



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

## February 2022

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  
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



## *Baptism Sunday* *January 23, 2022*



*Theodore Joseph Braccioldieta*



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## VISION STATEMENT OF THE NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

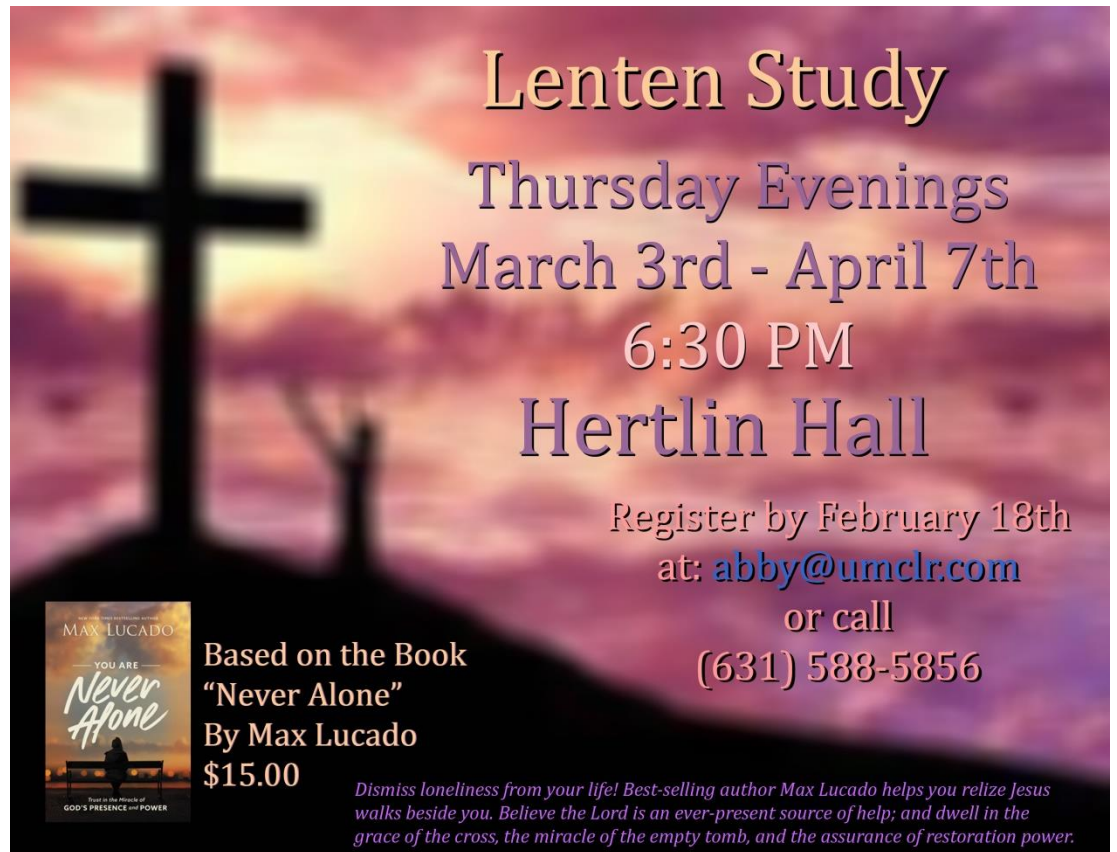
The New York Annual Conference through the grace of God embodies the beloved community of hope, building up a healthy body of Christ, with heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.

## 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.



# Lenten Study

## Thursday Evenings March 3rd - April 7th 6:30 PM Hertlin Hall

Register by February 18th  
at: [abby@umclcr.com](mailto:abby@umclcr.com)  
or call  
(631) 588-5856



Based on the Book  
"Never Alone"  
By Max Lucado  
\$15.00

*Dismiss loneliness from your life! Best-selling author Max Lucado helps you realize Jesus walks beside you. Believe the Lord is an ever-present source of help; and dwell in the grace of the cross, the miracle of the empty tomb, and the assurance of restoration power.*



The UMM has been giving back with some of our blessings: \$300 to City Mission of NY for their fund to help our churches as well as a shed to house the bicycles for the children who lost their mother.

At the time of this writing, the men are looking forward to our weekend at Quinipet at the end of January and the program on Saturday.

Breakfasts will begin in February as long as we have conference approval.

We are always looking for men to become part of our Christ centered mission.

Thank you,  
Dennis Subbiondo  
President, UMM



## Lectons

FEBRUARY 6  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany

Isa 6:1-8 (9-13)  
Ps 138 (UMH 853)  
1 Cor 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 13  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany

Jer 17:5-10  
Ps 1 (UMH 738)  
1 Cor 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 20  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany

Gen 45:3-11, 15  
Ps 37:1-11, 39-40  
(UMH 772)  
1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

FEBRUARY 27  
Transfiguration Sunday

Exod 34:29-35  
Ps 99 (UMH 819)  
2 Cor 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

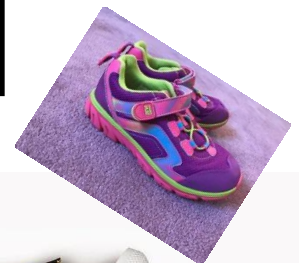
# SNEAKER DRIVE

During the month of February, the UM Youth are collecting gently used sneakers to be distributed to needy kids and adults through **THINK KINDNESS.ORG**. Please contribute your unneeded sneakers.

**\*\*ONLY SNEAKERS,  
NO OTHER TYPE OF SHOE\*\***



**COLLECTION  
BIN IN  
HERTLIN  
HALL**



# E D U C A T I O N

## CHRISTIAN education

As we reach out to our sweethearts and celebrate the month of love, let us remember that we can celebrate God's love for us. God sent Jesus to teach us about His love. Jesus taught us to love God and one another. We in the education work area are sharing this message with our youngest members and youth each week. It is our privilege and honor to do this. We are planting the good seeds of faith as our own faith grows in the process.

Our Sunday school children are busy learning Bible stories. We are grateful to our teachers Sharon Corvaia, Ann Schoenemann, and Karen Buckheit. Our older Sunday school class is led by Rich Tom and Allyssa Schoenemann from Germany. They are planning to be in church the first Sundays of the month. The following Sunday they will include a discussion of the message and their experience. It is our hope that this will help them become future church attendees.

The Confirmation class has been meeting on Wednesdays. The members are Sam Corvaia, Julia Cristiano, Matthew Filiberto, Caden Golden, Jadyn Llorens, Abigail Rabbitt, Oliver Sinclair, and Courtney Suriani. Please keep them all in your prayers as they work to fulfill their covenant agreement and complete their studies.

The Youth group is led by Wendy Duffy and Jeanie Olivotti.

This month the youth group's focus is on spreading kindness by doing simple acts of kindness. Related to this theme, we are participating in a shoe drive for Think Kindness during the month of February. Please donate your gently used sneakers, in any size. The program only collects sneakers, no other kind of shoes. The Think Kindness program will send the sneakers to children and adults who are in need of shoes. There are bins in Hertlin Hall for your donations.

Thank you to all of our wonderful leaders and teachers. Please consider joining us. I thank one volunteer who is willing to help us by substituting in our programs. We need you. Help us spread the Good News! God is love!

Sue Preddice , Education Committee Chair

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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.*

- 7 Jean McNeill*
- 7 Jessica Alessi*
- 9 Cheryle Otto*
- 10 Helen Mulvihill*
- 15 Sue Sprague*
- 15 Conner Tracey*
- 19 Gregory Olivotti, Jr.*
- 22 Sharon Corvaia*
- 22 Barbara Brown*
- 24 Janet Baumann*
- 24 Tessa Tom*



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

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 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.*



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 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.



# Soup Sunday V

## February 13, 2022

(After Worship Service)

**Choose Your Favorites  
From Many  
Delicious Varieties  
On Sale**

Pre-order & Take Home

# Enjoy!

Sponsored by: The Missions, Evangelization & Nurture Committee

## *Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner*

*Saturday  
March 12, 2022  
5:00 PM*

<i>Adults &amp; Youth</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Children under 12</i>	<i>\$17.00</i>
<i>Children under 5</i>	<i>Free</i>

*Tickets available or call (631) 588-5856*

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



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*

First, I would like to thank you for your donations which keep our shop alive! Also, I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers who give their time and energy to keep our shop open! Many thanks to Dorothy who is a wizard at staging the items for sale. We are blessed!!

St. Valentine's Day will be here before you know it; we have many items available for you to check out including some jewelry.

Come on in and and take a look!

In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



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



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## *Spring Festival & Flower Sale*

*United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*

*"5 Corners"*

*792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY*

*Saturday, May 7, 2022*

*10:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

*(Rain Date May 14, 2022)*

*Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun*

*For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit*

*WWW.UMCLR.COM*

## **Grand Fall Auction** **September 10, 2022**

**12 Noon**

**Viewing At 11:00 AM**

**Make An Offer At 10:30 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)**





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**My Snowstorm** by G. Sherman

This morning I looked out-of-doors

To see the falling snow

Like feathers drifting from the sky,

I love to see it blow!

My Daddy says it comes from clouds

All gathered in the sky.

While Mother says, when I go out,

To keep my piggies dry:

For snow is awful cold and wet

Although it looks so warm.

But Mother's going to let me out

To play in all the storm!

The shed where Father's chickies live

Is covered white and deep

And there they sit in fuzzy rows

And sleep, and sleep, and sleep!

I wonder what the birdies do

When all the snow comes down?

I 'spose they just get covered up-

I hope they will not drown!

My brother says they spread their wings

And travel far away;

I think he is mistaken, for

I saw some yesterday.

They hopped along the snowy walk,

A few were in the street;

They left the queerest footprints from

Their funny little feet!

I think the shifty, drifty snow

Is just the greatest fun.

But still I know I shall be glad

To see the good old sun.



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.



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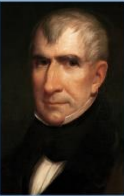
## Presidents Born in February and God



George Washington

Born February 22, 1732

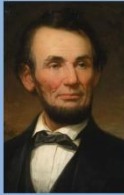
"May the same wonder-working Deity, who long since delivering the Hebrews from their Egyptian Oppressors planted them in the promised land—whose Providential Agency has lately been conspicuous in establishing these United States as an independent Nation—still continue to water them with the dews of Heaven and to make the inhabitants of every denomination participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people whose God is Jehovah."



William Henry Harrison

February 9, 1773

"Conscience, that vicegerent of God in the human heart, whose "still small voice" the loudest revelry cannot drown."



Abraham Lincoln

February 12, 1809

Amid the greatest difficulties of my Administration,  
when I could not see any other resort,  
I would place my whole reliance on God,  
knowing that all would go well,  
and that He would decide for the right.



Ronald Reagan

February 6, 1911

I believe with all my heart that standing up for America means standing up for the God who has so blessed our land. We need God's help to guide our nation through stormy seas. But we can't expect Him to protect America in a crisis if we just leave Him over on the shelf in our day-to-day living.

*HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY*



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History Comes Alive  
At The  
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

*Winter Blessings*

Between your house and my house  
There's a blizzard sweeping down,  
And it surely seems that winter  
Has usurped this little town.

And in your house and in my house,  
There are blessings great and small,  
Tho' we scarcely think about them  
They are there for one and all.

Yes, in your house and in my house,  
Comforts many are around,  
Days like these indeed remind us  
Warmth and food and love abound.

So, in your house and in my house  
Let us keep our hearts aglow;  
Thankful for our friends and dear ones;  
Grateful too, for even snow.

Written by Alice Hawkins Coleman  
January 23, 1935  
During a severe snowstorm

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*Food Pantry  
Open  
Tuesday  
February 1 & 15, 2022  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM*



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
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Church Website	umclr.com	Stewardship	Warren Ferry
Resident Bishop	Rev. Thomas Bickerton	Worship	(Needed)
District Superintendent	Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim	Lay Servant Coordinator	(Needed)
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak	Education	Sue Preddice
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Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Soup Kitchen Representative	Linda Lee
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson	UMM Representatives	Dennis Subbiondo
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