



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

JUNE 2018

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Confirmation Sunday May 20, 2018



Sophia Duong



Sean Suriani

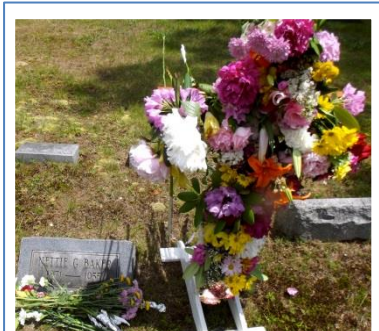


VISION STATEMENT OF THE NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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.

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.



*Nettie Baker Day -
June 8, 2014*

MISS NETTIE BAKER

While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins [or "mites"]. "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

Luke 21: 1-4 (NLT)

Sunday, June 10, is "**Nettie Baker Sunday.**"

The following is the story of Miss Baker, and her contributions to our church:

Many years ago, Miss Nettie Baker lived on Hawkins Avenue near the railroad station where she kept house for her widowed brother and his daughter. She loved this little church at Five Corners and participated in all the activities. She was a frail woman, but she managed to walk to the church each Sunday unless some church goer took her. As time passed, her brother died, her niece moved away, and Miss Baker was alone. But, her support of her church by her presence and her prayers never wavered. In her last few years she boarded on Ronkonkoma Avenue.

When she died she left her entire estate to the church. It truly was a "widow's mite" (see Luke 21:2 above) amounting to under \$25.00. At that time, the minister of this church, The Rev. Harold Sabin (who was as clever with his hands as he was with the written word) used the money to buy the materials to make the brass light which shines on our present day altar. Rev. Sabin made this brass lamp with his own hands – fashioning it in a little building behind Newton's Garage where Mr. Sumner Newton had made the brass cross which stands on the altar in the Chapel.

In this way, Miss Baker's final gift to the church has become a memorial of beauty which you will never see in any other church. Because there was no family left to remember Miss Baker, the Sunday school at that time filled a wooden cross, made by The Rev. Sabin, with their flowers. That cross was built from the altar rail which had graced the church. Each year a plain wooden cross filled with many holes similar to the one made by Rev. Sabin, is filled with flowers by the Church School children and congregation members. After the church service it is taken to the cemetery and placed on Miss Baker's grave. Just as she remembered her church, so we remember her in this way.

What a beautiful tribute to a woman who would otherwise have been forgotten. She gave all she had to the church she loved, and to the glory of God. This is only one of the many stories of people who have remembered our church in their last will and testament, and left donations for the furtherance of God's will on Earth.

**Please remember to bring some flowers on
Sunday, June 10 to help remember this remarkable
woman and the heritage of our church.**

Lectios

June 3
Second Sunday
After Pentecost

1 Sam. 3:1-20
Ps 139:1-6, 13-18
(UMH 854)
2 Cor. 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10
Third Sunday
After Pentecost

1 Sam. 8:4-20
(11:14-15)
Ps. 138 (UMH 853)
2 Cor. 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 17
Fourth Sunday
After Pentecost
Father's Day

1 Sam. 15:34-16:13
Ps 20 or Ps 72
(UMH 795)
2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13)
14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24
Fifth Sunday
After Pentecost

1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11,
19-23) 32-49
Ps. 9:9-20 (UMH 744)
2 Cor. 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41



The UMW had a wonderful time during their Quinipet Retreat, April 27 – 29, 2018. Marilyn Becht led a beautiful program that was enjoyed by all.



Helen & Sue with Cathy, Carol & Jill from St. Paul's UMC



Marilyn, our facilitator, leading our afternoon program!

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

June is here and all April clothing is on sale for half price on the ticket. We need more shoppers, so come on in and find something you can't live without!!!



We could use one or two volunteers to check the racks for empty hangers and check the shoe room to see if all shoes are straightened out. Give us an hour of your valuable time and we promise that you don't have to be there for four hours unless you would like to stay.

If that won't work for you, then come in and have a cup of coffee and check us out. This is your Thrift Shop and Mission field that helps people in need in our community and which helps to pay the Church bills as well.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers.

Socratic wisdom and the lesson to be learned.

Keep this in mind the next time you either hear or are about to repeat a rumor!

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was well known for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance who said excitedly, 'Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?'

Wait a moment, 'Socrates replied. 'Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test.'

'Triple filter?'

'That's right, 'Socrates continued. 'Before you talk to me about my student, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?'

'No,' the man said. 'Actually, I just heard about it and...'

'All right,' said Socrates. 'So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter. The filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?'

'No, on the contrary...'

'So,' Socrates continued, 'you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?'

'No, not really.'

'Well,' concluded Socrates, 'if what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?'

This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

These names are offered each month as an opportunity to extend to our friends and loved ones the love of Christ on these special days and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst.

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

3	Frank Barta Sr.
8	Bobbie Clark
9	Keith Almonaitis
11	Jeffrey Guerrero
15	Brett Eger
16	Marilyn Becht
18	Olivia Eger
22	Robert Kohout
22	Aidan Drisgula
23	Nicole Paul
23	Lee Smith
25	Pat Gibiser
25	Trish McElhone
26	Cathy Myers
28	Karolyn Kiendle
30	Heather DeSanto



Game Night!

All people who are interested are welcome to join us for Game Night on Friday, June 22nd at 7:00 p.m.



Program registration for
the 2018/2019 school year has begun.
Don't forget to sign up!

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma Registration Form – 2018/2019

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ M / F

School: _____ Entering grade level: _____ Birth date: _____

Program registering for:

Sunday School (Pre-k - 12th): Y / N Chapel Choir (K - 5th): Y / N

5Cs Youth Group (6th - 12th): Y / N Confirmation (8th & 9th): Y / N T-Shirt Size: _____

Student Contact Information:

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text okay: Y / N

Family Contact Information:

Mother's Name: _____

Address: *(if different from student)* _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text okay: Y / N

Email Address: _____ Email okay? Y / N

Home Phone: *(if different from student)* _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: *(if different from student)* _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text okay: Y / N

Email Address: _____ Email okay? Y / N

Home Phone: *(if different from student)* _____

Other Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text okay: Y / N

*If anyone will be picking up your child besides you please list as "Other Emergency Contact"

Does your child have any **medical condition(s), allergies, medications, etc.**, that we should be aware of? Y / N

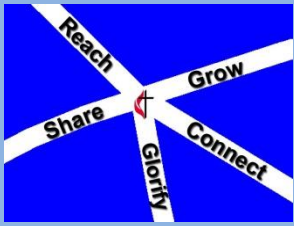
If yes, please list:

Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone Number: _____

The undersigned gives permission to his or her child to participate in the above named programs and releases United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma (UMCLR), its officers, employees, and agents from any liability whatsoever for any injury or death to person or loss or damage to property sustained by the undersigned for any member of his family, in attendance, and the undersigned agrees to defend and indemnify United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma (UMCLR), its officers, employees, and agents from any liability or loss they might sustain by reason thereof. In the event I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the director of children's ministry to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named above.

By signing this registration form you agree that any photographs and/or videos taken of your child at or during this/these event(s) are the property of United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma (UMCLR) and may be used in future publications, website and social media as deemed appropriate.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



"We exist to REACH youth in order to SHARE the light of Christ and together CONNECT, so we can GROW in our ability to GLORIFY God!"

June Activities

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – Dinner at Uncle Joe's

Sunday, June 10, 2018 – Nettie Baker Sunday, High School Graduation Recognition, SS Recognition & Youth Volunteer/Leader Recognition

Congratulations to all of our High School and College Graduates!!!

Congratulations to Sophia Duong and Sean Suriani, our 2018 Confirmands!!

The congregation is invited to celebrate the life of Ruth Seevers at a Memorial Service to be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m.



Please submit any announcements for the July/August Good News to the church office by June 15th.

Congratulations to congregant Barbara Reiher-Meyers!
She was honored on Sunday, April 29, 2018 by the
Walt Whitman Birthplace Association
as the 2018 Long Island Poet of the Year!

Walt Whitman Birthplace Association

LI Poet of The Year Honor

Each year, WWBA honors a notable Long Island poet as WWBA Long Island Poet of the Year. The qualifications for this award are that the poet be a distinguished and well-respected poet who champions poetry through their writing, teaching, and support of the Long Island community of poets.



Barbara Reiher-Meyers

Barbara Reiher-Meyers is a Queens-born Long Island poet who has edited several volumes of poetry and whose work has been published in print journals and online. *Sounds Familiar* is the title of her first book of poems and a compilation of everyday goings-on and the poetry that lies therein. A former board member of the Long Island Poetry Collective, Barbara has hosted the Open Mic at the Conklin Barn in Huntington, NY for many years. She also curated a poetry calendar for www.poetz.com/longisland, and coordinated events for the Northport Arts Coalition and Smithtown Township Arts Council, among others. Barbara has facilitated monthly workshops in Ronkonkoma and organized the annual poetry contest for the Lake Ronkonkoma Historical Society. As a board member of The North Sea Poetry Scene, she sends weekly emails about Long Island and New York City poetry events.

Anthologies: *Long Island Sounds Anthology* (North Sea Poetry Scene Press, 2007), *Long Island Sounds Anthology* (North Sea Poetry Scene Press, 2008), *Paumanok: Poetry and Pictures of Long Island* (Cross-Cultural Communications, 2008), *The Light of City and Sea* (Street Press, 2006)

Journals: *The American Dissident*, *Farmingdale Poets Anthology*, *Long Island Quarterly*, *Mobius*, *Pedestal Magazine*



Confirmation Dinner

May 16, 2018



*With God's Help we will proclaim
the good news according
to the example of Christ
We will pray for them, that they might
be true disciples who
walk in the way that leads
to life*



*We will surround Sophia and Sean
with a community
of love and forgiveness
that they may grow in their
trust of God
and be faithful
in their service to others*



Baptism Sunday

May 27, 2018



Layla Rose Bivona



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Mission and Evangelism News

submitted by Debra Schild

Well, the 2nd Annual Memorial Day Weekend Fair in Lake Ronkonkoma was a wash-out. Many of us faithfully arrived, set up and stayed in hopes that the rain would stop and people would come. Maybe 20 people walked by. We gave out some Welcome Bags and some Nursery School and Education flyers. Thanks to all who came out in the rain.

Ileana and Mike Czerw
Rosemarie Heiserer
Allyssa Schoenemann
Diane and Jerry June
Bernice Waleski

Marilyn Almonaitis
Ray Becht
Soon Bowes
Jim Pennise
Rex and I

Rich Tom stopped by.

Helen Morley, Marilee Drisgula, Sue Sprague (They were signed up but...)

I especially enjoyed the time talking to our church family members who came to the Fair.

Next Fair is September 2, 2018, 11:00 – 6:00.

!!!!!!!!!!!! NEWS FLASH !!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are having a PAINT NIGHT!

Saturday, July 28th 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Our presenter is a former flute student of mine,
Elizabeth Crisci Struss.

She can accommodate up to 40 people.
Painting subject to be decided.

Cost: \$40.00 prepaid \$45.00 Walk-ins

The cost includes all of the supplies you will need.

Mission and Evangelism News

DINNER and a CONCERT

Friday, June 15th

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

Concert is at 7:00 p.m.

Dessert is at 8:00 p.m.

Diane and Jerry June [(631-585-1481) or email geraldjune@msn.com] have volunteered to be the chairpeople for the dinner. Please sign up to help them and to bring a dish – Main, Side or Dessert.

We are also in need of performers! The choir is singing. I have invited The Lady Blue Saxophone Quartet back. Maybe the Chapel Choir? Anyone else?

International Dinner and a Concert Fundraising Event

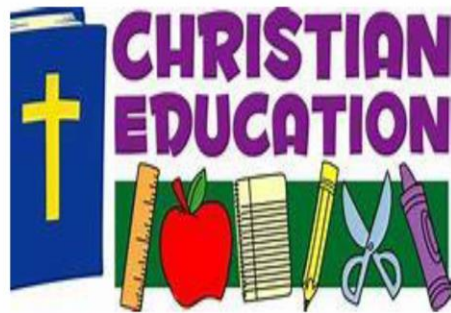
Donation per ticket: \$15.00 for Adult

\$10.00 Child (5-14)

Under 5 FREE

The proceeds will go to UMCOR as they did last year.

Leftovers will be packaged and sold at the end of the evening.



AN EDUCATION NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS ...

We'd like to share an important update with you pertaining to our Education staffing. Effective this July, Wendy Duffy will be volunteering and assuming a new role as our Youth Coordinator. This position tasking will be realigned, from the most recent position, to work within our newly coordinated Education Department forward looking philosophy. There will be more crossover tasks across the board within Education. We offer a sincere thank you to Wendy for accepting this challenge and helping to facilitate and grow our youth in Christian love. Let us as parishioners fully support Wendy in all her endeavors.

Unfortunately, this transition necessitates we not renew the yearly paid position contract of Lisa Eger. Lisa has been a mainstay within our core youth development programs since September 2012. She has done a tremendous job, overall, while stressing coordination and communication with our youth and their parents. Lisa has taught and led our youth with sincerity, discipline, spirituality and perseverance. We thank Lisa for all her efforts and offer her continued blessings in all future endeavors. Please make it a special point to personally thank Lisa and wish her well.

A critical salient point is that this newly expanded position reverts back to "volunteer" status as opposed to "paid employee" status. We still require additional parishioner volunteers and youth parent's involvement to make our youth Christian education program a lifelong spiritual success. As always and forward looking, we do need specific educational financial support for all our youth activities to be added to the Hughes Educational Bequest, which now retains a positive balance.

In summary, our young people's faith journey and ministry, today and tomorrow, continues to need faithful volunteers, parental support and commitment, financial assistance and UMCLR congregational prayers. Please help where you can. Thank you!

DEAR PASTOR PAK,

WE JUST WANTED TO THANK
YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL SERVICE
YOU LED IN MEMORY OF MY DAD.
WE LOVED THE PERSONAL TOUCH
OF THE SERVICE ; IT WAS VERY "FROM
THE HEART". THANK YOU AGAIN.
LOVE,
THE DRISGULAS

Thank You

DEAR UMCLR FAMILY,

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR ALL
OF YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME . ALSO,
THANK YOU FOR THE RECEPTION "GOODIES"
FOLLOWING THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. IT
WAS SO THOUGHTFUL OF YOU ALL .
LOVE,
THE DRISGULAS

Dear Pastor and Church family,

I can't begin to tell you just how much I appreciated your visits, cards, and well wishes. It was comforting knowing that you were all praying for me.

This was my first time needing care in a rehab facility and what an eye-opening, humbling experience it has been. I have always heard that in your brokenness, you can grow in a deeper relationship with Jesus and your faith...I now know this to be true!

I have told others during difficult times, "Let go, let God". May be easy to say... but now it was my turn to do so. I tried to focus on my Bible reading plan and two songs came into my heart which I listened to daily on YouTube..."Day by Day" from Godspell and "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart".

I am happy to say I'm home, doing much better and looking forward to seeing everyone back in church soon...till then I'd like to give thanks with a grateful heart for each of you!

Sincerely,
Jennie Olivotti

Ongoing Mission:

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the
UMCLR is open
Tuesdays and
Thursdays at 5:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

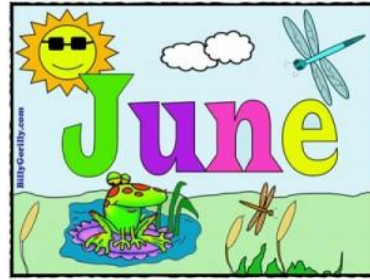
Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays at 7:00 pm in
Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
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.



June 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Thrift Shop 10-2 AA 8	2 Thrift Shop 10-2
3	4 Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 Nursery School Committee 7:30	5 Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Board of Trustees 7 Emmaus Board 7:30	6 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Youth Group 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:30	7 NYAC at Hofstra Soup Kitchen 5 Girl Scouts 6:30 Girls Scouts 7 Rabbit Assoc. 8	8 NYAC at Hofstra Thrift Shop 10-2 AA 8	9 NYAC at Hofstra Thrift Shop 10-2
10 NYAC at Hofstra Nettie Baker & Recognition Sunday 10	11 Thrift Shop 10-2 Nomination Committee 2:30 UMW Planning Meeting in Hertlin Hall 6:30 NA 7	12 Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30	13 Morning Prayer 7 AM Loaves & Fishes Meeting 10 AM Craft Group 12 Chancel Choir 7:30	14 Soup Kitchen 5 Girl Scouts 6:30 Girls Scouts 7	15 Thrift Shop 10-2 Dinner & Concert 5:30	16 Thrift Shop 10-2 Building Usage - Hertlin Hall 10-2
17 Father's Day Choir Sunday 10	18 Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 Evangelism & Missions 7	19 Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Finance 7:30	20 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12	21 Soup Kitchen 5	22 Thrift Shop 10-2 Game Night 7 COPE 7 AA 8	23 UMM Breakfast Meeting at Airport Diner 8 AM Thrift Shop 10-2 Ruth SeEVERS Memorial Service 11
24 Education Committee after service	25 Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7	26 Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30	27 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12	28 Soup Kitchen 5	29 Thrift Shop 10-2 AA 8	30 Thrift Shop 10-2

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