

# GOOD NEWS

FROM THE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF LAKE RONKONKOMA



JANUARY 2016 EDITION

**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.

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WE ARE THE CHURCH AT FIVE CORNERS SPREADING THE "LIGHT OF CHRIST"  
FROM OURSELVES TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.



**Cantata Sunday  
December 13, 2015**



**Thank you to our Chancel Choir, the Friends of the UMCLR Chamber Orchestra and especially Rex Enderlin for sharing their musical talents with the congregation on Cantata Sunday, December 13, 2015.**



**The UMM will have their Winter Retreat on Shelter Island from Friday, February 5 to Sunday, February 7. Contact Dennis Subbiondo or Keith Bowes for details.**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**


**Committee Fair and Corned Beef Luncheon  
Sponsored by the Nominating, Stewardship,  
and Vision Committees**



## *Game Night*

Join us for adult game night on  
Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

We hope to see you there to play a game  
you bring or someone else's favorite.



## January 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 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

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|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | William Otto          |
| 1  | Rex Enderlin          |
| 3  | Harry Roseen          |
| 5  | April Paul            |
| 5  | Glenn Hoover          |
| 7  | Joyce McVeigh         |
| 8  | Marilee Drisgula      |
| 9  | Ralph Pearl           |
| 14 | Diane June            |
| 15 | Tracy Pearl           |
| 18 | Alexandra Van Sicklin |
| 19 | Marilyn Nicholson     |
| 21 | Kaitlyn Guiffre       |
| 22 | Jennie Mortenson      |
| 22 | John Paynter          |
| 22 | Amanda Graf           |
| 23 | Jennie Olivotti       |
| 24 | Ilona Torraca         |
| 24 | Kevin Hartmann        |
| 26 | Christine Paynter     |
| 26 | Bill Paul             |
| 26 | Richard Schoenemann   |
| 26 | Michael Van Sicklin   |
| 31 | Ronald Drisgula       |
| 31 | Jarrel Guerrero       |

## Martha's Place Thrift Shop



Happy New Year!!!!

We recovered from our vacation from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be back on duty Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully everyone else has recovered from the rush of the holiday madness and can look forward to a brand new 2016.

We have boxed up all decorations and are giving them to Big Brothers and Sisters for next year. We expect more donations throughout the year to cover us for next Christmas season.

We are looking forward to your continued donations to keep our shop running well. Without your donations the shop wouldn't be able to serve the public, so please think of our shop when you have useable clothing and other goods.

Remember – clean clothing; no stains, rips, tears or dog/cat hair. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours in Christ,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

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## Christmas Caroling 2015





**Thank you** to all who baked for and all who purchased at our Christmas Bake Sale. The funds we raise at our Bake Sale go toward our contributions to various charities, such as the Heifer Foundation. Our next Bake Sale will be on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2016. Take home some goodies to enjoy during the game!

Please remember that the UMW **does not meet** January and February because of the difficulties with winter weather. Please watch your email and church bulletin for any announcements for possible activities during those months.

*The announcement below may be of interest to many women of the church. If there is sufficient interest, we will handle registration and collection of the fee. If you wish to register directly with Bayport, instructions are given below.*

## ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY AT BAYPORT UMC

"The Bayport United Methodist Church will host the Annual Women's Day on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 482 Middle Road in Bayport. This year's theme is "Pearls and Coins: Discover How to Find Your Hidden Treasures".

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in the field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. *Matthew 13:44-46.*

Did you know that the bible gives us wisdom and tells us where our treasures are? Come discover how you can be a woman who honors Christ by giving all you have for His kingdom.

This is a day for all women age 13 and older to enjoy worship, teaching and fellowship. Tickets are \$15, which includes lunch. For more information, call the Bayport church office at 631-472-0770 or visit the church's Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/BayportUMC](http://www.Facebook.com/BayportUMC).

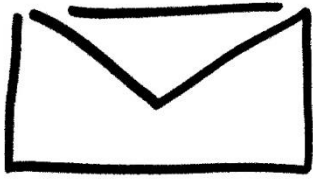
As part of the day we (Bayport UMC) are collecting essential personal hygiene items for women, to bless them and give them hope. All items will go to Suffolk County Coalition for Domestic Violence through Our Bags of Hope, a non-profit organization. What to bring? Plain beige or purple large tote bag, sealed packages of paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, comb, brush, and razors. For more information about this mission, please e-mail [OurBagsOfHope@yahoo.com](mailto:OurBagsOfHope@yahoo.com)."

Catherine Carlson  
656-9678



UMW Christmas Party –  
December 7, 2015





You may have noticed that our mailings have changed. This year the post office made it mandatory that we use their Intelligent Mail for Small Business Mailers Online Tool to create our labels. This saves us a great deal in mailing costs. The label must now contain an intelligent mail barcode and the phrase “or current resident” or “return service requested” in addition to the usual address. Please be sure to keep us informed of any address changes. This helps us keep the mailing costs down. We are charged additionally for each “return service requested” piece returned to us. Please notify us of your phone number, cell phone number or email address changes also. Thank you. If you have any questions or concerns, kindly contact the church office at 588-5856.



Fellowship and a delicious meal were shared after the Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 13, 2015.

Have you visited our website lately?  
Go to [umclr.com](http://umclr.com) to check it out!!!





The Congregation thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 20, 2015.  
Many thanks to all who participated!





## PCR - Practical Resources for Churches

www.prcli.org

info@prcli.org

Commack 631-486-4350 Patchogue 631-821-2255

**Did you know each member Church is entitled  
to a three hour on-site consultation!**

Here is a list with some of the on-sites consultants have done in the last year.

- \*Teacher training
- \*Curriculum consultation
- \*Sunday school/children's ministry program evaluation
- \*Labyrinth workshop
- \*Spiritual journaling workshop
- \*Entering the sacred writing workshop
- \*Celtic spirituality retreat/workshop
- \*Taking faith formation online workshop
- \*Eastern Wisdom retreat/workshop
- \*Praying in Color workshop
- \*Prayer beads workshop
- \*Starting a prayer shawl ministry workshop
- \*Spiritual practices retreat/workshop
- \*Starting a card ministry workshop
- \*Setting up and using Quickbooks
- \*Designing or redesigning your website
- \*Hospitality workshop
- \*Stewardship
- \*Streamline your organizational structure
- \*Narrative or Missional budgets
- \*Leadership retreat – Core Values
- \*Leadership retreat - Past, Present and Future Vision & Mission
- \*Becoming an intergenerational church

Are you thinking of something different?  
Give us a call and see what we can put  
together for your and your congregation.

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### **PRC – Commack**

In the Presbytery of Long Island building  
42 Hauppauge Rd., Commack NY 11725  
Walk in the main door, turn to the left.  
631-486-4350

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs,  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Summer hours June, July & August  
Closing is at 3:00 pm.**

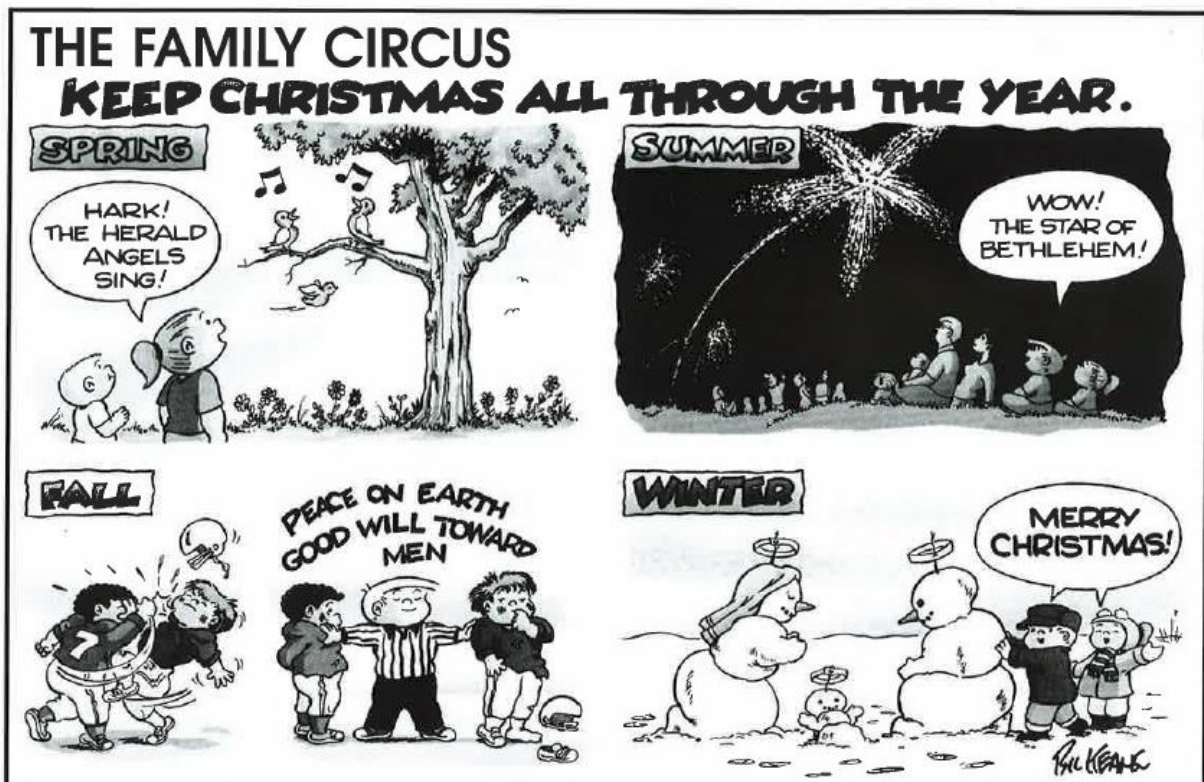
### **PRC – Patchogue**

In the Congregational Church of Patchogue:  
95 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY 11772  
Parking lot off Oak Street  
631-821-2255

**Wed & Thurs 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Summer hours June, July & August  
Closing is at 3:00 pm and  
Saturday hours are by appointment**



January 15	Game Night	7:00 PM
February 7	UMW Bake Sale	after service
February 10	Ash Wednesday Service	7:30 PM
February 19	Game Night	7:00 PM
March 13	Committee Fair & Corned Beef Luncheon	after service
March 18	Game Night	7:00 PM
March 24	Holy Thursday Service	7:30 PM
March 25	Good Friday Service	7:30 PM
March 27	Easter Day – Sunrise Service at Lake Ronkonkoma Park      6:30 AM Easter Sunday Services at Church      9:15 AM & 11:00 AM	



**UNITED METHODIST NURSERY SCHOOL 2014-2015**  
**792 HAWKINS AVE., LAKE GROVE, NY 11755**  
**631.467.9601**  
**info@umclr.com**

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**CHILD'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE OF BIRTH** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 YEAR OLD PROGRAM      3 YEARS PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN (MUST BE 2 BY 12/1/15)**

TWO DAY PROGRAM – TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
9:30-11:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 HOURS

**\$155.00 TUITION per month**  
**50.00 REGISTRATION FEE (non refundable)**  
**\$205.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

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**3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM      2 YEARS PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN (MUST BE 3 BY 12/1/15)** \_\_\_\_\_

**4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM      1 YEAR PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN (MUST BE 4 BY 12/1/15)** \_\_\_\_\_

2 DAY PROGRAM – TUESDAY & THURSDAY

9:15-12:15 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 HOURS      \$200.00 PER MONTH      \$250.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

12:30- 3:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 1/2 HOURS      \$175.00 PER MONTH      \$225.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

3 DAY PROGRAM – MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

9:15-12:15 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 HOURS      \$250.00 PER MONTH      \$300.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

12:30-3:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 1/2 HOURS      \$225.00 PER MONTH      \$275.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

5 DAY PROGRAM – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

9:00-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 hours      \$280.00 PER MONTH      \$330.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

12:30-3:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 1/2 HOURS      \$265.00 PER MONTH      \$315.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

A \$50.00 nonrefundable registration fee is included with your first tuition payment and due at time of registration.  
The next tuition payment will be due the first day of school.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO ENSURE PRO  
PLACEMENT FOR YOUR CHILD.

**Twins discount 25% off second tuition ( 3 or 4 year old only)      Sibling discount 15% off 3 yr old tuition only**

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# *La Grova* *Ristorante*

2799 Middle Country Road  
Lake Grove, NY 11755  
631-981-4940  
[www.lagrova.com](http://www.lagrova.com)

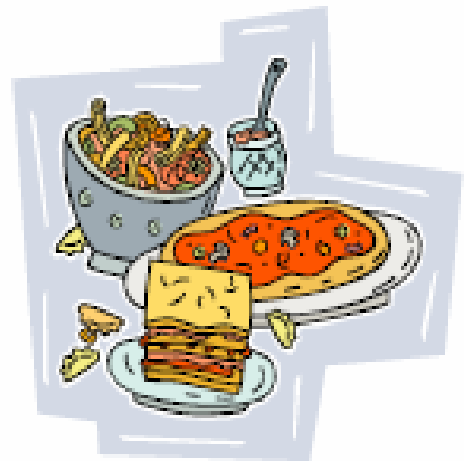
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## DINING TO DONATE

*Help your Church while enjoying a delicious meal!*

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Bring a flyer or mention  
the church at La Grova  
any time during 2016  
and 10% of your entire  
bill will be donated to



The United Methodist Church  
of Lake Ronkonkoma

# 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

Your organization name goes here.

## 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](http://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](mailto:4energysavings@gmail.com)

**Online:** [www.umclr.joinambit.com](http://www.umclr.joinambit.com)

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## January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Thrift Store Closed AA 9	<b>2</b> Thrift Store Closed
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Art Group 2 – 3:30 NA 7	<b>5</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 5 Daisies 6:45 AA 7 & 8:30 Trustees 7:00 Emmaus 7:30	<b>6</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Wesley Choir 5:30 Jr. & Sr. MYF 6:15 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>7</b> Soup Kitchen 5 Daisies 6:15	<b>8</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Quilting 1:30 AA 9	<b>9</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Art Group 2 – 3:30 NA 7	<b>12</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 5 Daisies 6:45 AA 7 & 8:30	<b>13</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Wesley Choir 5:30 Jr. & Sr. MYF 6:15 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>14</b> Soup Kitchen 5 Daisies 6:15	<b>15</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Quilting 1:30 Game Night 7 AA 9	<b>16</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2
<b>17</b> Baptism	<b>18</b> The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance Church Office Closed Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Art Group 2 – 3:30 NA 7	<b>19</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 5 Daisies 6:45 AA 7 & 8:30	<b>20</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Wesley Choir 5:30 Jr. & Sr. MYF 6:15 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>21</b> Soup Kitchen 5 Daisies 6:15	<b>22</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Quilting 1:30 COPE 7 AA 9	<b>23</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 DPR 9 – 12 in Baker Hall Bridal Shower 1 – 4
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Art Group 2 – 3:30 NA 7 Vision 7	<b>26</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 5 Daisies 6:45 AA 7 & 8:30	<b>27</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Wesley Choir 5:30 Jr. & Sr. MYF 6:15 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>28</b> Soup Kitchen 5 Daisies 6:15	<b>29</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Quilting 1:30 AA 9	<b>30</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Chrysalis 4:30 – 8:30
<b>31</b> Youth Collection						