



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

January 2023

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Ronkonkoma

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Therefore,
if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation
has come:
The old has gone,
the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5: 17

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 at UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma,

There is something very special about beginning a new year with all of you. Seems like only yesterday we were beginning a new chapter and now a little over four months later, yet another fresh start. This seems so appropriate since our God is the God of new beginnings, always looking to renew us in the Image of Christ and to wash away our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ so that we can move forward with light and unburdened hearts. Thanks be to God!

What do you want to leave behind in 2022? What do you want to carry with you in 2023? How can we trust God to open us up to possibilities we never dreamed of, not our plans, but God's plans? To discern this, we need to pray often and listen as much as we speak.

One of our hymns is "This is a Day of New Beginnings." Some of the lyrics, written by Brian Wren in 1978, and altered in 1987, are as follows: "This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again...Christ is alive, and goes before us, to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new." (based on Rev. 21:5)

I want to prayerfully wish you and your loved ones a blessed new year in Christ and I look forward to ministering to and with you in 2023.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Karen Burger

Lections

January 1 Communion Service

Ps 98:1-12
2 Cor 5:17-21
Matt 7:7-12

January 8 Our Epiphany Sunday

Isa 60:1-6
Matt 2:1-12

January 15 Our Baptism Of The Lord

Ps 40:1-11 (UMH 774)
Matt 3:13-17
John 1:29-34

January 22 Jesus Starts Preaching Repentance

Isa 9:1-4
Matt 4:12-23

January 29 Call of Disciples

1 Cor 1:18-31
Matt 5:1-12

January Worship Services

January 1st 9:30 AM

Holy of Communion

January 8th 9:30 AM

Epiphany

January 15th 9:30 AM

Baptism of the Lord

January 22nd 9:30 AM

January 29th 9:30 AM

2023

Happy New Year

Meaningful Worship and Fellowship for all



All are welcome!

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.



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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.

- 1 *William Otto*
- 1 *Rex Enderlin*
- 3 *Harry Roseen*
- 5 *April Paul*
- 7 *Joyce McVeigh*
- 8 *Marilee Drisgula*
- 9 *Ralph Pearl*
- 14 *Diane June*
- 15 *Tracy Pearl*
- 20 *Marilyn Wilson*
- 22 *John Paynter*
- 22 *Amanda Graf*
- 23 *Jennie Olivotti*
- 24 *Ilona Torraca*
- 26 *Christine Paynter*
- 26 *Bill Paul*
- 26 *Richard Schoenemann*
- 31 *Jarrel Guerrero*



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

Happy 2023!!!! We hope everyone had a great Christmas and is looking forward to a blessed New Year. Our Thrift Shop will reopen after the holidays, on Tuesday, January 3rd. We will continue serving our customers, community, and those who are in need. That is the beauty of our Thrift Shop; to assist people who need help in so many different ways. Your donation of clean reusable clothing and housewares mean a lot to those we serve.

A great big thank you to all who helped support our Christmas Sale. Your purchases made the event a great success!

Our Valentine's Day merchandise will be on the shelves shortly!

We are all looking forward to a year of new beginnings.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



Martha's Place
Winter Clothing
Housewares
Jewelery - Keepsakes
&
Coming soon . . .
Valentine's Day
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

A Happy New Year to all!

As we begin the process of taking down the tree, putting decorations and gifts away let us reflect on God's greatest gift and what it means to each of us. It is a time for resolutions! How can we put our own faith and gratitude into action? The Good News is that each one of us can be part of keeping Jesus alive in the hearts of many.

We are hoping that the new year will bring some new volunteers to us as we teach our youngest members about our faith. Please consider becoming a Sunday School teacher, Confirmation teacher, Youth Advisor, helper, or substitute. If you find this is something you are called to do please let any of our present volunteer staff know. We would love to have you come and visit our programs.

The new year will bring some exciting culminations! We will have a confirmation service this May. We will see the musical Godspell that our youth and choir is working on. We will have a children and youth service.

Thank you to Heather Edwards-Wilson for the once again beautiful Christmas pageant our children and youth presented. Thank you to Wendy Duffy for providing an opportunity for our youth to go Christmas caroling. It has been wonderful to see our confirmation class in our worship service. Thank you to our Sunday school and confirmation teachers. We are a small group and are in need of some reinforcement. Please consider joining us in this very rewarding mission.

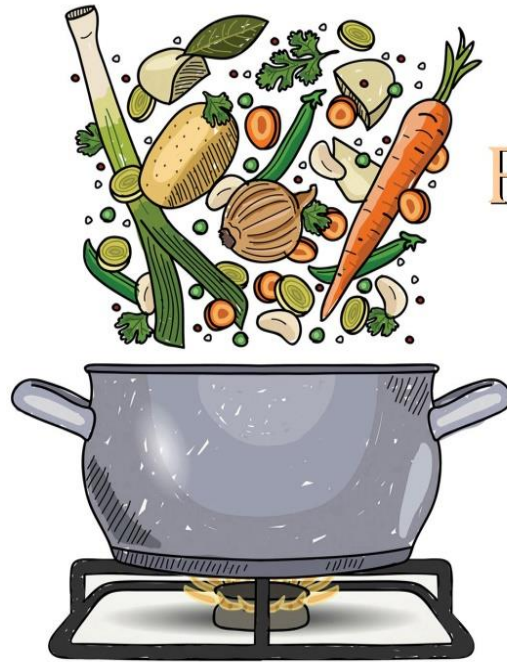
Sue Preddice
Education Chair



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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Soup Sunday VII

February 5, 2023

(After Worship Service)

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

Pre-order & Take Home
Enjoy!

Sponsored by: The Missions, Evangelization & Nurture Committee

UMCLR Community Outreach



Toiletry and Candy Bags For Donation to Local Missions

GOOD

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Thank you



A special
Thank You to
Cathy
for the beautiful
hand-made curtains
that now grace
Hertlin Hall

A background image of a library with wooden bookshelves filled with books. In the center, there is a book cover for 'Everything Beautiful in Its Time: Seasons of Love and Loss' by Jenna Bush Hager. The cover features a man and a woman on a boat.

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.

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The UMM had a wonderful December. We were in charge of the coffee hour and fed the multitudes with good food and fellowship.



We also cooked for the Breakfast with Santa which was a great time had by all.

Our Christmas dinner at Uncle Joes in Lake Grove was one of the finest we have ever had with a record number of attendees and the food was excellent, try it if you have not.



We pray all will have a wonderful and healthy New Year
God Bless everyone.

Dennis Subbiondo
President UMM

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

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The Candle of Peace



Isaiah

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, and a little child will lead them. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.



THE PHILOGENE FAMILY



Christmas Cantata

December 4, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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United Methodist Nursery School Christmas Pageant

December 21 & 22, 2022



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Happy *New Year*
2023

E P I P H A N Y



Epiphany

“Three Kings Day”

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

6 “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. Matthew 2: 1-12

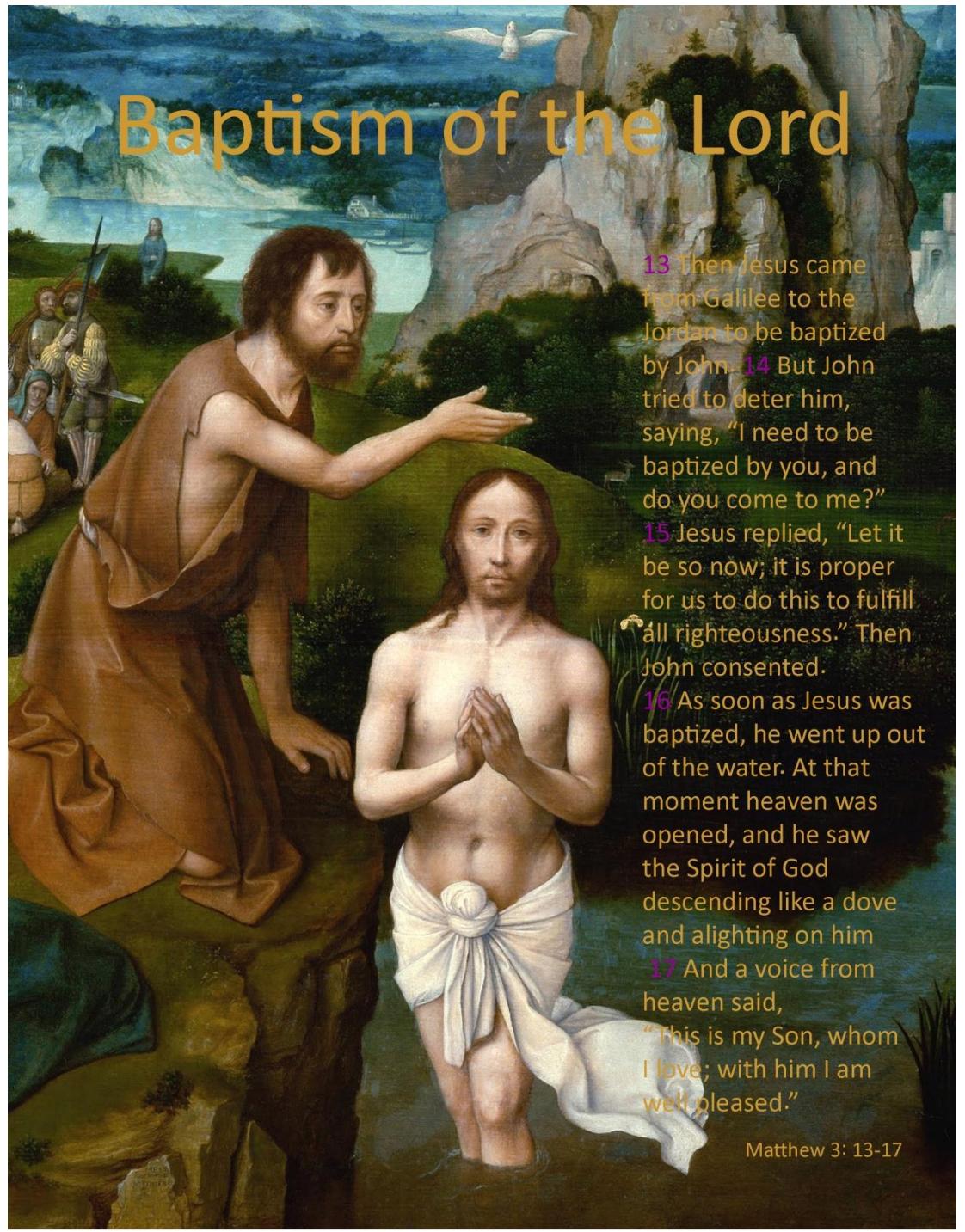
We will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 8. Join us for our very special service and learn about traditions around the world! Christmas is not over until Epiphany is celebrated. Rejoice with us!

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We will celebrate Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 15. Jesus' baptism by John was a pivotal moment. Come learn about this baptism and how it impacted all who witnessed it. A day to reflect on our own baptism with gratitude.

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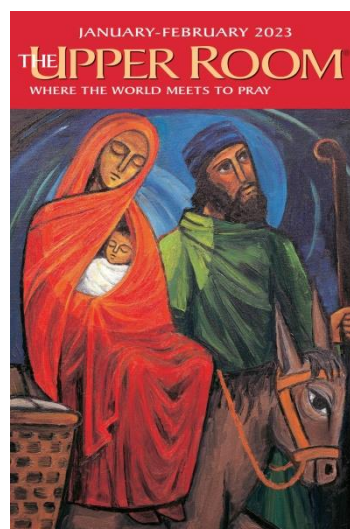
PRAYER GROUP ON ZOOM

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



**Pick up your January- February
issue in Hertlin Hall!**



Baptism Class of 2022
At The
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

		
Sienna Rae D'Onofrio	Cassandra Rose Flanagan	Theodore J. Bracciodieta
		
Drew J. Natividad	Brandon N. Collins	Bayley Rey Gallagher
		
Owen Botwinick	Isabel Guerrero	Zephyr E. Edwards-Wilson



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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Women's Christmas Party
December 12, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



*United Methodist Men
Christmas Party*
December 12, 2022



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Little Angels Family Sing-along

December 9, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Cookie Walk

December 10 & 11, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

GOOD NEWS



LIFC Holiday Flute Choir Concert
December 10, 2022



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The Candle of Joy



Zephaniah

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”¹⁸ “I will remove from you all who reproach you. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the Lord.



THE SINCLAIR FAMILY

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Our Christmas Tree Volunteers



Thank You



Christmas Pageant December 18, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

GOOD NEWS

The Candle of Love



“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.⁵ And he will be their peace.”



THE HOLMES FAMILY

 *Christmas Caroling* 
December 21, 2022

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Christmas Eve Family Service
December 24, 2022



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!



Candlelight Service
December 24, 2022




The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 20, 2023
7:00 PM

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



BLUE VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Tuesday
February 14, 2023
6:00 PM

All are welcome!

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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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*



International Dinner

Saturday
April 29, 2023
5:00 PM

Bring the entire family

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



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Breakfast with the Bunny

Saturday April 1, 2023

9:30 AM

Pancakes - Bacon

Orange Juice - Apple Juice
Coffee (For the young at heart)

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

For More Information call: 631 588-5856

Grand Fall Auction September 9, 2023 12 Noon

Viewing At 11:00 AM

Make An Offer 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)



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John the Baptist Quiz

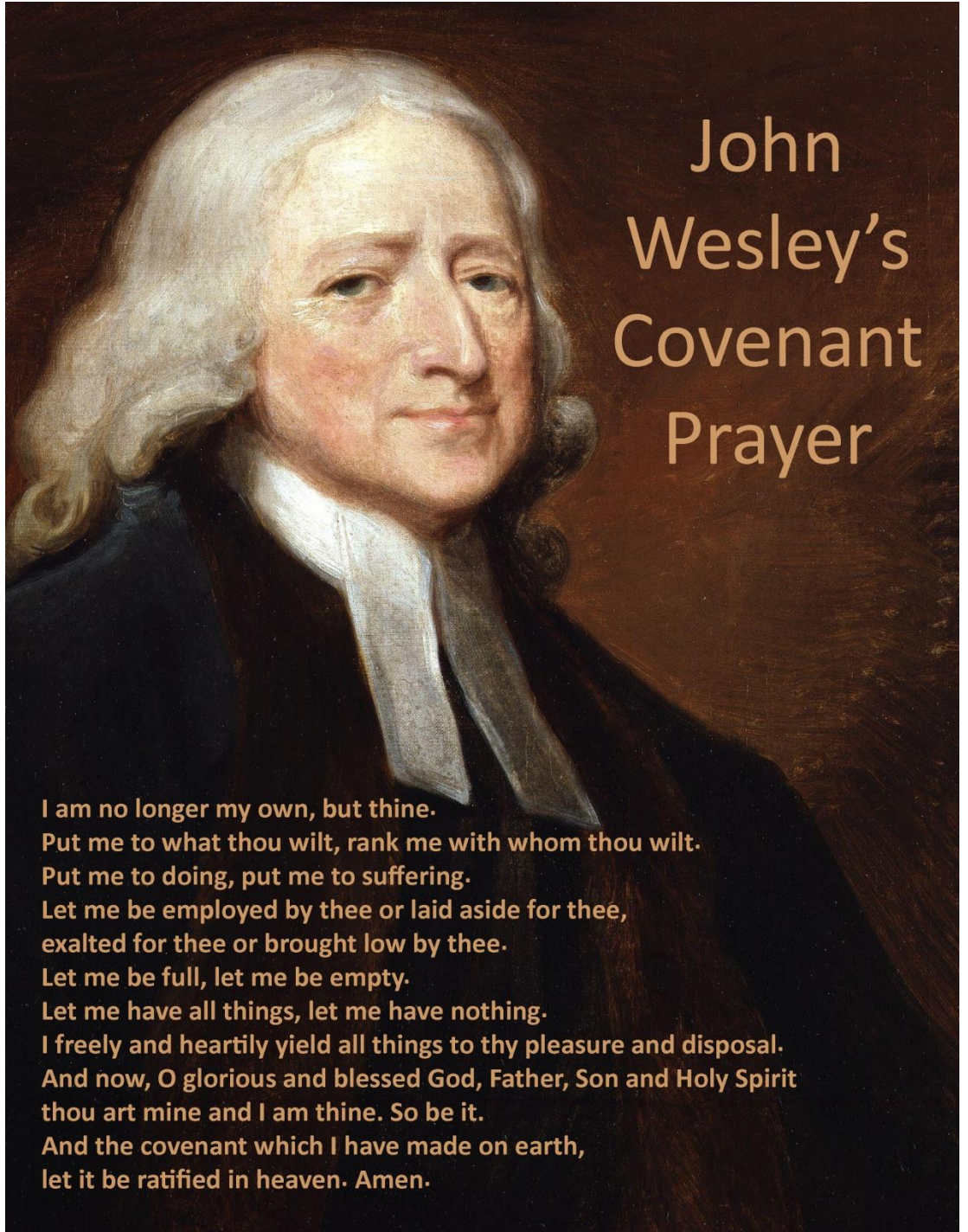
1. Who was John the Baptist's father?
a. Thaddeus b. Joseph c. Zechariah d. Malachi
2. Who was John the Baptist's mother?
a. Mary b. Elizabeth c. Martha d. Rachel
3. What kind of clothes did John the Baptist wear?
a. Camel's hair b. Sheep Skin c. Woven cloth
4. John the Baptist was how much older than Jesus?
a. 2 years b. 1 year c. 6 months d. 3 months
5. How was Jesus related to John the Baptist?
a. Brother b. Cousin c. John was Jesus' Uncle
6. In what river did John baptize people?
a. Euphrates b. Nile c. Jordan d. Tigris
7. John was imprisoned for accusing Herod of breaking what law?
a. Lying b. Murder c. Violating the Sabbath d. Adultery
8. Who asked for the head of John the Baptist?
a. Herodias b. Sapphira c. The daughter of Herodias
9. Where did Jesus go after the arrest of John the Baptist?
a. Jerusalem b. Nazareth c. Galilee d. Bethany
10. Which of these did Jesus say about John the Baptist?
a. This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face.
b. Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist.
c. All of the above

1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D, 5-B, 6-C, 7-D, 8-C, 9-C, 10-A

“After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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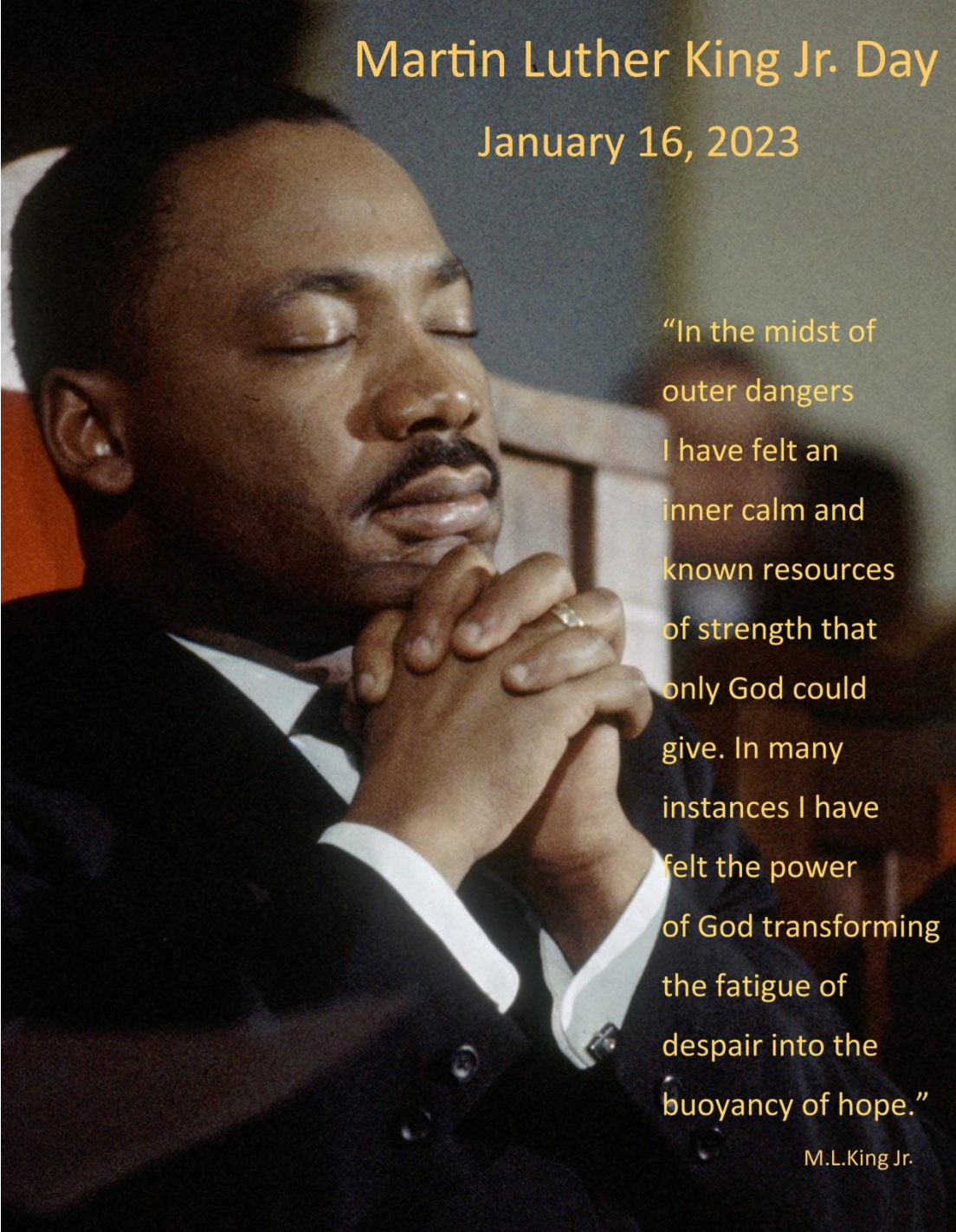
John
Wesley's
Covenant
Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
thou art mine and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

*“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In
all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all
the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as
ever you can.”*

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16, 2023



“In the midst of outer dangers I have felt an inner calm and known resources of strength that only God could give. In many instances I have felt the power of God transforming the fatigue of despair into the buoyancy of hope.”

M.L.King Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr., original name Michael King, Jr., (born January 15, 1929, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.—died April 4, 1968, Memphis, Tennessee), Baptist minister and social activist who led the civil rights movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death by assassination in 1968.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

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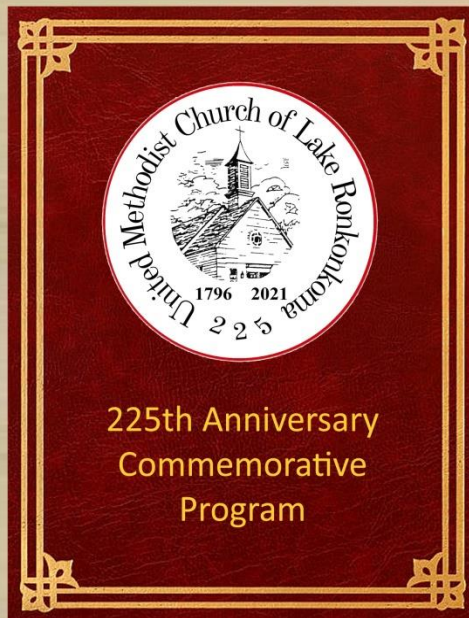
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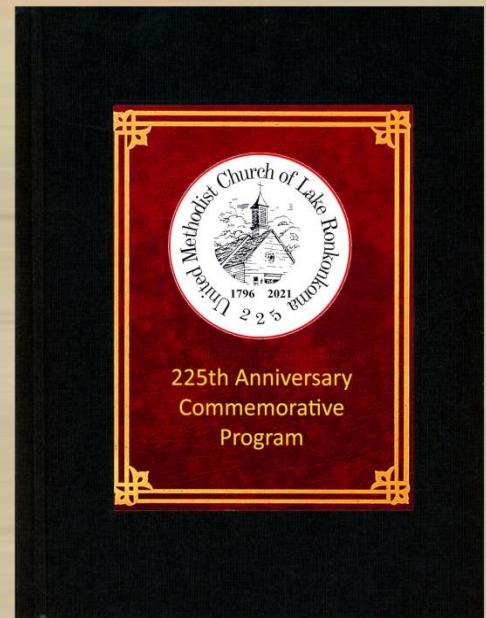


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To order call Abby at (631) 588-5856

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

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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