



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

JUNE 2021

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

Abby Preziosi,
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



Cyber Confirmation Sunday
May 23, 2021



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Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are available to purchase each week in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. Please call the church office at 588-5856 to make arrangements.

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.

SPRING FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

The weather on May 8th may have been "iffy" but enthusiasm was high for the annual Spring Festival.

*The COVID pandemic brought about a few changes. It was decided that limiting the number of outside vendors might help to avoid overcrowding. Twelve out of thirteen paid vendors showed and were treated to a steady stream of shoppers. The pandemic also had led to an unusually large influx of donations for our up-coming September auction, many of which were perfect Yard Sale candidates. In order to liquidate this excess inventory, a flea market was established surrounding the church building with the following booths, each manned by a team of volunteers: The Posey Parlor, the Fashion Forum, the Housewares Hut, the Holiday Hideaway, the Knick Knack Knook, the Entertainment Emporium, the Bargain Book Bungalow, and Henhouse Crafts. Each booth did a brisk business, and the event raised in excess of \$2500.00! The Methodist Men grilled up delectable breakfast and lunch fare, and the new bakery across the street, **Mayra's**, sold an impressive array of boxed cookies. No one left the grounds hungry. And those visitors who were lucky enough to be present from 1:00 to 3:00 enjoyed a concert by the Sunnyland Jazz Trio. "Banjo" Bob Barta, trumpeter Jason Chapman, and oompah specialist, Jeff Furman treated all with two hours of great old standards in Dixieland style.*

Sincere thanks go out to everyone who donated time, goods, and effort. Spending the day working together for the good of the church and the community felt especially good after this past year of isolation, frustration, and unease.

*Blessings to all,
Rex Enderlin (representing the UMCLR trustees)*

P.S. Next up? The Grand Fall Auction on September 18th. Pledge sheets are available in Hertlin Hall and on the website. Let us know as soon as possible what treasures you would like to donate by filling out the pledge sheet. (PLEASE do not bring your goods to the church until the Friday before the auction - we haven't the storage space to accommodate them.)

Lections

June 6
Second 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 13
Third Sunday
after Pentecost

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 20
Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
Father's Day

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

June 27
Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

2 Sam 1:1, 17-27
Ps 130 (UMH 848)
2 Cor 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43



Spring Festival

May 8, 2021



Next Trivia Night on Zoom will be
Monday, June 14th at 6:30 pm

Please join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

Zoom Meeting: Trivia Night and FUN!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9019019876?pwd=Q2djNGIrcE9IRUUvb0pkMWNPTW40Zz09>

Meeting ID: 901 901 9876

Passcode: MG6T1x

To join by phone only:

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 901 901 9876

Passcode: 656169

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Food Pantry Donations Needed

*Chicken & Beef Broth
Cans of Chicken
Boxed Milk
Laundry Detergent
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Tissues*

(No Pasta or Canned Vegetables Please)

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*Food Pantry
Open
Tuesday*

June 1 & 15, 2021

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen of the UMCLR opens every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. for a pre-packaged take out meal.

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

Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY

AT 5:00 PM

PICK UP YOUR PRE-PACKED
TAKE OUT MEAL
IN FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY
DOORS



The men had a fabulous time at the fair working the food table; we received many compliments from the diners who partook in the experience.

We are still having our zoom monthly meetings and cannot wait to meet in person.

If you are interested in a mug or mask with our church picture on it, please let Abby in the office know; \$20 for mask and \$18 for mug.

God Bless

Dennis Subbiondo

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

We have been so blessed with your donations that we can't keep up therefore; we ask that you please hold off on donations until the end of July. We are still working on summer donations from last year!!

In God's Service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



REMINDER: Summer church office hours begin on Monday, June 28 and run through Labor Day. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays at 7:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

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

Prayer Group on Zoom led by Pastor Constance Pak

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as we discuss the Upper Room publication reading for that date 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9019019876?pwd=Q2djNGIrcE9IRUUvb0pkMWNPTW40Zz09>

Meeting ID: 901 901 9876

Passcode: MG6T1x



If you have any concerns or prayer requests, do not hesitate to contact the church office and the pastor at any time.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE

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

E D U C A T I O N



We celebrated a wonderful Confirmation Sunday on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 via online service. Five students were confirmed and their two year study and community services were completed. Our church welcomes them as the full members of the UMCLR. Congratulations!

On behalf of the church, we also express our deep gratitude to the confirmation class teachers (Rich Tom and Jill Holmes), coordinator (Diane Hansen), sponsors and parents for their efforts and commitment. Thank you!

Hurray! It is June! Our students and teachers are looking forward to the summer. It has been a most unusual and challenging year for all. Let us pray that the summer will be a time to regroup and enjoy the company of family and friends in a safer and much more joyous and hopeful environment! The education work area will be focused on planning the return of in person classes in the fall.

Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers and coordinators who have continued to engage our children this past year. Your steadfastness, creativity, and willingness to share your faith is greatly appreciated by all in our church family. We are truly blessed by your commitment. Please contact the church office if you would like to be part of this mission in the fall.

A happy and healthy summer to the teachers, children and parents who faithfully participated in our programs this year.

Sue Preddice
Education Chair



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Grand Fall Auction September 18, 2021

12 Noon

Viewing At 11:00 AM

Make-an-Offer / Yard Sale At 9:00 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)



UMC/LR AUCTION 2021 PLEDGE SHEET

Your Name: _____ Phone Number _____

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

Auction is scheduled for September 18th. All pledge sheets MUST be returned for cataloging by September 5th. Leave your completed sheets in the auction mailbox sooner rather than later.

Please bring pledged items to the church on Friday, September 17th for labeling unless other arrangements are made. ANY ITEMS BROUGHT AFTER THE PLEDGE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE AUCTIONED. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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The Holmes Family
Jill, Kyle, Olivia, and Doug celebrate
Mother's Day



Maryann Piga Plaque Dedication
May 2, 2021



MARYANN'S PANTRY
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
MARYANN PIGA,
WHO BLESSED THIS SPACE FOR MANY YEARS
WITH HER PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS AND SERVICE.
DEDICATED MAY 2021



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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.

June Birthdays

- 3 Frank Barta, Sr.
- 8 Bobbie Clark
- 9 Keith Almonaitis
- 11 Jeffrey Guerrero
- 16 Marilyn Becht
- 18 Olivia Eger
- 22 Robert Kohut
- 22 Aidan Drisgula
- 23 Nicole Paul
- 25 Pat Gibiser
- 26 Cathy Myers
- 28 Karolyn Kiendle
- 30 Heather DeSanto



Baptism

Now that we have reopened, if you would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the church office.

*Join us for our next Book Discussion
Monday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church
or you can join by
FB Messenger*

*We will be discussing
The Prayer Box
by Lisa Wingate*

When Iola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Iola's rambling Victorian house.

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Iola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper--the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything for Tandi.

Welcome to Earth!
Baby Girl has arrived!

Amanda & Chris Davieds' daughter Quinn Brittany Rose Davieds was born on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 2:24 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 20" long



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)



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

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 our Little Brown Church at Five Corners and participated in all its activities.

She was a frail woman, but she managed to walk to church each Sunday unless a church member drove her. As time passed, her brother died, her niece moved away, and Miss Baker was left alone, but her support of our church by her presence and prayers never wavered.

When Nettie passed away in May of 1955, she left her entire estate to our church which amounted to under \$25.00. It truly was a “widows’ mite”. Our Pastor, the Reverend Harold Sabin used the money to buy materials to fashion the brass lamp which today shines on our bible and altar.

Reverend Sabin made the brass lamp with his own hands-fashioning it in a little building behind Newton’s Garage.

In this way, Nettie Baker’s final gift to our church has become a memorial of beauty-which you will not see in any other church.

Because there was no family left to remember Miss Baker, the Sunday School children filled a wooden cross, also made by the Reverend Sabin with their flowers.

This cross was made from the altar rail which graced our Little Brown Church before it was moved to its present location.

Each year on the second Sunday in June, a plain wooden cross with many holes is filled with flowers by our church members, and their children.

After the service, the floral cross 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.

In Luke 21: Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; and he saw a poor widow put in two copper coins. Jesus said: “I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for they contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all the living she had”.

What a beautiful tribute to a woman, who would otherwise have been forgotten, but who gave all she had to the glory of God, and the church she loved.

GOOD NEWS



Official 225th Anniversary Logo

September
19th
2021

Save the date!

Bicenquasquigerary Celebration

The Kiendle Family - Confirmation 2021



*Sometimes
you
just
have
to
improvise!*



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(Five Corners)**

12th

Annual

Grand Fall Auction

(Weather & Virus permitting)

& Yard Sale

September 18, 2021

Yard Sale opens at 9:00 a.m.

Auction viewing opens at 11:00 - Auction starts at 12:00 noon



Hundreds of exciting and diverse offerings!

View the up-to-date catalog at: www.UMCLR.com

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