



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# GOOD NEWS

July/August  
2020

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of Lake Ronkonkoma

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## Grand Fall Auction

September 12, 2020

12 Noon

Viewing At 11:00 AM

Make An Offer At 10:30 AM

Hundreds of interesting items!

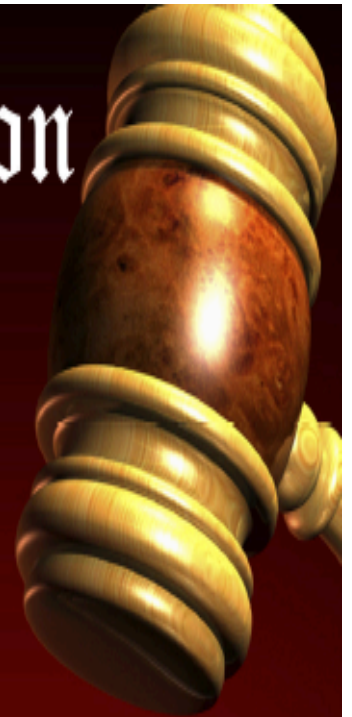
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**792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove (At 5 Corners)**



## 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.

Greetings friends,

As co-ordinator of the Grand Fall Auction, I remain optimistic about this year's event scheduled for September 12th. Although the rampant virus has impacted all of us in many ways and will certainly leave its mark on our auction proceedings, Long Islanders appear to be adhering to the social distancing rules which is allowing our area to move toward greater freedoms at a steady pace. It is reasonable to hope that, come September, restrictions will be manageable and the auction with its accompanying yard sale will be the successful phenomenon we have come to expect.

Covid-19 notwithstanding, many things have to take place in order to hold this auction. First and foremost, we must build an inventory of exciting and desirable items to offer up. To date, 170 lots have been pledged by the thrift shop, 4 congregants, and 10 "outsiders." We are aiming for 300 lots, and really need everyone to take time now to assess their estates and choose one or two objects of interest to donate to the auction. Antiques, collectibles, rarities, one-of-a-kind, decorative, oddities - the unusual, can't-buy-it-at-Walmart sorts of things that will draw the community to our doorstep - those are the sorts of contributions we are looking for. One item from each member will fill our catalog to overflowing.

Please visit your church's website at [UMCLR.com](http://UMCLR.com) to access all necessary information regarding the Grand Fall Auction. You will find the catalog of goods for your perusal; postcards and flyers to print and pass out to family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and the pledge sheet to list your donations. Normally, those sheets would be distributed to everyone at Sunday services, but viral concerns have kept us all from the church property. Therefore, you will have to print out the pledge sheet from your own computer or have a friend do it for you. That is only half the battle. In typical years, you would bring your completed pledge sheet to the church where it would be collected and the contents added to the catalog. This year, you will have to either snail-mail it to the church (792 Hawkins Ave, Lake Grove), email the contents to the church ([cathy@UMCLR.com](mailto:cathy@UMCLR.com)) or to me ([sonevole1@optimum.net](mailto:sonevole1@optimum.net)) or bring it to the church and put it in the mailbox on Hawkins Avenue. You may even find someone at the church attending to some important errand, in which case you will find the auction easel set up inside the back door with its iconic mailbox ready to accept your pledge sheet. Don't put it off, please. The auction is just 2 months away!

It is never too early to promote our auction and yard sale. Talk it up with your family, friends, and neighbors. Print some flyers from the website and distribute them liberally in your neighborhood.

If at all possible, try not to schedule personal business on auction day. We will need all hands on deck this year given the uncertainties of the situation. Plan to spend a day of excitement and laughter.

Blessings to all. See you in September,

Rex Enderlin, Auction Coordinator



## Lectons

July 5  
Fifth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Gen 24:34-38, 42-49,  
58-67  
Ps 45:10-17, or Ps 72  
(UMH 795)  
Rom 7:15-25a  
Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12  
Sixth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Gen 25:19-34  
Ps 119:105-112 or  
Ps 25 (UMH 756)  
Rom 8:1-11  
Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19  
Seventh Sunday  
after Pentecost

Gen 28:10-19a  
Ps 139:1-12, 23-24  
(UMH 854)  
Rom 8:12-25  
Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26  
Eighth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Gen 29:15-28  
Ps 105:1-11, 45b  
(UMH 828)  
Rom 8:26-39  
Matt 13:31-33, 44-52



Greetings from the Education Work Area!

Congratulations to Julia Polsunas, Aidan Drisgula and Kailey Golden who will be confirmed members of our congregation this summer. A big thank you to their teacher, Dennis Subbiondo, who helped them complete their course work via Zoom. As of this writing, plans are being made to tape the confirmation service and celebrate it on July 26<sup>th</sup> in our Cyber Service. Thank you to Diane Hansen for coordinating this endeavor, and to the sponsors and families of these confirmands. We are so proud of all of their efforts during these unusual times.

Our secondary Sunday School has been meeting on Zoom with Allyssa Schoenemann. We are grateful for her enthusiasm and desire to keep these students engaged over the summer months. All secondary students are invited to join.

Three of our elementary Sunday School teachers, Eileen Torraca, Karen Buckheit, and Eve Ann Schoenemann, have written letters to our Sunday School children. It is encouraged that they write back. Summer is a great time to practice some writing skills and it is fun to get something in the mail.

We are inviting all of our students to help us update our Sunday School web site page. We would like to include pictures, poems, and notes about how God is present in their lives each day. The elementary students can send their replies to their Sunday School teachers.

The secondary students will be working with Allyssa during their Zoom time. The secondary class is also thinking about making mini lessons for the Children's Message during the cyber service and topics to cover over the summer.

Summer will also be a time of planning for fall. We will be planning on being in touch through cyber space or in person as we continue to put health and safety into our decision making process.

May we all feel God's presence among us as we try to stay safe and navigate through these challenging times.

Sue Preddice  
Education Committee Chairperson



## Lections

August 2  
Ninth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Gen 32:22-31  
Ps 17:1-7, 15  
(UMH 749)  
Rom 9:1-5  
Matt 14:13-21

August 9  
Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Gen 37:1-4, 12-28  
Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
(UMH 828)  
Rom 10:5-15  
Matt 14:22-23

August 16  
Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost

Gen 45:1-15  
Ps 133 (UMH 850)  
Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

August 23  
Twelfth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Exod 1:8-2:10  
Ps 124 (UMH 846)  
Rom 12:1-8  
Matt 16:13-20

August 30  
Thirteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Exod 3:1-15  
Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
(UMH 828)  
Rom 12:9-21  
Matt 16:21-28

## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER: People of Faith Confront Hate Crimes



### Ten ways to counteract hate speech

*First and foremost, take responsibility for your own speech. If you do stumble, don't let someone else's graciousness take you off the hook. Make amends as quickly and sincerely as possible: "What an insensitive thing for me to say. I'm sorry." Gauge your own comfort level in public situations, and always consider personal safety when choosing to speak up.*

- 1. Ask a question.** If someone says something offensive, you can ask him or her why they feel that way. This gives a person a moment to think about what they just said and creates the opportunity for a conversation about how we form our bias and stereotypes.
- 2. Ask people to "say what you mean and mean what you say."** If someone uses a slur to describe something they dislike or find stupid, use this helpful phrase: "I think what you meant to say is that you don't like....."
- 3. Create a culture of respect around you.** Addressing degrading language doesn't have to be complicated. You can simply say to friends, "please don't use that word around me." This will help others think about the impact of their words and they will likely be more careful with others as well.
- 4. Explain why the language they are using is offensive.** Some people use language without understanding its meaning. Instead of immediately criticizing someone, try saying "I'm not sure that you meant anything by that word, but here is what I understand it to mean and why I avoid using it..."
- 5. Talk about the impact of language.** Some people respond better to stories or examples of how words impact others. For example, "I know you don't mean to be offensive to women, but I know lots of young girls who hear that word everyday and it affects their self esteem."
- 6. Do not laugh at offensive jokes.** The easiest way to send a message that a joke is not funny is not to laugh. Even better is to politely interrupt the joke before the offensive punch line.
- 7. Say nothing.** A questioning glance may be an effective and non-confrontational response in a situation in which you feel unsafe speaking directly. Keep moving.
- 8. Say something.** If you choose to raise the issue, state your beliefs clearly. "I find that language very bigoted. It offends me." Or, "I think it's wrong to stereotype people."
- 9. Share a positive message.** Inserting a positive message can help redirect a negative perspective about a particular group. For example, you could say, "I'm sorry that you've had those experiences; my friend represents the group you are describing and she has always been warm and kind."
- 10. Leave the situation.** If these suggestions don't work, you can always remove yourself from the situation. Tell the person, "I'm sorry you still feel this way. I would love to continue this conversation, but only if the language is respectful. Otherwise, I am going to head home."

*Adapted from [www.preventinghate.org](http://www.preventinghate.org)*

## Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Martha's Place  
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Temporarily  
closed at this  
time.



We are still on hold, so we don't have very much to report. We have been busy unboxing the summer clothing in preparation for our eventual opening. Now all we need is the Bishop to let us know when we can open! I am pretty sure masks will definitely be required.

In GOD'S service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

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## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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.

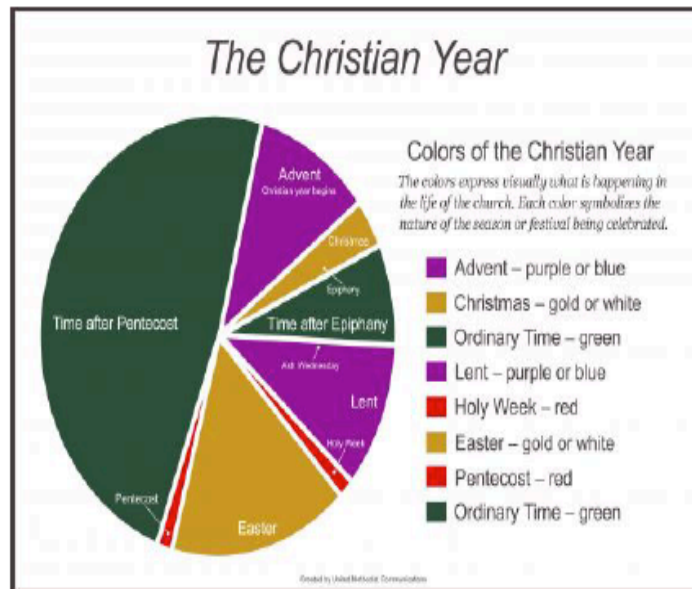
If you would like to be on our birthday list, please call the church office at (631) 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Susan Campbell
- 7 Gregory Olivotti Sr.
- 7 Joan Schmidt
- 8 Maureen Mitchell
- 10 Joseph Fabbio
- 13 Sarah Clukey
- 15 Emily Eger
- 15 Lily Bedell
- 15 Laura Bender
- 15 Dennis McElhone
- 23 Taralyn Subbiondo
- 23 Oliver Sinclair
- 24 Leanne Preddice Strom
- 25 Lisa Pyne
- 25 Charles Pyne
- 26 Jeffrey Almonaitis
- 27 Cathy Barta
- 27 Sue Preddice
- 28 Henry Tom
- 30 Sean Neenan
- 31 Nicole Kohout

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Sarah VanSicklin
- 8 John Paynter
- 9 John Hoffmann
- 11 Carolyn Baker
- 14 Pastor Constance Pak
- 15 Richard Campbell
- 18 Nancy Duffy
- 18 Debra Schild
- 20 Christopher Campbell
- 22 Jim Pennise
- 25 Darby Clark
- 26 Shane Drisgula
- 26 Brianna Napolitano
- 30 Kelly Paul



## Ask The UMC: What is Ordinary Time?

The Christian year includes two central cycles focused on major events in the life of Christ: the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and Easter cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost).

Each of these seasons begins with a time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration. Ordinary Time follows each cycle.

The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany). This term comes from the Latin *ordinalis*, meaning "numbered" or "ordered," and *tempus ordinarium*, "measured time."

The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus.

For some congregations, this will mean a focus on evangelism, as found in the Old Testament and Gospel readings for each week. For others, the focus will be preparing to help others grow in their discipleship. The Epistle reading each week emphasizes this.

The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. It begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost.

Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God's ongoing work in the world.

We thus experience two regular cycles of preparation, celebration and action in ministry each year, with the Ordinary Times as the primary periods of action.

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## **September 19, 2021**

### **Save the date!**

More exciting information to follow



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	Angelique Sinclair		
	Diane Hatton		
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