



United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma

Good News

JULY / AUGUST
2019

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

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Church Office
Summer Hours
Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Nursery School
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Thrift Shop
631-981-9749

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Rev. Dr. Constance Pak,
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,
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Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



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792 Hawkins Ave,
Lake Grove, NY
(Five Corners)

10th Annual

Grand Fall Auction September 7, 2019 at 12:00 pm

We are beginning our search for those special items that, year after year, make this auction the exciting spectacle we've come to expect. Proceeds from this auction to benefit local & world missions and church operations.

WANTED:

Antiques of all varieties, art, collectibles, furniture, appliances, books, tools, tableware, crafts, electronics, jewelry and other fashion accessories, gadgets, holiday items, toys, CD's, DVD's, musical instruments, sports equipment, timepieces, etc.

Used items must be undamaged, clean, and in good working order.

If you have any high quality, unusual, interesting, desirable goods – new or used – that you wish to donate, please fill out the accompanying pledge form and send it to the Church Office at 792 Hawkins Ave, Lake Grove, NY 11755. Further information can be obtained through the office at www.umclr.com (631) 588-5856. Items will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Auction co-ordinator reserves the right to reject items deemed unfit for any reason.

N.B. Items brought to the auction without prior notification will not be accepted.

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.



Youth Sunday

June 2, 2019



Whoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a child shall not enter therein



Let the children come unto me and forbid them not for to such belongs the Kingdom of God



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



All adults are welcome to join us for
Game Night
on Friday, July 19th and
Friday, August 16th at 7:00 P.M.
Enjoy a fun night out!

Please save your can tabs!

We are collecting them to benefit
Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Put them in the big jar in front
of the church office.



Lections

July 7
Fourth Sunday
After Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14
Ps. 30 (UMH 762)
Gal. 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14
Fifth Sunday
After Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17
Ps. 82 (UMH 804)
Col. 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

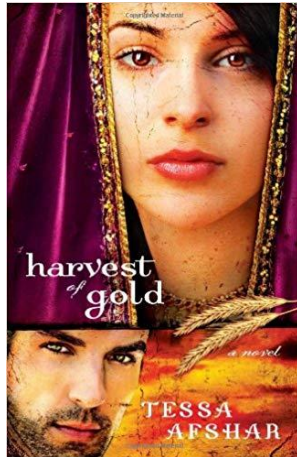
July 21
Sixth Sunday
After Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12
Ps. 52 or Ps. 82
(UMH 808)
Col. 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

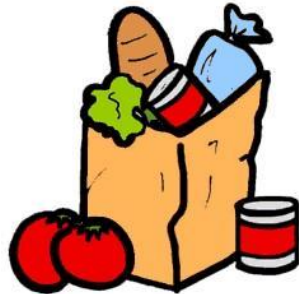
July 28
Seventh Sunday
After Pentecost
Parent's Day

Hos. 1:2-10
Ps. 85 (UMH 806)
Col. 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

Book Discussion



We will be having a discussion about "Harvest of Gold" by Tessa Afshar on Monday, July 22nd at 7 PM. All are welcome to join us, even if you haven't read the book.



Our Food Pantry will be open on the first Wednesday of each month (*except holidays*) from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Donations for the pantry will be collected on the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday).



Join us for a great family night out at the Long Island Ducks Game on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:35 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each.

A sign-up sheet is in Hertlin Hall.

Lections

August 4
Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost

Hos. 11:1-11
Ps. 107:1-9, 43
(UMH 830)
Col. 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 11
Ninth Sunday
After Pentecost

Isa. 1:1, 10-20
Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23
(UMH 783)
Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 18
Tenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Isa. 5:1-7
Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19
(UMH 801)
Heb. 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 25
Eleventh Sunday
After Pentecost

Jer. 1:4-10
Ps. 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
Heb. 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



Martha's Place Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Mondays
10am - 2pm

Tuesdays
10am - 2pm

Fridays
10am - 2pm

Saturdays
10am - 2pm



Martha's Place Thrift Shop



Well, I knew it, summer is finally here and we have some really nice outfits that you might be interested in for the summer months. Right now all May clothing is half price and in a month, all June clothing will be half price.

Shopping in the shop is so much easier on your check book and I am certain you could find something perfect to wear.

Take a chance and come on in because you are always welcome and you never know what you will find!!!

Remember you can pay by check or cash as we don't take credit cards.

The Men's department is also loaded with clothing so we would like to see the men as well as the women come in and check their department too. Thank you for your continuous clean donations to keep the shop running.

In GOD'S service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

UMW NEWS

To All Church Ladies,

Welcome to Summer 2019! YEAH!!

We had a highly successful annual planning meeting in June. Myself, along with Leslie Alessi, will be your Co-Presidents for one more year. Marilee Drisgula will continue to be our Treasurer and Dorothy Schiavone has agreed to continue doing our monthly devotions. Thank you to all of them for their service and commitment throughout the past year. And an extra shout-out to Barbara Colucci for all her assistance with most events and activities.

Looking Ahead – No meeting in July. Happy Fourth of July!!

August 12 – game night Jean McNeill and Barbara Colucci will hostess.

September 9 – Dorothy Schiavone will plan meeting. Perhaps a guest speaker. Stay tuned. Miriam and Kathy Smith will hostess.

If we don't see you this summer, enjoy your vacations and family time.

Looking forward to another fun year ahead!

Yours In Christ,
Ilona Torraca
UMW President



Reminder: Please return all church keys to the church office after your leadership term is through. Thank you in advance!

*Please join us on
Sunday, August 11 after service*

*for a special
Birthday Celebration*

Luncheon

for Pastor Pak.

*Share in the joy of her milestone
birthday!!*



*Choir Recognition Sunday
June 16, 2019*



"Sweet Tooth"



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Special thanks to Sue Simon for providing delicious goodies for the coffee hour after the Choir Recognition Sunday Service. Sooooo good!!!



Baptism Sunday

May 19, 2019



Dominic Ronald Drisgula



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Baptism Sunday

May 19, 2019



Dominick Ray Frank



Born - September 9, 2018



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UMCLR
Nursery
School

We had an amazing year full of fun, love, joy, and precious memories with our students.

We are thankful to have the opportunity to be a small part of each of their journeys.

We said goodbye to Ms. Elaine who retired this year after dedicating 11 years to our school as a teacher aide. We feel truly blessed to have had her as part of our team for so many years. She will be greatly missed.

We look forward to all the fun we will have with our summer camp campers!

Thank you all for your continued support of the Nursery school.

Best wishes,
Phyllis Thomas

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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
- 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
- 25 Darby Clark
- 26 Shane Drisgula
- 26 Brianna Napolitano
- 30 Kelly Paul

The Dash

A poem by Linda Ellis

*I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on his tombstone
From the beginning to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of his birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered the most of all
Was the Dash between those years.*

*For the Dash represents all the time
That he spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved him
Know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not how much we own;
The cars, the house, the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our Dash.*

*If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a while.*

*So, When your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your Dash?*





And just like that, we are into summer! Enjoy these beautiful months on this wonderful island we have been blessed with! Here are the actions taken from your Trustees this month:

- ✚ Dedication of the plaque: “Ron’s Office – Truly a Man of God” Please stop by and take a look if you haven’t done so already. It’s right over the door of Ron’s office.
- ✚ Cell Tower is moving along which is currently precluding our steeple repair. Once we have that settled, we’ll move forward on both fronts.
- ✚ Regular floor cleaning continues in both Parish and Baker Hall.
- ✚ AC units have been installed in Baker Hall and church office.
- ✚ Termite traps replaced in front of Hertlin Hall.
- ✚ Deposit cans returned for office petty cash purposes.
- ✚ Continuing initiatives still include the church sign, phone system review and much needed repairs in Parish Hall.

Yours in Christ,

Your Board of Trustees

As always, please reach out anytime you need us: Trustees@UMCLR.com

Chancel Choir Season Wrap-up:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the faithful, hard-working members of our Chancel Choir for a very enjoyable year of singing the Lord's praises.

Once again, with the goal of enhancing the worship experience for all, you have presented fresh introits and anthems every week with artistry, professionalism, and, above all, passion -- a remarkable achievement. I counted 64 titles presented that you had never heard - let alone sung - before. You sang in English, Spanish, German, Latin, Russian, and Korean. Wow!

In addition to your weekly duties, your special offerings at the holiest of seasons included the exceptionally moving rendition of Joseph Martin's *The Winter Rose*, with chamber orchestra.

On Veteran's Day, you reminded all of the heartache and anguish of war with songs of loss and longing from four major conflicts: the Revolutionary War (*Johnny is Gone for a Soldier*), the Civil War (*Lorena*), World War I (*Keep the Home Fires Burning*), and World War II (*Lili Marlene*)

Your diverse contributions to Black History Month were absolutely thrilling. You hit every emotion with Charles Tindley's hymn *Beams of Heaven*, William Grant Still's touching anthem *All That I Am*, and the rousing spiritual *Hold On!* by Eugene Thamon Simpson.

The powerfully poignant works of Holy Week, challenging in every aspect, proved to be most inspirational. The brass quartet added flair to the *Hosianna* by Bartholomäus Gesius and the *Antiphonal Processional* by Hal Hopson. Anton Arensky's *To Thee We Sing* was perfectly lovely a *cappella*.

Works by Palestrina, Charles Wood, J.S. Bach, and Dmitri Bortnianski adorned Holy Thursday. With the string quartet's support, our Spanish Renaissance Good Friday offerings by Francisco Guerrero, Melchor Robledo, and Cristóbal de Morales were stunningly beautiful.

We hope everyone enjoyed Choir Recognition Sunday as each member of the ensemble dressed up as his/her favorite confection and sang such sweet music for all: *The Candy Man*, *How Sweet it is to be Loved by You* (thanks for the tuba bass line, Jeff!), *The Big Rock Candy Mountain*, and *Just a Spoonful of Sugar*.

And through it all, you showed great patience, humor, and dedication. As director, I could not ask for more. My sincere thanks to you all!

"Thank you" does not begin to express my gratitude to Heather Edwards-Wilson, our marvelous keyboard artist. Your prodigious musical virtuosity is matched only by your boundless devotion and enthusiasm.

To Reverend Pak: On occasion, the choir has strayed beyond traditional churchly parameters. Thank you for allowing us the latitude to look beyond the customary for inspiration.

Now I would like to remind the congregation, along with any who love to sing, that our choir is open to all. The only requisite for membership is a willingness to commit time and effort (although the ability to match pitch with your neighbor is certainly desirable). If anyone wishes to "give it a whirl," just show up on Sundays through the summer at 9:30 AM for summer choir. We will sing familiar hymns from the hymnal for each week's service. I hope to see a robust turn-out.

With most humble thanks,

Rex Enderlin, Chancel Choir Director



Newsletter Submission: Missions, Evangelism & Nurture Committee

“Tis the gift to be simple, ‘Tis the gift to be free,
‘Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight...”

Old Shaker Hymn

The capacity to give is alive and well within the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma. There is a beautiful tapestry of diverse cultures and history that seemingly unites us in making a calling come to fruition. To that end, the Missions, Evangelism & Nurture Committee is excited to share the following updates:

Healing Guatemala Mission Project: Amidst obstacles and setbacks, God’s hand (as well as Soon Bowes) moved mountains to get the needed equipment for the continued development of the Dental Lab that will serve the people of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. While this news is truly exciting, the committee is also reaching out to corporate partners for donations so that the Healing Guatemala Mission Project can continue to grow and develop.

The Mission Walk, chaired by Ileana Czerw was a success and proceeds raised from this walk served the National Kidney Foundation and the National Heart Association.

The Blood Drive was held on May 31st and volunteers donated 16 units to help Long Island. We are looking for a better turnout for the November 17th event also being held in Baker Hall.

The Food Pantry was opened to serve the community on the first Wednesday of each month. Donations will continue to be accepted on each Communion Sunday throughout the year.

Natacha Philogene, along with her husband, passionately spoke during a recent church service about the crucial need for assistance at an orphanage in **Haiti**. The generosity of the congregation led to a donation of \$300.00.

On July 7th, the Missions, Evangelism & Nurture Committee will host the Sunday Service and Speaker Joel from the Eastern Farmworkers Association will join the congregation.

“Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:7

Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the
UMCLR is open
Tuesdays and
Thursdays at 4:45 pm
in Fellowship Hall

The Food Pantry
is open on the
1st Wednesday
of the month
(*except holidays*)
from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays at 7:00 pm in
Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
and 8:30 pm, and
Fridays at 8:00 pm in
Fellowship Hall

COPE
Connecting Our Paths Eternally
(*A grief and healing organization dedicated to helping parents and families living with the loss of a child.*)
Fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Library

Please call our church office at 631-588-5856 for further information.



July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7	2 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Trustees 7	3 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Food Pantry 3-5	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 AA 8	6 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
7 Mission Sunday	8 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7	9 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30	10 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12	11 Soup Kitchen 4:45	12 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 AA 8	13 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
14 Communion Sunday	15 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Nominations 2:30 NA 7	16 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30	17 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12	18 Soup Kitchen 4:45	19 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Game Night 7 AA 8	20 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
21 Baptism Sunday	22 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7 Book Discussion Group 7	23 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30	24 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12	25 Soup Kitchen 4:45	26 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 COPE 7 AA 8	27 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
28	29 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7	30 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30	31 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12			



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Rabbit Assoc. 8	2 Thrift Shop 10-2 AA 8	3 Thrift Shop 10-2
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11 Baptism Sunday Birthday Celebration Luncheon after service	12 Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 UMW 7	13 Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30	14 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12	15 Soup Kitchen 4:45	16 Thrift Shop 10-2 Game Night 7 AA 8	17 Thrift Shop 10-2
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GOOD NEWS

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Nursery School Director	Filomena Thomas	Youth Coordinator	Wendy Duffy
Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin	Evangelism & Missions	Soon Bowes
Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Martha's Place Thrift Shop	Marilee Drisgula
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Soup Kitchen Representative	Diane Hatton
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