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of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

July-August 2023

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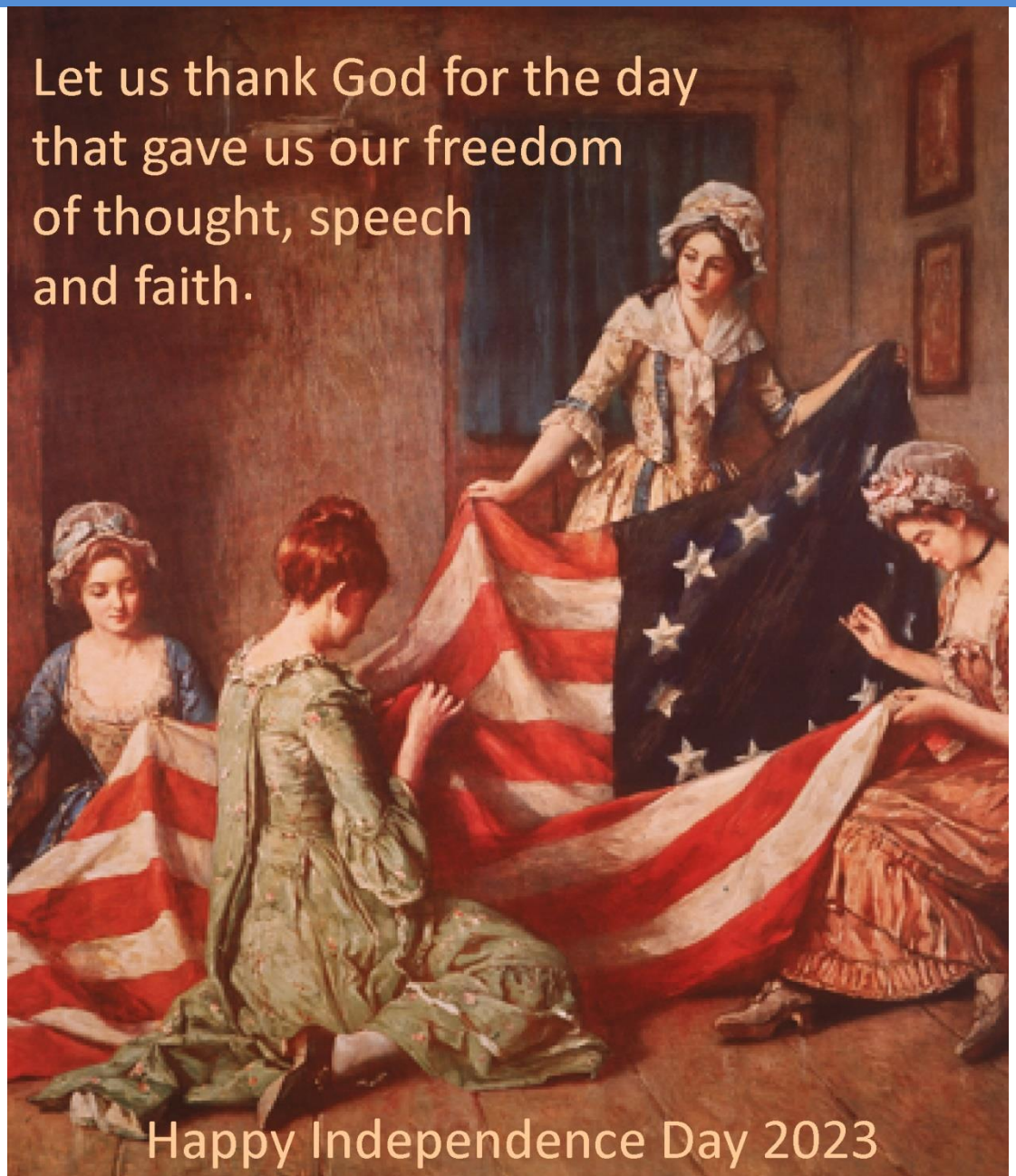
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Let us thank God for the day
that gave us our freedom
of thought, speech
and faith.



Happy Independence Day 2023

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 Members and Friends of UMCLR:

What is the yearning of God's heart for you this summer? Is God calling you to take some time outdoors to enjoy God's Creation? Is God calling you to read books that interest you? Or watch those movies on your wish list, either in a theater or streaming at home? Is God nudging you to volunteer your time in a new way at church or in the community?

For many, summer is a time of reset. A time to reconfigure priorities and reboot. A time to be renewed. It can also be a time to reflect: a time to look back on the seasons just passed and what has been significant, what has been learned, what you will carry forward.

One thing is for certain, and that is that each hour and each day is a gift from God. Our gift to God is to live with intentionality. We are called to live according to the values that Christ has modelled for us: with compassion, sharing, a humble spirit, and faith in God.

Summer can also be a time to ask God what God's yearning is for our church, to pray for God to lead us in making disciples of Jesus Christ and reaching new people who are not part of a spiritual community or who feel alone or broken. We are Christ's ambassadors. We are Christ's Body. What a sacred calling God has given all of us together.

I hope to see you at worship whenever you are in town this summer; we have a special Christmas in July Service planned and other meaningful and inspiring services at our 9:30 a.m. time.

With faith and love,
Pastor Karen Burger

Lections

July 2
5th Sunday
after Pentecost

Gen 22:1-14
Ps 13 (UMH 746)
Rom 6:12-23
Matt 10:40-42

July 9
6th 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 16
7th 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

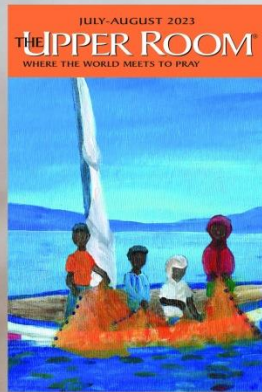
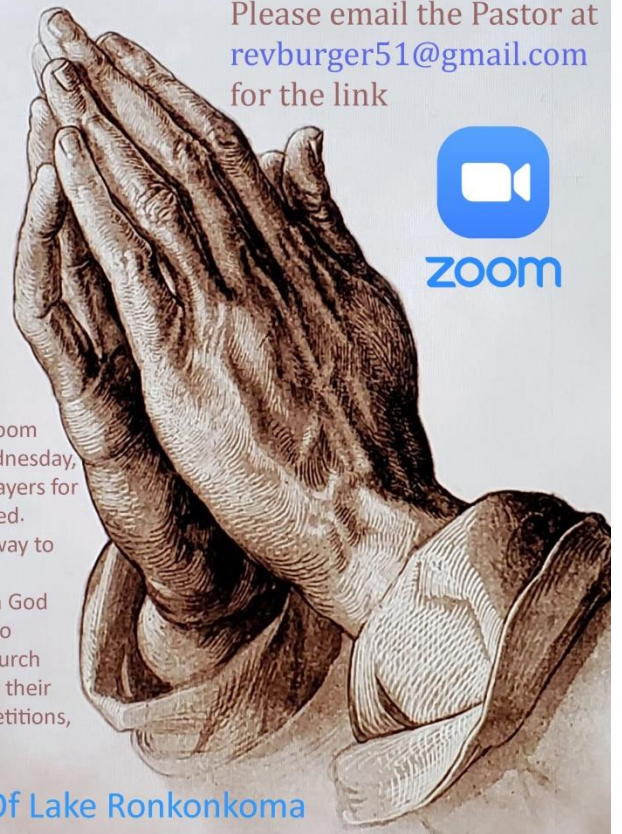
July 23
8th Sunday after
Pentecost

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

Virtual Prayer Meeting

Every
Wednesday
8:00 AM

Please email the Pastor at
revburger51@gmail.com
for the link



Come join us as we discuss the Upper Room reading for that Wednesday, 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.

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



**GAME
NIGHT**

July 21 & August 18
7:00 PM

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

Lectios

August 6
10th Sunday
after Pentecost

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

August 13
11th Sunday after
Pentecost

Gen 37:1-4, 12-28
Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
(UMH 828)
Rom 10:5-15
Matt 14:22-33

August 20
12th Sunday after
Pentecost

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

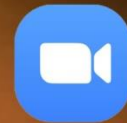
August 27
13 Sunday after
Pentecost

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

Hebrew Prophets Bible Study Schedule

Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 842 1647 9417



Password: 336467

zoom

May 25 – **Elijah, Elisha**

Read 1 Kings 16: 29-34, 17, 21: 1-28 (Elijah)
2 Kings 2 (Elisha)

June 1 - **No Class – Read ahead!**

June 8 - **No Class – Keep reading!**

June 15 - **Amos, Hosea, Jonah** (pre-Assyrian captivity)

Read Amos 5: 11-27 (Amos)

Hosea 4

Jonah 1-4 (very short chapters)

June 22 - **Isaiah, Second Isaiah** (Assyrian captivity)

Read Isaiah 5: 1-24

Isaiah 54

June 29 - **Jeremiah** – Babylonian Exile

Read Jeremiah 19, 25: 1-14

July 6 - **Ezekiel** – Babylonian Exile

Read Ezekiel 6, 13: 1-12

Remainder of July – Class Break (read ahead!)

August 3 – **Haggai & Zechariah** – Post-Babylonian Exile

Read Haggai 1, 2 (shortest book, just two chapters!)

Read Zechariah 1, 8

August 10 - **No Class – Read the remainder of texts**

August 17 – **Malachi** – Post-Babylonian Exile (last Old Testament Book)

Read Malachi 3: 8-18

August 24 – **Daniel** – Post Exile

Read Daniel 7

August 31 - **Wrap-Up** Jesus the Prophet (as well as Messiah, Savior,
Son of God, King of Kings)

How Jesus picks up on Hebrew prophetic themes

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 - 7:30 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.



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

hello
SUMMER

Summer is here and so are we with plenty of summer clothing for men, women, and children – small, medium, large and extra-large. We have been busy opening countless boxes of clothing, dishes, pots and pans, glassware, knickknacks and small appliances. Come in and check out our collection of attractive jewelry. If you have never visited the shop, you will never know who the volunteers are that keep the place running! They all work extremely hard to support the church we all love. We also supply free clothing to anyone in need. Please stop by and say hello.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Summer Apparel

Housewares - Jewelry - Keepsakes

Open

Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

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

- 6 *Susan Campbell*
- 7 *Gregory Olivotti, Sr.*
- 7 *Joan Schmidt*
- 8 *Maureen Mitchell*
- 10 *Joseph Fabbio*
- 13 *Sarah Clukey*
- 14 *Wendy Duffy*
- 15 *Emily Eger*
- 15 *Lily Bedell*
- 23 *Taralynn 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

- 8 *John Paynter*
- 15 *Richard Campbell*
- 18 *Debra Schild*
- 25 *Darby Clark*
- 26 *Shane Drisgula*
- 30 *Kelly Paul*

E D U C A T I O N

Greetings from the Education work area,

I hope everyone is enjoying summer. It is a time of renewal and re-tool for our education workers.

We honored all of our volunteers during our Worship Service on June 11th. It was Nettie Baker and children and youth Sunday. Our children led the service with beautiful music and wonderful speakers and ushers. It is always a pleasure to feature our children and youth during this special service.

We will resume all of our programs in September. Meanwhile we hope everyone will make it to church when possible, be safe when traveling, and enjoy some unscheduled, less busy, family time.

The education work area will meet this summer on July 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. We will be planning our programs and making our calendar. It is important that all program areas are represented. I look forward to seeing all of our volunteer workers at that time.

Meanwhile, I hope to see many of you at our summer worship services. Look for Christmas in July!

Sue Preddice
Education Chair



The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

UMY Bowling
June 7, 2023

The image is a promotional graphic for a bowling event. At the top left is the circular seal of the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma, established in 1796. To the right of the seal is the text 'UMY Bowling' in a white, cursive font, with 'June 7, 2023' below it. On the far right is a small red and white logo. The central part of the graphic features a large photograph of a group of about 15 people, including children and adults, posing in a bowling alley. Below this main photo is a collage of smaller, black and white photographs showing various scenes from the bowling event, such as people bowling, socializing, and posing for photos. At the bottom of the graphic, the text 'The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma' is written in a white, cursive font.

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Nettie Baker Day

June 11, 2023



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



UMCLR at Mets

June 13, 2023



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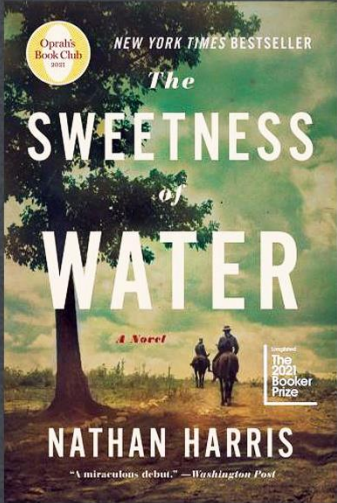
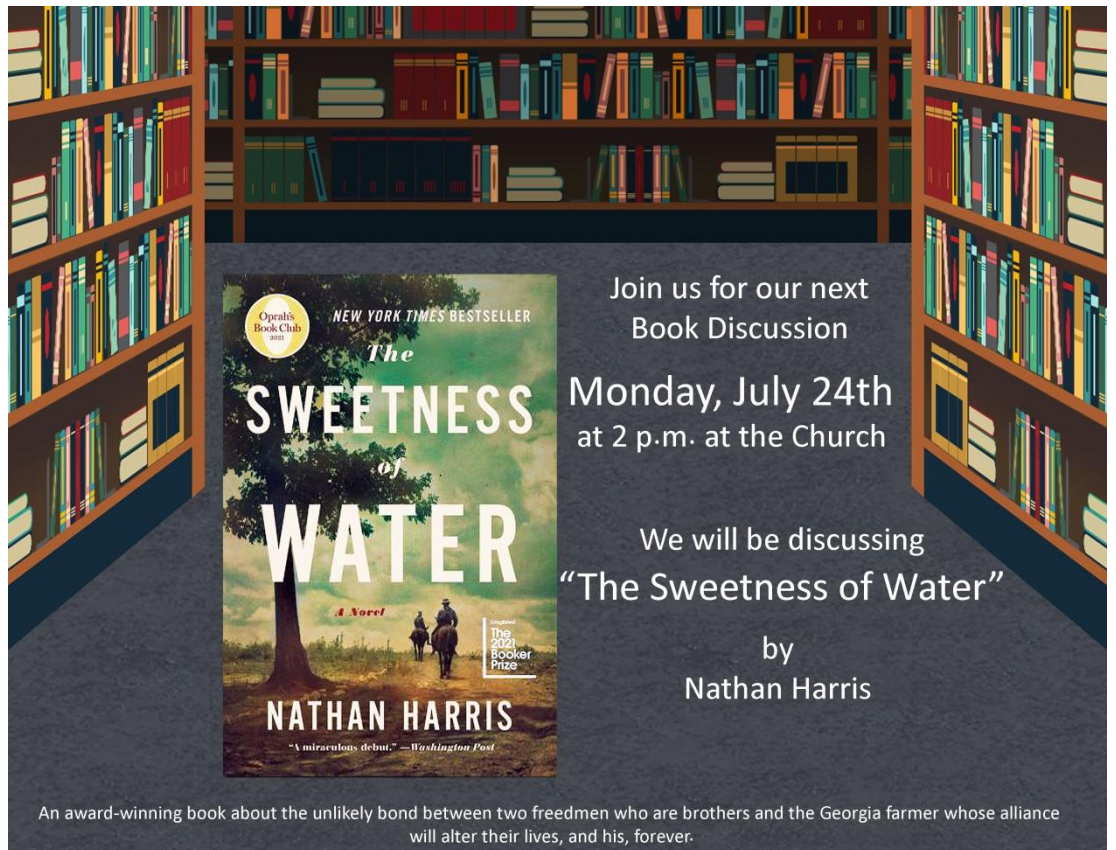


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Come join us
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023
9:30 AM
For our special
CHRISTMAS
IN JULY SERVICE

The United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma



Join us for our next
Book Discussion
Monday, July 24th
at 2 p.m. at the Church

We will be discussing
"The Sweetness of Water"
by
Nathan Harris

An award-winning book about the unlikely bond between two freedmen who are brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter their lives, and his, forever.

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Old Testament Prophets Quiz

1. Which prophet married a prostitute because God told him to?
a. Hosea b. Haggai c. Habakuck d. Hasigomi
2. He woke up under a tree and found an angel had cooked food for him?
a. Elijah b. Hosea c. Haggai d. Jeremiah
3. What prophet executed the prophets of Baal after God consumed his offering with fire?
a. Isaiah b. Elijah c. Samuel d. Joel
4. What lost item did the prophet Elisha cause to float to the surface of the Jordan?
a. Wedding ring b. Ax head c. Perfume d. a coin
5. Elisha purified a pot of stew that had been poisoned with what?
a. Wild mushrooms b. Wild gourds c. Arsenic d. cheese
6. Who was taken to heaven in a whirlwind?
a. Samuel b. Enoch c. Elijah d. Elisha
7. Which prophet served during the reigns of - Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah?
a. Micah b. Joel c. Amos d. Hosea
8. Amoz had a son who was a prophet to the kingdom of Judah. Who was he?
a. Micah b. Hosea c. Isaiah d. Amos
9. Which prophet declared himself to be "a man of unclean lips"?
a. Micah b. Hosea c. Isaiah d. Amos
10. Which king's hand shriveled when he pointed to a prophet he wanted killed?
a. Jeroboam's b. Rehoboam's c. Shemaiah's d. Josiah's

1. a, 2. a, 3. b, 4. b, 5. b, 6. c, 7. d, 8. c, 9. c, 10. a



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

T I M E

Apostles Quiz

1. This Apostle was the first to join Jesus' cause, and even introduced his brother to Christ.
a. St. Philip b. St. Peter c. St. Andrew d. St. Bartholomew
2. This Apostle was a fisherman and one of the first to follow Christ. He was the brother of St. John the Apostle.
a. St. Jude b. St. Philip c. St. James the Greater d. St. Andrew
3. This Apostle was said to have evangelized as far as India when the early Church was founded. He is rarely mentioned in the Bible.
a. St. John b. St. Bartholomew c. St. James the Less d. St. Peter
4. This Apostle is known as "The Rock" of the Church and had denied Christ three times when Jesus was arrested.
a. St. Andrew b. St. Paul c. St. James the Greater d. St. Peter
5. This Apostle doubted that Christ had appeared to the Apostles hidden in the upper room after the death of Christ, but soon believed after touching the wounds of Jesus days later.
a. St. Peter b. St. Thomas c. St. Jude d. St. Andrew
6. This Apostle shares the name of another one of the Twelve, but distinguished by a title behind his name. His mother was named Mary.
a. St. Simon the Zealot b. St. John c. St. Jude d. St. James the Less
7. This Apostle supposedly wrote one of the Gospels and the Book of Revelation.
a. St. Jude b. St. Peter c. St. Paul d. St. John
8. St. Paul was one of the original Twelve Apostles.
a. True b. False
9. This Apostle was also known as Thaddeus.
a. St. John b. St. Philip c. St. Jude d. St. Bartholomew

1. c, 2. c, 3. b, 4. d, 5. b, 6. d, 7. d, 8. b, 9. c



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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The United Methodist Men concluded their fiscal year with a breakfast at the Airport Diner in June. There was good conversation with lots of humor sprinkled in.

We will be taking July and August off however, planning for next year is in the works. We pray all will have a relaxing summer and continue to do God's work.

Dennis Subbiondo
President UMM



United
Women
in Faith

We had a fun evening of fellowship in June! Thanks to everyone who helped and participated!

During the month of July **WE** are responsible for providing for Sunday morning coffee hour....please sign up to help!

Our next meetings will be:

September 18 @ 7pm -we hope to have a guest speaker....

October 16 @ 7pm -selling pumpkins....

November 13

December 11 -Christmas Party

There will be signup sheets in the hallway to sign up for hostesses for the Fall meetings...

Thank you,

Tessa Tom and Barb Colucci

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40 "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.
42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Matthew 10: 40-42

GOSPEL



27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11: 27-30

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“A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

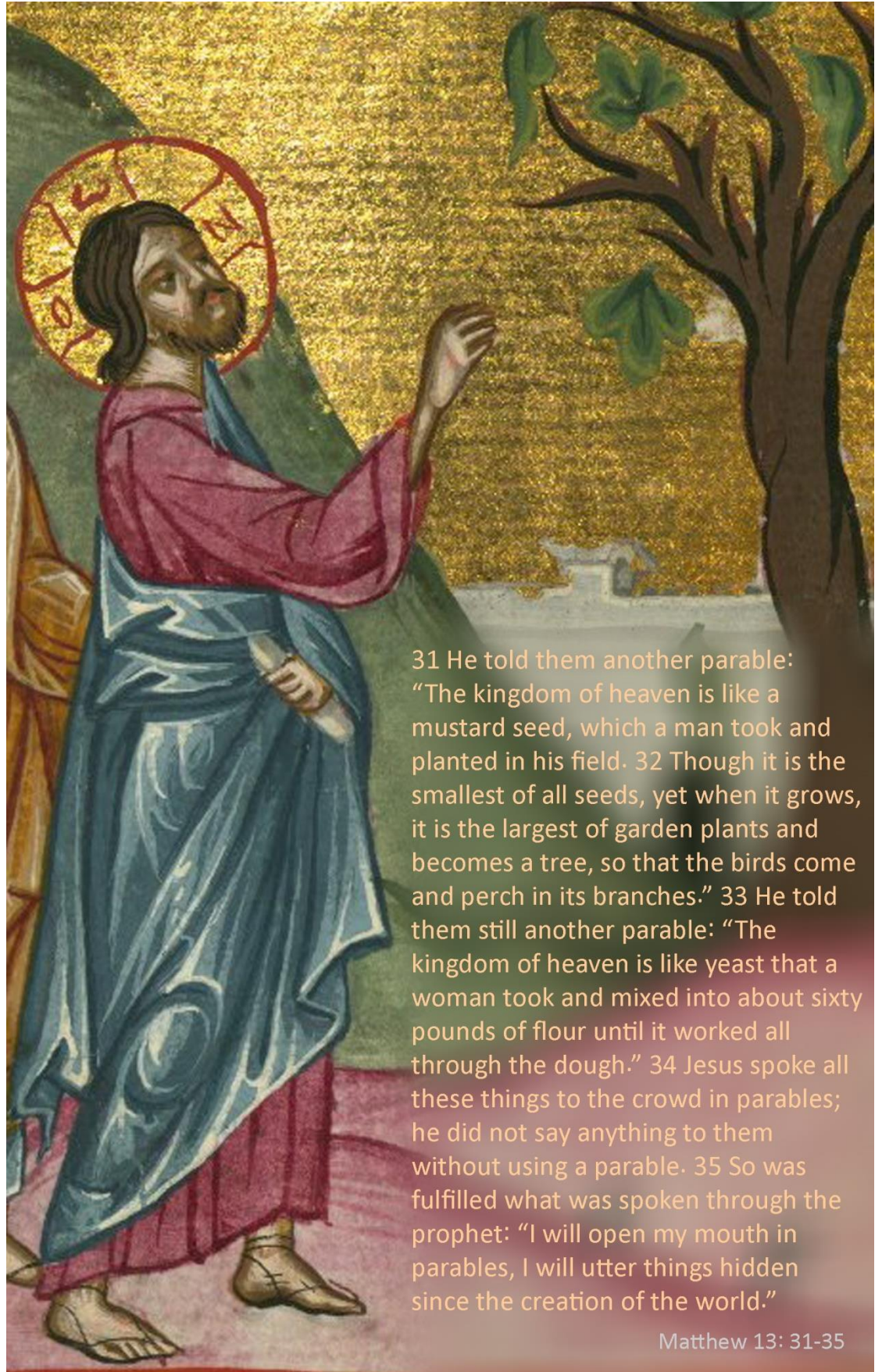
Matthew 13: 3-9

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24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ 28 “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ 29 “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’” Matthew 13: 24-30

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31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." 33 He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough." 34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. 35 So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

Matthew 13: 31-35

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14 When Jesus saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." 16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. 18 "Bring them here to me," he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. Matthew 14: 14-21

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25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14: 25-33

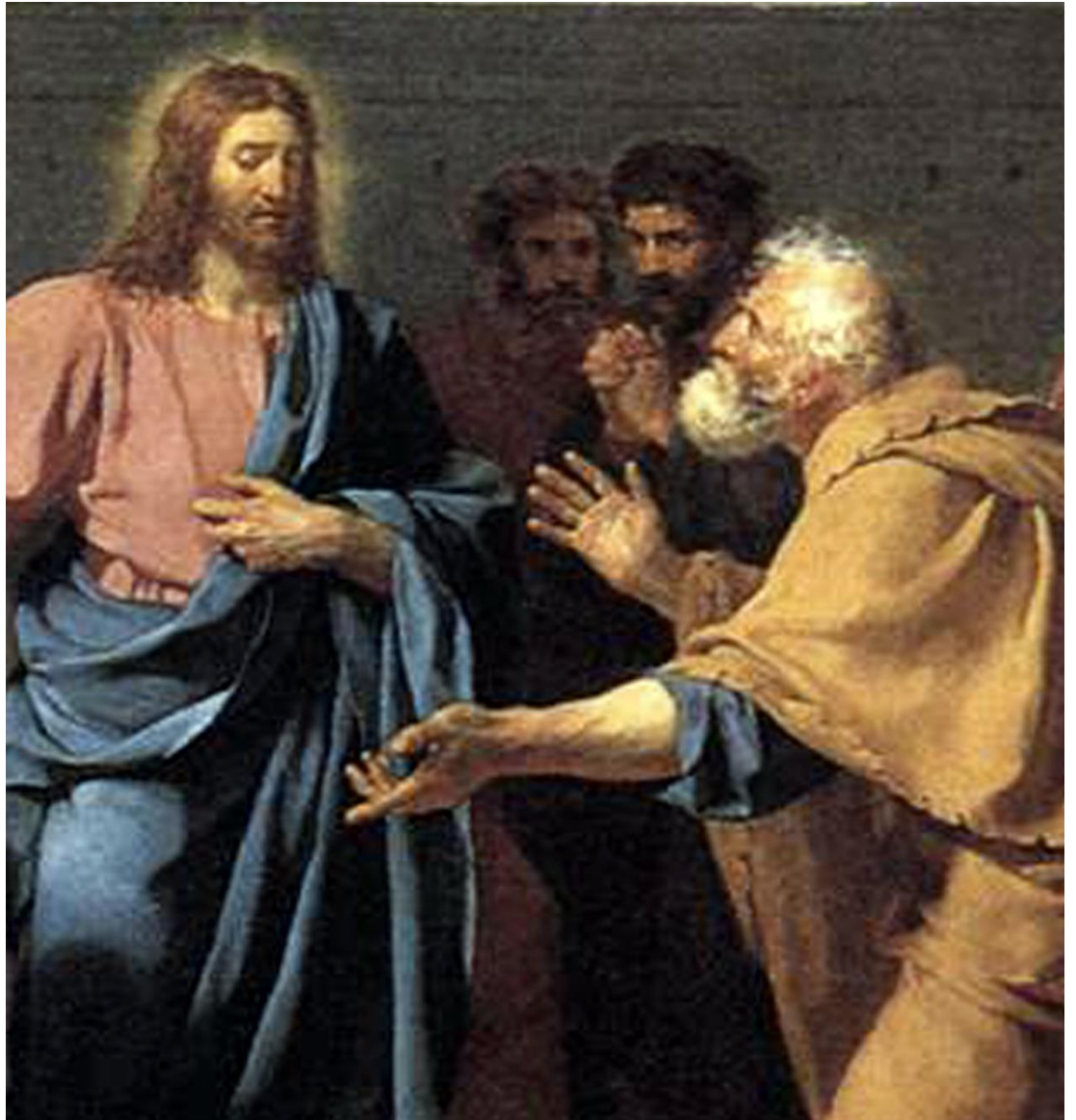
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21 Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." 23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." 25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. 26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." 27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." 28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Matthew 15: 21-28

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13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16: 13-20

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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)



UMC/LR AUCTION 2023 PLEDGE SHEET

Your Name: _____ Phone Number _____

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

Auction is scheduled for September 9th. All pledge sheets MUST be returned for cataloging by August 26th.
Leave your completed sheets in the auction mailbox sooner than later.

Please bring pledged items to the church on Friday, September 8th for labeling unless other arrangements are made.
ANY ITEMS BROUGHT AFTER THE PLEDGE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE AUCTIONED. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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U. S. Air Quality Index (AQI)

The U.S. AQI is the EPA’s index for reporting air quality.

It is a yardstick that runs from 0 to 500. The higher the AQI value the greater the level of air pollution and higher risk of health concerns.

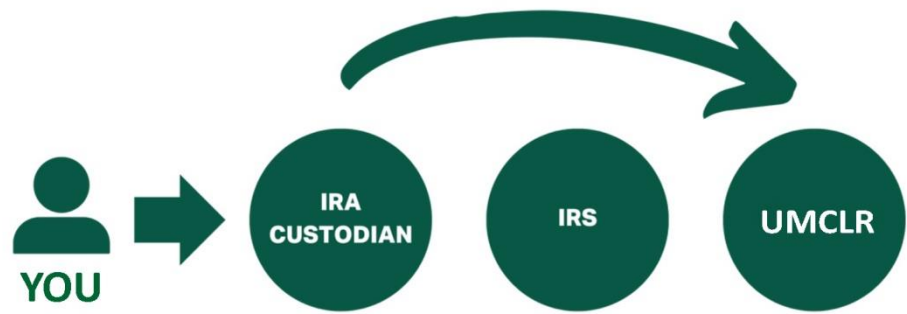
We on Long Island recently experienced high and dangerous AQI. This originated from fires in Canada that sent smoke and toxic pollutants to our area. These pollutants are micro particles that can enter the lungs, and cause present or future illness. We have seen these types of problems from workers post 9/11 at the World Trade Center and the veterans of the Burning Fields.

Protection: Stay inside! Keep windows closed, put on air conditioning, change filter post episode. Mask: K95 or N95. Surgical cloth masks do not offer sufficient protection.

Questions – call Helen Morley 631-588-1982

AQI Basics for Ozone and Particle Pollution			
Daily AQI Color	Levels of Concern	Values of Index	Description of Air Quality
Green	Good	0 to 50	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Yellow	Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Orange	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
Red	Unhealthy	151 to 200	Some members of the general public may experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Purple	Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.
Maroon	Hazardous	301 and higher	Health warning of emergency conditions: everyone is more likely to be affected.

Qualified Charitable Contribution



Save on your taxes with your donation to the Lake Ronkonkoma United Methodist Church with a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). You can sell shares from your mutual funds or brokerage account to donate to a qualified charity (for which our church is one).

- A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is not subject to ordinary federal income taxes – the amount is simply excluded from your taxable income. In general, QCDs must be reduced by deductible IRA contributions made for the year you reach age 70½ or later. If you have made deductible IRA contributions for the year you turn 70½ or later, consult a qualified tax advisor prior to taking a QCD to determine the amount by which your QCD must be reduced.

About taking a qualified charitable distribution for your required minimum distribution (RMD)

- Your QCD counts towards satisfying your RMD once you reach RMD age.
- Up to a maximum of \$100,000 of your RMD can be donated to a qualified charity.
- If you have the RMD service, be sure to factor in these donations to avoid distributing more than your annual RMD.
- Qualified charitable distributions are counted for the tax year in which they are taken.

Example.

We are required to take an RMD each year from our IRA. We request that a QCD be made to satisfy a portion of our yearly RMD. A check for the requested amount is sent to our address with the name of the church as the payee. We then give this check to the church to satisfy a portion of our gift and tithe for the year.

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Saturday,

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Cookie Walk
Saturday, December 9, 2023
2:00 PM
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**The Long Island Flute Club**  
**Concert**  
**Saturday, December 9, 2023**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Performed By**  
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# Christmas Cantata

## Sunday, December 10, 2023



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# Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday,  
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the cost of printing.*



## Church Leaders

### George Doukas



I was born in upstate NY and was the youngest of 5 children. My brother and I lived with my parents in the Bronx until I was almost 5 years old and then we moved to Queens. I enjoyed playing all sports, but I liked bowling the best. I was Captain of my High school and College bowling teams. Our High School team won the Queens Championship. I

went to Andrew Jackson High School that had a special Music Program. I played the trumpet in the band, clarinet in the orchestra, guitar in the jazz band and minored playing the bass. I went to a Congregational church that changed my life. There I attended Sunday school, was confirmed, and joined the youth group. We put on plays every year and used the profits pay for church camp in the summer. While in the youth group I met a girl who became my best friend, fiancé, wife, mother of my 3 children and grandmother to my 6 grandchildren.



After High School I attended college in upstate NY. After my third semester I realized that college was not for me so in 1971 I decided to enlist in the armed forces. I was 20 years old. My father was in the Navy during WWII, my oldest brother and some of my cousins were in the Navy so I chose the Navy. While in basic training they discovered that I had double vision, and I was discharged.

I came home and that Christmas eve proposed to my best friend from school Carol, and she said yes. We were married in 1972 and last year we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



We joined this church in 1979 and became very active. I served on the PPR, am a member of the UMM, was a youth group leader for many years, worked on the audio and visual committee and still am part of the group supporting the church services. I am currently a certified lay speaker and enjoy being part of the service when asked. Although I play several instruments, singing is not for me. I did have one solo with the choir. I did the Monster Mash during a Halloween Sunday.

This church is like my second family, and I have made many friends here throughout the years. God has blessed me with family and friends.

*“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”*

*Winston Churchill*

## Church Leaders

### Marilee Drisgula

I was born in Saskatoon Saskatchewan Canada, and was adopted by Evelyn & Gordon Ross who at that time were in the process of moving to Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. There my parents owned and ran "Ross Electric," where they sold all types of appliances for over 40 years. After high school, I began working in a local hospital and trained as a lab technician, a position I held for 2 years.

When I was twenty-three, I decided to move to Hawaii and was hired by a local hospital as a lab technician.



While there, I met Ron Drisgula who was in the U.S. Navy. I knew almost immediately that Ron and I were meant for each other. Shortly thereafter, Ron went to sea for about 6 months. After returning, he was re-assigned to San Diego where we were married and lived for about three years. Our son Michael was born in San Diego and then Ron transferred back to Hawaii and our son Brian was born in Tripler Army Hospital. It was in Hawaii that I briefly began working in a local Thrift Shop and thought it was cool! Three years there and then off to Virginia!

We bought a house in Virginia and then off to Lake Ronkonkoma to shore duty for about ten years at Sperry! After we moved into our NEW home, we met Jeff



Strecker who invited us to church on "Bring a friend to Church" day!! Our family started that Sunday and felt right at home. Stuart Baker who was our Pastor, baptized both of our sons. It was then that I began volunteering at our Church's Thrift Shop. Eventually people moved on and I was put in charge and have been in that position for over 25 years. I also worked in our soup kitchen for 9 years, joined the choir, and am currently a Lay Leader and Trustee.



*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."*

*Sherry Anderson*

# H I S T O R Y

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



David Keefer Sloatman was born in Williamsport Pennsylvania, November 8, 1901. As a boy he remembered spending most of his Sundays in church. He was educated at Williamsport-Dickenson Seminary, and later was accepted at Wesleyan University. He married Esther Hughes on June 19, 1926, and they became the proud parents of one boy and two girls. Also, in 1926 David was ordained an Elder by the New York East Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He came to Lake Ronkonkoma in 1935 replacing Walter Brooks Foley as Pastor. While here, he preached and taught a Sunday school class for older boys. The class issued a newsletter called "Woodland Echoes" The first issue was published on February 2, 1936, and stated: "This publication is the weekly outburst of the surplus energy of the boy's class of the Lake Ronkonkoma Methodist Episcopal Church," and is considered the forerunner of today's Good News. Pastor Slotaman also wrote one of the first histories of our Church which ended with his poem, "The Little Brown Church." On February 16, 1936, there was no church service because the Sloatman family was quarantined to the parsonage after an outbreak of diphtheria. In 1938 Pastor Slotaman was reassigned to Greenport and was replaced in Ronkonkoma by Rev. Charles S. Grey. Rev. Slotaman returned to Ronkonkoma for the consecration service on April 24, 1955, and gave the invocation. In 1966, he retired after 44 years of service. During his first 16 years of retirement, he served as an interim pastor for many different denominations.

He died on October 10, 1985, in Derby Connecticut.

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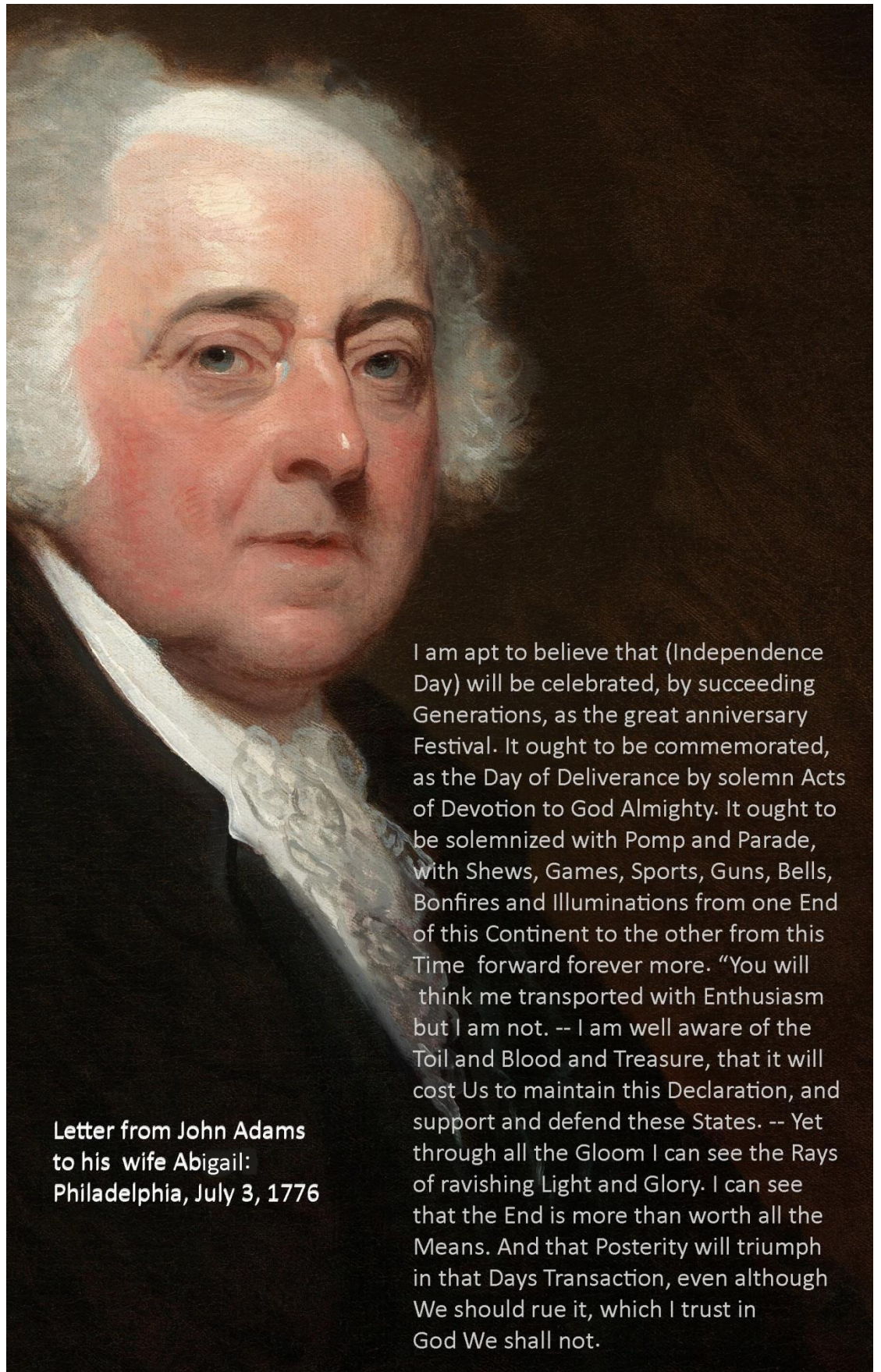
A time-honored custom at the Lake Ronkonkoma Methodist Church was the annual Fourth of July Fair. For more than 50 years this was a community event that drew crowds from miles around. The scene was the grounds around the church. The committee put up tents and the ladies served a big supper. Fruits and candies were on sale at the booths. The Fourth of July was the only time during the year when one could purchase bananas and peanuts at Lake Ronkonkoma! The church hired a band for the occasion, and a speech was always given by an orator. The Lake Ronkonkoma Methodist Church was the center of social life and patriotic celebrations for this part of Long Island for more than a half a century.

Rev. David K. Sloatman

August 1, 1936

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# I N D E P E N D E N C E



**Letter from John Adams  
to his wife Abigail:  
Philadelphia, July 3, 1776**

I am apt to believe that (Independence Day) will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. "You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. -- I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. -- Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even although We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not.

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(Twice per month)

**Meeting dates:**

**2023**

September 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

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November 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

**2024**

January 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

February 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

June 5<sup>th</sup>

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## UPCOMING MEETING DATES

September 18

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October 16  
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November 13

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December 11  
Christmas Party



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Retreat

April 19,20, 21, 2024

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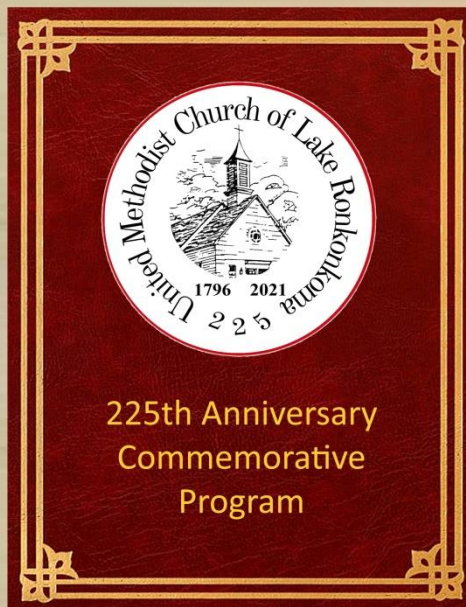
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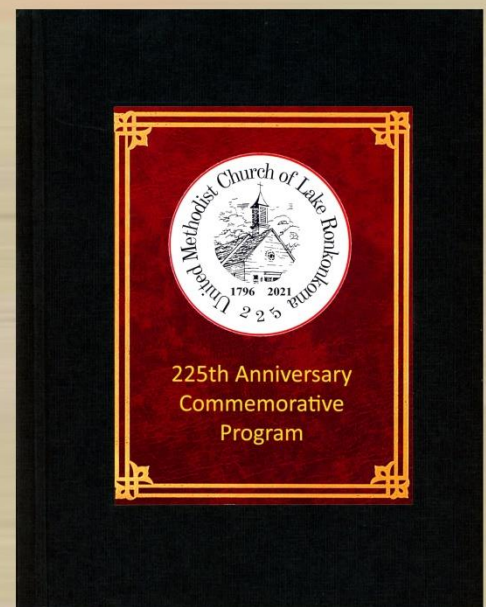
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**PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE**

Rev. Prince Donkor, pastor of St. James UMC and Ghana Lucien Memorial UMC in Kings Park, is on call for me during my days away in the month of July: July 10-14 (writing retreat) and July 24-31 (vacation days.)

In the event of a pastoral emergency, our members are invited to call Rev. Donkor at 917-733-8989. He would be glad to be of assistance to you through a phone call, prayer, or hospital visit.

If for any reason he is not available because of unforeseen circumstance or conflict of schedule, you may call one of our Cooperative Parish Coordinators, Rev. Chuck Van Houten (631-751-0574 days or 631-413-0911 evenings or as backup) or Rev. Sharon Pizzo 631-473-4734 (church) to alert them to the need, and they will make sure one of the clergy can provide you with support. We work as a team and no one should feel alone and struggling while I am away for spiritual enrichment and refreshment. Prayers for God's blessings for all of us during this summer season.

Pastor Karen



*Dear Church Family,  
Bill and I wish to express our gratitude for all the love and support we have felt from you as we grieve Jim's death.*

*The beautiful flowers that were sent, your prayers, cards, calls and texts have comforted us greatly. Thank you so much for helping to lift our spirits.*

*With much love,  
Cathy and Bill Mitchell*

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*PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME*

*Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.*

*Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.*

*As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.*

*Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.*

*AMEN*

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