



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

GOOD NEWS

June 2020

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

www.umclr.com

Church Office Hours –
Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Nursery School –
631-467-9601

Thrift Shop –
631-981-9749

Staff

Rev. Dr. Constance Pak,
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,
Nursery School Director

Cathy Mitchell,
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



Nettie Baker Sunday
Donate Flowers
Friday, June 12, 2020
between
3:00 PM & 6:00 PM
in front of
Hertlin Hall
or Send your
monetary donation to:
UMCLR
792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, New York
11755



**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.

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



Here are two views of the house that stood at the corner of Portion Road and the road around the lake. My great-grandfather Amzi Newton lived there and my grandmother Nettie Newton Hallock Gallagher grew up there. The picture with the horse in the foreground is a painting that hangs in my home. It was given to me by my maternal uncle, Willis Francis Hallock. The other picture is from a post card.

Based on the book "Three Waves" by Anne Farnum Curtis, Caleb Newton lived there and hosted visits by an itinerant Methodist minister.

Ruth Ann Hawkins Groh
Chapel Hill, NC

In 1796, the first
Lake Ronkonkoma
Methodist Class of 14 people
led by Caleb Newton Jr.
met at this location.



WKS

Lectons

June 7
Trinity Sunday

Peace with Justice
Sunday

Gen 1:1-2:4a
Ps 8 (UMH 743)
2 Cor 13:11-13
Matt 28:16-20

June 14
Second Sunday
after Pentecost

Gen 18:1-15
Ps 116:1-2, 12-19
(UMH 837)
Rom 5:1-8
Matt 9:35 - 10:8 (9-23)

June 21
Third Sunday
after Pentecost

Father's Day

Gen 21:8-21
Ps 86:1-10, 16-17
(UMH 749)
Rom 6:1b-11
Matt 10:24-39

June 28
Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost

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



Greetings from the Education Work Area! Thank you to all that have participated in the Children's Message during our Cyber Services. The messages have been inspiring for our young and the young at heart. You can still volunteer to deliver a children's message. Pastor would love to hear from you. Thank you to Heather Edwards-Wilson who continues to lead our children's choir in their musical ministry. Their presentations have been a joy. Our Confirmation team is gearing up to help our confirmands reach their first and second year goals by the end of June. Please pray for them as they resume their studies. Our Confirmation Coordinator is Diane Hansen, our first year teachers are Rich Tom and Jill Holmes, and our second year teachers are Dennis Subbiondo and Tessa Tom. Our confirmands are; First year, Obinna Ajoko, Deanna Filiberto, Alaina Drisgula, Ryan Kiendle, and Peter Polsunas. Second year, Aidan Drisgula, Kailey Golden, and Julia Polsunas. God's blessing on them as they work together and grow in their faith. We may have our very first Cyber confirmation ceremony. Planning is in the works. It is my hope that the extra time together as a family, has afforded more time to read the Bible, pray and reflect each day on God's blessings. Our Sunday school teachers miss their students and by now some of them may have reached out to see how you are doing during this long stretch of uncertain times. Our children and youth have had many challenges adjusting to what will be called a "new normal." Many "rites of passage" and "milestones" that were anticipated had to be cancelled or altered. We are fortunate to be a family of faith. Let us pray that our children and youth will emerge from this time of uncertainty with a stronger faith and a bright future ahead of them.

Sue Preddice
Education Committee Chair

Celebrating Mother's Day



Almonaitis Family

Our usual tradition on Mother's Day is to have brunch, lunch or dinner together as a family. Due to isolation restrictions, we couldn't all share a meal together. Our alternative celebration was the kids called my mom and brightened her day. My granddaughters drew a Mother's Day picture on my driveway. My daughters posed for a picture with me, sans mask. We shared a lot of joy with each other and are grateful that everyone is healthy. ~Wendy Duffy



On Mother's Day this year I celebrated a little different than usual. Zoom and face time with my children and grandkids. I thought of my mom and grandma who guided me to stretching my limits and a good life. I prayed with my church family and gave thanks that my family is safe and secure. I also rode my bike as I do each morning while in Florida. I greeted my homeless fellas and gave them the eggs, cheese and bread that have become our morning routine. While they had some "issues" in their lives, they are always gentlemen with me. So, though you cannot see my smile under my bike mask, I am grinning from ear to ear over my good fortune. I know God watches over me each day. ~Helen Morley



Otto Family

Martha's Place
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Temporarily
closed at this
time.

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Sorry we have very little to report because of our self-quarantine. We are waiting for the government to let us know when we should safely reopen. We know we may need to change some things so that everyone will be comfortable in our shop.

We may need to wear masks for a while and only allow one or two customers in at a time. This has not even been discussed yet, but I am sure we will take all necessary precautions for everyone.

In GOD'S service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



The following memorial gifts have been received:

In memory of Ron Drisgula from Richard Wahl.

In memory of Larry Heiserer from Diane and Jerry June.

In memory of Maryann Piga from Judith Marek, Ray and Marilyn Becht, Georgene Clark, Debra Schild and Rex Enderlin.

In memory of Doug Filipowich from Judith Marek, Rosemarie Heiserer, Alan Simmons, Ray and Marilyn Becht, Georgene Clark, Jean McNeill, Christine Pfeil, Debra Schild and Rex Enderlin, Kate H. Chung, Marilee Drisgula, Sue and Phil Preddice.



Dear fellow congregants,

Our Church complex has been closed for more than 11 weeks due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus.

Pastor Pak, Church Council Chairperson Debra Schild, and your Trustee Co-Chair met on Wednesday, May 27th to discuss all current options and plans for reopening our Church complex. It was decided for the safety of our congregation, to keep all buildings closed to worship, religious, rental, nursery school and soup kitchen activities. The Food Pantry will continue to operate the first Tuesday of each month, and for emergency needs.

This decision was not taken lightly. There is a 26-page "New York Annual Conference Covid-19 Guidelines for Church Reopening" that must be addressed before we can even discuss reopening our facilities. On page 16 of the "Guidelines" we are told that the Pastor, Trustee Chair, and Council Chair are responsible for implementing and guaranteeing that all the Guidelines are complied with not just once, but on a weekly basis. It is not an easy document to read, and in some places to understand, but rest assured, we are doing our best to hasten the day when we can all meet again in person without the fear of infecting each other.

We have directed our custodian to continue "deep cleaning" all buildings so that when we are permitted to reopen, everything will be completely sanitized and disinfected.

To make sure that the areas treated are safe for our reopening, we ask that anybody entering the buildings in our Church Complex inform the Trustees immediately as to where they were so that the areas can be re-sanitized.

In order to save money, all air conditioning has been set at 80 degrees. Please do not lower the temperature.

The Parish Hall (Nursery School building) should be considered off limits to all until further notice. The building has been completely sanitized, and unregulated entry will force us to deep clean again.

During the closure, the floor in Baker Hall has been polished. Fellowship Hall will be polished.

The Trustees must remind all church members that all our rental and Nursery School donations have stopped. Please, if -at all possible- continue to support your Church by donating as much as you can to offset the shortfall, which will be sizeable this year due to the Covid-19 forced closure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at trustees@umclr.com.

God will guide us through this difficult time. Pray, and this too will pass.

Walter Schroeder, Co-Chair
&
Your Board of Trustees

B I R T H D A Y S



JUNE 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.

- 3** Frank Barta Sr.
- 8** Bobbie Clark
- 9** Keith Almonaitis
- 11** Jeffrey Guerrero
- 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

Grand Fall Auction

September 12, 2020

12 Noon

Viewing At 11:00 AM

Make An Offer At 10:30 AM

Hundreds of interesting items!

Rain or Shine!

Bring a chair & a sense of adventure

Food & Beverages Available

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792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove (At 5 Corners)



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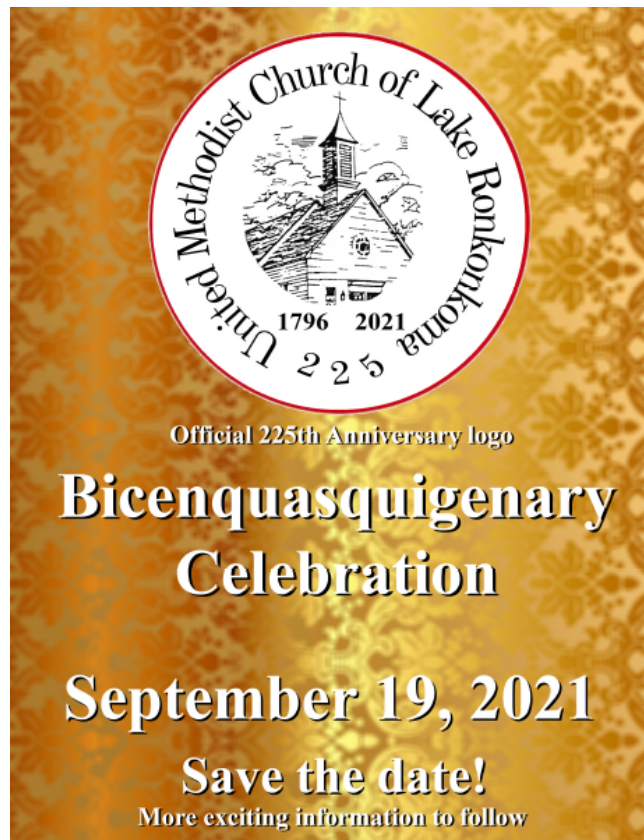
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A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in making our cyber services a reality. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!!!



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Church Office	(631) 588-5856	Board of Trustees	Walter Schroeder
Church FAX	(631) 588-0753	Endowment	Keith Bowes
Nursery School	(631) 467-9601	Memorials	Sharon Millard
Martha's Place Thrift Shop	(631) 981-9749	Finance	Janet Baumann
Parsonage	(631) 585-4968	Financial Secretaries	(Needed)
Church Email	Cathy@umclr.com		Angelique Sinclair
Church Website	umclr.com		Bernice Waleski
Resident Bishop	Rev. Thomas Bickerton	Stewardship	Warren Ferry
District Superintendent	Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim	Worship	Heather DeSanto
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak	Lay Servant Coordinator	Heather DeSanto
CHURCH STAFF:		Education	Sue Preddice
Administrative Assistant	Cathy Mitchell	Sunday School Superintendent	Tammy Edwards-Wilson
Nursery School Director	Filomena Thomas	Youth Coordinator	Wendy Duffy
Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin	Missions, Evangelism & Nurture	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
		UMM Representatives	Keith Bowes
			Dennis Subbiondo
Church Council	Debra Schild	UMW Representatives	(Needed)
Staff Parish Pastor Relations	Liza Wright	Church Historian	Walter Schroeder
Lay Leader	Marilyn Becht	Comm. & Tech.	(Needed)
	Angelique Sinclair	Disaster Prep. & Response	Warren Ferry
Lay Members to Conference	Diane Hatton	Good News Editor	Cathy Mitchell
	Bill Wahl	Circulation	Leslie Ann Alessi

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