opportunity to connect with adult members of our church family in this way. The message is brief and there are resources to help prepare. Thank you to those who have agreed to do this. They have done a wonderful job. Please call the church office if you would like to join us in the mission of teaching our children. We will put you to work and it will warm your heart.

Sue Preddice  
Education Committee Chair

## ***EASTERN FARM WORKERS ASSOCIATION***

*Dear Pastor Pak and Friends,*

*On behalf of EFWA's members and our all-volunteer staff, thank you for your generous contribution of \$920 received in November. . . We organized a successful Holiday Campaign that included food basket distributions and our annual Toy Distribution to parents for their children. As a result, more than 140 families were able to have holiday celebrations – demonstrating that there is hope through self-help organizations.*

*Thank you again for your continuing support. Together we are building a better tomorrow!*

*Best Wishes,  
Joel Biddle  
Operations Manager  
Eastern Farm Workers Association*

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*Tax statements are on the table in the hallway, please stop by to pick yours up.*

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### **Coat/Men's Clothing Drive**

We will be collecting coats, gloves, hats and men's clothing. Please drop your donations off in the Church hallway across from the Food Pantry between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you cannot make it during those hours, please contact Soon Bowes at 631-428-9842 or 631-585-5634.

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# Grand Fall Auction September 18, 2021

**12 Noon**

**Viewing At 11:00 AM**

**Make-an-Offer / Yard Sale At 9:00 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)**



## UMC/LR AUCTION 2021 PLEDGE SHEET

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Item description (brief, but with all pertinent information)	Approx. value (if known)	Reserve (optional)

Auction is scheduled for September 18th. All pledge sheets MUST be returned for cataloging by September 5th  
Leave your completed sheets in the auction mailbox sooner rather than later.

Please bring pledged items to the church on Friday, September 17th for labeling unless other arrangements are made.  
ANY ITEMS BROUGHT AFTER THE PLEDGE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE AUCTIONED. NO EXCEPTIONS!



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 Church FAX (631) 588-0753  
 Nursery School (631) 467-9601  
 Martha's Place Thrift Shop (631) 981-9749  
 Parsonage (631) 585-4968  
 Church Email [Cathy@umclr.com](mailto:Cathy@umclr.com)  
 Church Website [umclr.com](http://umclr.com)

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**Pastor** Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak

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