



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

June 2023

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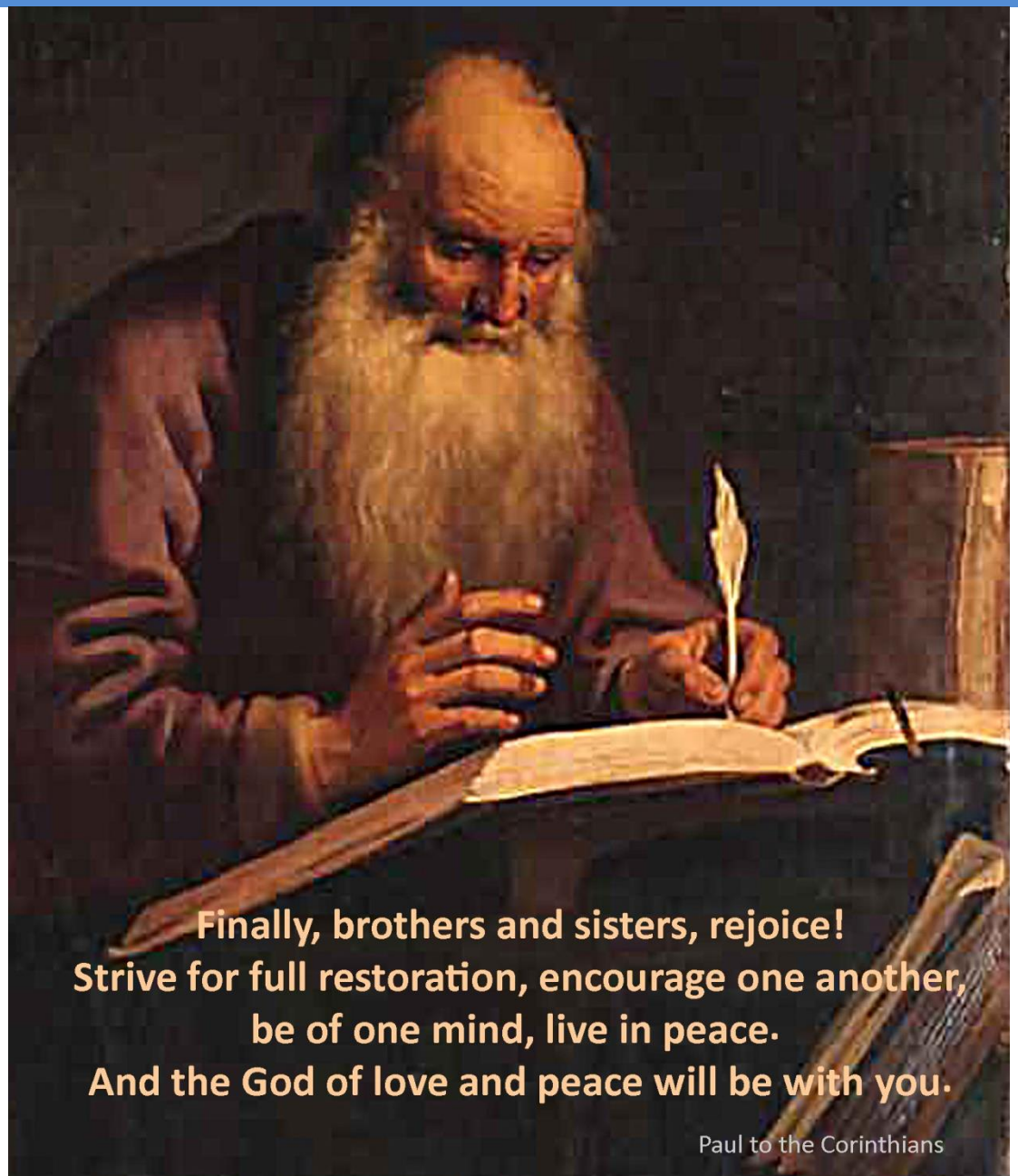
Rev. Karen A. Burger,
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Filomena Thomas,
Nursery School Director

Abby Preziosi,
Administrative
Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-
Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



**Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice!
Strive for full restoration, encourage one another,
be of one mind, live in peace.
And the God of love and peace will be with you.**

Paul to the Corinthians

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 a joy it was to confirm eight of our young people in the Christian faith on May 21 and welcome them as full members of our church. It was so special for all of us. Please continue to pray for each one of them that they will stay close to God and keep learning and growing and serving. I look forward to bowling with the Youth Group on June 7. Thank you also for the signed Godspell Jr. poster! I enjoyed the show so much and it will always remind me of what a wonderful production they put on for us, bringing the joy of following Jesus to life!

I have begun leading a Bible study on the Hebrew prophets. Some of our sessions are this month on Thursday evenings. The information on which weeks we will meet is found in this newsletter. We meet on zoom so that members of Trinity UMC of Coram can also take part. All are welcome to join for any or all of the sessions.

June is a busy month for many families. Congratulations on all of the achievements of your children and youth and on any who are graduating from one school and moving on to another in the Fall! We are proud of all of our graduates! Don't forget that we will observe our celebration of Pentecost on Communion Sunday, June 4th, in addition to the hints of Pentecost on our Memorial Weekend Sunday, the actual date in the liturgical calendar. You may want to wear something red on June 4th as a reminder of the Holy Fire! On June 4th as we celebrate the excitement of the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost in Jerusalem, we are reminded of the international nature of the Church!

June is also our meeting month for the New York Annual Conference. Our clergy and lay delegates gather at Hofstra University again this year from June 9-11 for the first time since covid after several Conferences on zoom, and it will be good to see one another in person and sing and worship together! All are welcome as guests. Thank you to Mike Zukowski for serving as our Lay Delegate. Please keep all of those being commissioned or ordained in your prayers, including my predecessor at Trinity UMC of Coram, Rev. Tracy Moore! I will be there with our clergy, supporting and processing into the service, but you will have a wonderful Nettie Baker Sunday here at church on June 11th. Thank you to Dennis Subbiondo for bringing the message that day and to Sue Preddice and all who are helping make it a special Sunday. Don't forget to bring your flowers!

Finally, we are a church that welcomes all people to worship and serve God with us, and I want to wish all of our LGBTQ plus persons and households of UMCLR and the local community a Happy Pride Month. I pray that we continue to be a place where no one is excluded or unsafe and all are loved and empowered to share their gifts and grow in faith and service. May we celebrate the diversity of God's people.

See you at church!

With hope, faith and love,

Pastor Karen Burger

Lections

June 4
Trinity Sunday

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

June 11
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 12:1-9
Ps 33:1-12 (UMH 767)
Rom 4:13-25
Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18
3rd 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)

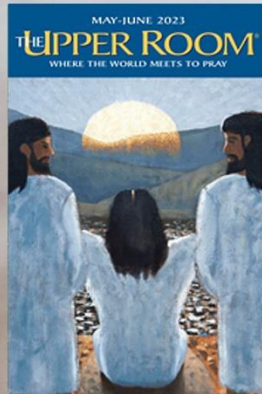
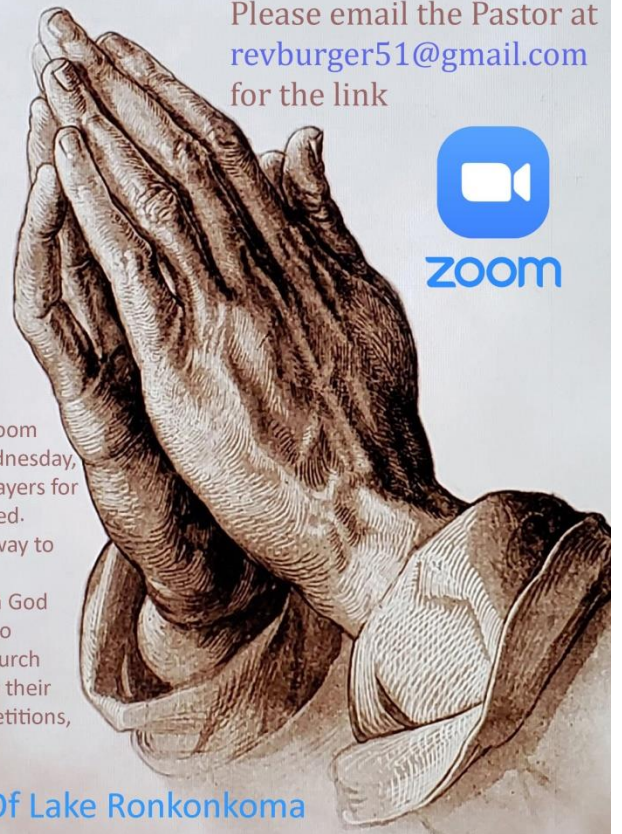
June 25
34th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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



Summer Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Beginning Tuesday June 27th



E D U C A T I O N

Greetings from the Education work area,

We have had an amazing spring! Our young people performed Godspell, Jr. to two packed houses on April 30. It was well done and an inspiration to all that attended. Thank you to Heather Edwards-Wilson, Wendy Duffy, Jennie Olivotti, Tammy Edwards-Wilson, George Doukas, Walter Schroeder, and all who contributed to the success of this venture. Especially we thank our youth and their families for the time put into preparing, rehearsals and the performances.

We confirmed eight of our youth into full membership on May 21. Again, there are many people to thank. Thank you to Diane Hansen and Rich Tom for being their teachers on Wednesday night for the past two years. Thank you to Diane Hatton for being our substitute when needed. Thank you to Pastor Burger for being there on Wednesday nights to get to know our class and help in any way and for conducting a beautiful Confirmation Service. Thank you to Allyssa Schoenemann for her guidance and support as the secondary Sunday school teacher. Thank you to our youth advisors, Wendy and Jennie, for giving our youth many opportunities to serve and strengthen their friendships as they met together. Thank you to our craft ladies, Wendy Duffy, Debra Schild, Angel Sinclair and Paula Filipowich for making each of our confirmands a beautiful quilted pillow that was presented on Confirmation day. Thank you to Walter Schroeder for being there for us, the pictures and help with our service. Thank you to Abby Preziosi for all of her work on our student faith statements, special inserts and bulletins for Confirmation. Thank you to our sponsors who supported our class for two years and will continue to do so. Thank you to the parents and confirmands for their commitment to our two year program. We are thrilled to have our eight new members and look forward to their participation in our church's mission. Please let us know if you have a youth entering eighth grade that would be interested in joining our new class this fall.

We are looking forward to our Children and Youth Sunday on June 11. It is also Nettie Baker day. It will be the last day of Sunday school until fall. We will recognize and thank our teachers. We are grateful for their dedication and look forward to this opportunity to thank them during our Worship Service. Thank you, Sharon Corvaia, for being our Sunday School Superintendent, and teachers Karen Buckheit, Ann Schoenemann, Tammy Edwards-Wilson, Allyssa Schoenemann and Rich Tom. Stay tuned, there may be some special programming during the summer for the children on Sunday morning.

Education will be hosting coffee hour in June. Please join us and let's talk about how you can become part of our team!

Sue Preddice
Education Chair

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.



Food Pantry Open Tuesday June 6 & 20, 2023 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Boxed Milk	Paper Towels
Juice	Facial Tissues
Canned Fruit	Toilet Paper
Breakfast Cereal	Tooth Paste
Soup	Toothbrushes
Canned Tuna	Shampoo
Tomato Sauce	
Spaghetti	
Macaroni & Cheese	
Peanut Butter & Jelly	
Mayonnaise	

Supermarket Gift Cards

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

SUMMER

Summer begins June 21st and our racks are full of colorful seasonal clothing for men, women and children of all ages! We also have a large assortment summer merchandise, housewares, keepsakes and jewelry. Come in and say hello, or browse to your hearts content!!

Thank you to all who stopped by to say hello at our Annual Spring Festival & Flower Sale on May 13th. We hope you enjoyed browsing through our assortment of jewelry and women's handbags.

We are still in need of one or two fill-in volunteers so, if you have time, we can always use your help.

Thank you to all our volunteers as well as our patrons for making Martha's Place thrive.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula



Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Summer Apparel

Housewares - Jewelry - Keepsakes

Open

Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



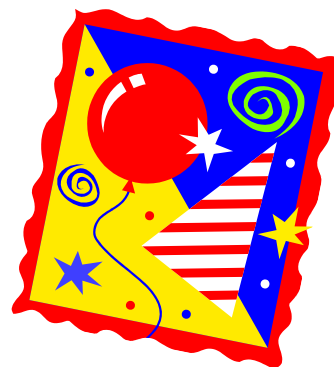
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These names are offered each month. It is an opportunity to extend to our friends and loved ones the love of Christ on these special days, and to express our thanks for the gift of their presence in our midst.

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.

- 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
- 25 Pat Gibiser
- 26 Cathy Myers
- 28 Karolyn Kiendle
- 30 Heather DeSanto



GOOD



SISTER JEAN
with Seth Davis

Join us for our next
Book Discussion

Monday, June 5th
at 2 p.m. at the Church

We will be discussing
"Wake Up with Purpose"
What I've Learned in My First Hundred years

by
Sister Jean
with Seth Davis

Known to millions as simply "Sister Jean," the Loyola Chicago matriarch and college basketball icon invites you into her remarkable memoir filled with history, wonder, and common-sense wisdom for this century and beyond. As Sister Jean wisely says, "I've seen so many changes in the last 102 years, but the important things remain the same."



NEWS



 *Handbell Concert* 
May 27, 2023

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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



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“We take the stars from heaven,
the red from our mother country,
separating it by white stripes,
thus showing that we
have separated from her,
and the white stripes
shall go down to posterity,
representing our liberty.”

- George Washington

FLAG DAY



GAME NIGHT

Friday, June 16, 2023
7:00 PM

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

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The UMM had a well-deserved spiritual retreat weekend at Camp Quinipet in March. We had a total of 19 men, most from our church but some new men from various churches joined us (one was even a Roman Catholic). We hope future retreats will be as plentiful with men from all over. Thanks to Ray Becht for providing the food for our bodies as well as the program for our souls. Our old friend Art Ricker provided our service on Sunday morning.

Dennis Subbiondo
President UMM



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

Church Leaders

Liza Wright



First and forever, I am from a loving and forgiving God.
I am from four affectionate and caring Grandparents.
I am from devoted Parents and Siblings, two.
I am from a red and white swing set in the backyard.
I am from peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.
I am from kickball games with childhood friends on Dawson Street in Kings Park.

I am from Saturday afternoon movies, Herbie the Love Bug and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

I am once again an adolescent singing along with Phil Collins, Billy Joel and Elton John.



I am from an encouraging husband who brings out The best in me.

He is Mr. Wright and we live on Prince Charming Rd.

A mother, I always wanted to be but God has other plans for me.



Carl and I are blessed to be part of a concerned and Active Church Family in Lake Ronkonkoma for over 20 years.

During that time, I have participated in Bible studies, Prayer meetings, worship services and fundraisers.

I served on a variety of committees: Finance, Trustees,

Worship, and currently SPPRC.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

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**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.

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Sunday, June 11, is "Nettie Baker Sunday." Please remember to bring some flowers to the service to help remember this remarkable woman and the heritage of our church.

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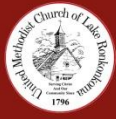
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"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For me, believing in the teachings of Jesus and following those teachings is what my faith is." Sam Corvaia



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May 21, 2023



"In my eyes, God is powerful, wise and patient. Confirmation always gave me a reminder that God is always watching, and it reminded me that it's not a bad thing." Julia Cristiano



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Confirmation Sunday

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"Even though I make my own decisions, I know that He has had a hand in helping me and is there, all knowing, every step of the way. I try to show my faith by being kind to others, people, animals, and to always try to lift their mood, help them when needed, and to try to make this world a better place." Matthew Filiberto



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Confirmation Sunday

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"I enjoyed the games we played, the lesson videos we watched, and the moments shared. Whether it was through helping around the church, meeting new people, or just going to listen to the sermon, I feel like I've become a much better person." Caden Golden



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"A fun moment from Confirmation is when we each had a partner (mine was Courtney) and one partner (me) was blindfolded while the other person (Courtney) could use her words to guide me throughout the room. This demonstrated how people had faith in God and believed in what He would tell them, and we can too." Jady Llorens



Confirmation Sunday

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"I am committed to living a life guided by kindness, empathy, and personal growth. I trust in God's love and guidance and am grateful for the opportunity to grow in my faith within the United Methodist Church." Abigail Rabbitt



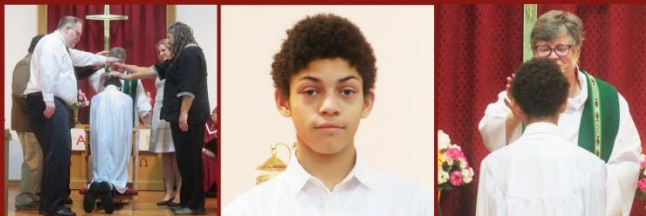
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"I have learned that the Holy Spirit is one of God's instruments of guidance towards spirituality. My plan is to serve God in everyday life using my creativity to help and inspire others." Oliver Sinclair



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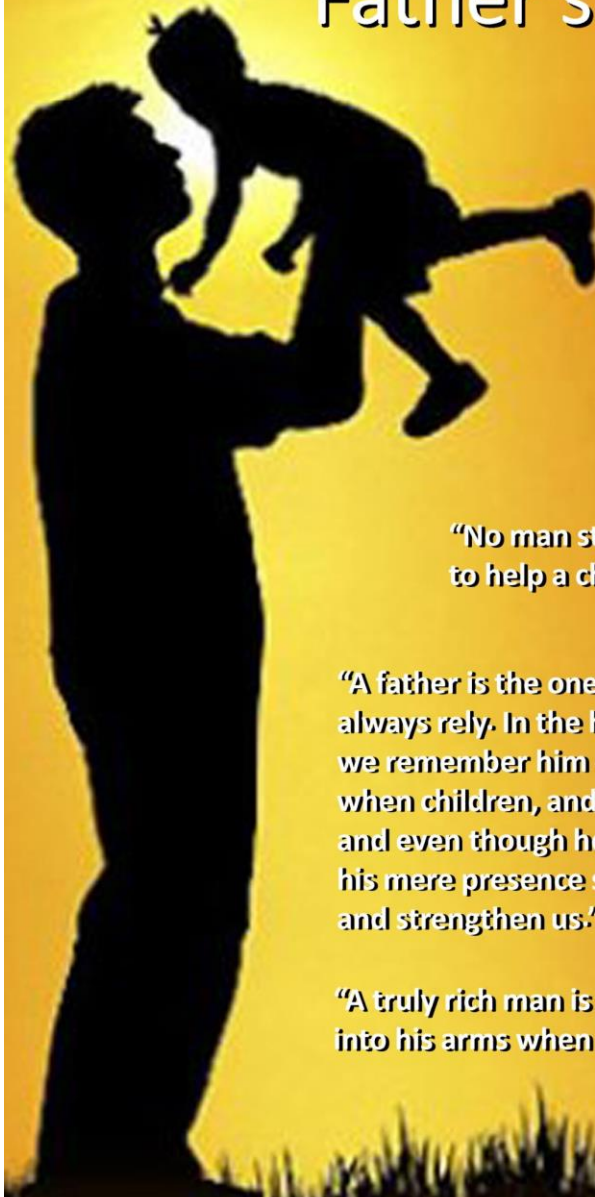


"For the last two years I have gained so many new friendships, a feeling of being more connected with the church, and a stronger understanding of God and His life. I look forward to finally being a part of the church family." Courtney Suriani



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Father's Day 2023



Dad, your guiding hand
on my shoulder will
remain with me forever.”
—Unknown

“Dads are most ordinary men
turned by love into heroes,
adventurers, storytellers and
singers of song.”
—Unknown

“No man stands taller than when he stoops
to help a child.”
— Abraham Lincoln

“A father is the one friend upon whom we can
always rely. In the hour of need, when all else fails,
we remember him upon whose knees we sat
when children, and who soothed our sorrows;
and even though he may be unable to assist us,
his mere presence serves to comfort
and strengthen us.”

—Émile Gaboriau

“A truly rich man is one whose children run
into his arms when his hands are empty.”
— Unknown

“Dad, I know you’ve loved me as long as I’ve lived,
but I’ve loved you my whole life.”

— Unknown

Happy
Father's Day

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Father's Day Quiz

1. **Who was the father of David?**

- a. Saul b. Samuel c. Jesse d. Jonathan

2. **Whose name means 'father of a great multitude'?**

- a. Abraham b. Isaac c. Jacob d. Joseph

3. **Whose father was so pleased to see him that he gave him the best robe and killed the fatted calf?**

- a. Isaac b. Joseph c. Jacob d. Prodigal son

4. **Who was the father of Abraham?**

- a. Terah b. Methuselah c. Laban d. Haran

5. **Why should children listen to 'the instruction of a father'?**

- a. To gain understanding b. To become well disciplined c. To give honor to Christ

6. **'Honor thy father and thy mother' is one of the ten commandments. Which one?**

- a. 4th b. 5th c. 6th d. 7th

7. **Whose father was prepared to sacrifice him on an altar?**

- a. Moses b. Joshua c. Isaac d. Samson

8. **Who was the father of James the disciple?**

- a. Timothy b. Paul c. Zebedee d. Joseph

9. **Who was Paul writing to when he wrote 'I will receive you and will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty'?**

- a. Colossians b. Corinthians c. Thessalonians d. Romans

10. **Which of the following was used of God to mean Father?**

- a. Rabbi b. Elohim c. Eheyeh d. Abba

11. **Who was the father of Saul?**

- a. Benjamin b. Samuel c. Kish d. Elihu

12. **Who was to be named Zacharias, after the name of his father, until his mother intervened?**

- a. Zechariah b. John c. Peter d. Simeon

1. c, 2. a, 3. d, 4. a, 5. a, 6. b, 7. c, 8. c, 9. b, 10. d, 11. c, 12. b



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

GENESIS

Creation

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
- 3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.
- 4 God saw that the light was good and he separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Genesis 1: 1-5



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9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. **10** While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" **12** On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9: 9-13



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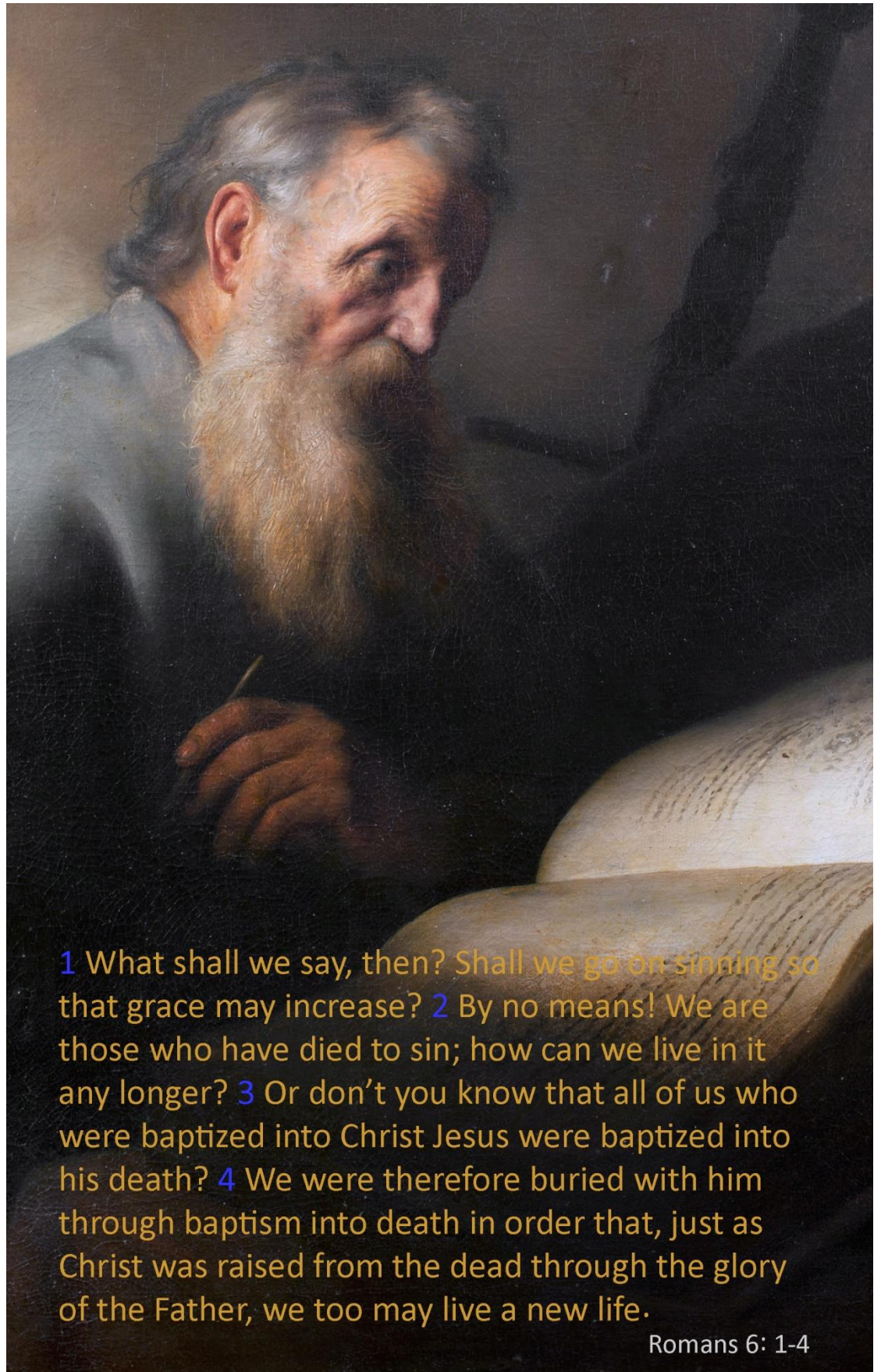


1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. **2** These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. **5** These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. **6** Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. **7** As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ **8** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

Matthew 10: 1-8



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1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6: 1-4



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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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Missions 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.**

***Our 2023 Missions Book has been emailed
to the congregation. If you would like a
printed copy, please call the office or
send an email to Abby@umclr.com.***

***We ask for a donation of \$10 to cover
the cost of printing.***



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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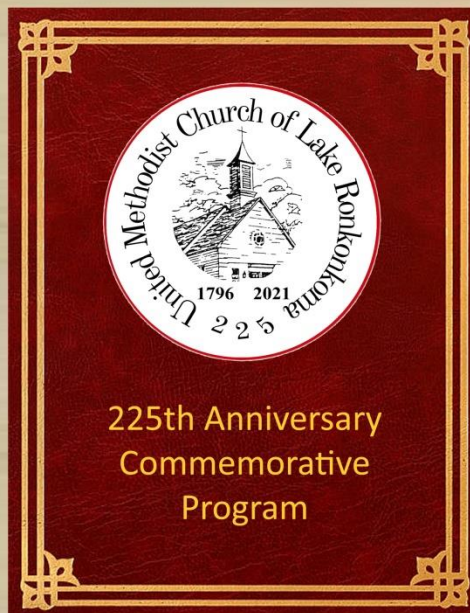
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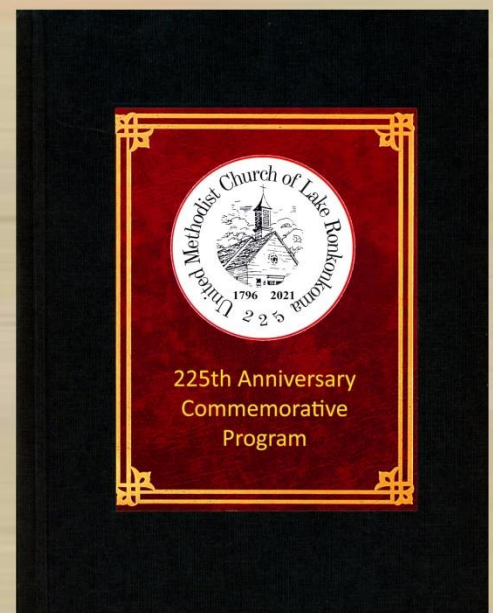
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Our Revolutionary War Heros



John Akerly
Private U.S. Army

Born: L. R. December 13, 1752
Died: L.R. August 15, 1811
Buried: L.R. Cemetery



Phineas Davis
Private U.S. Army

Private in Captain Selah Strong's of Colonel Josiah Smith's N.Y. Regiment. He participated in the Battle of Long Island.

Birth: September 14, 1754
Died: July 2, 1848
Buried: L.G. Cemetery

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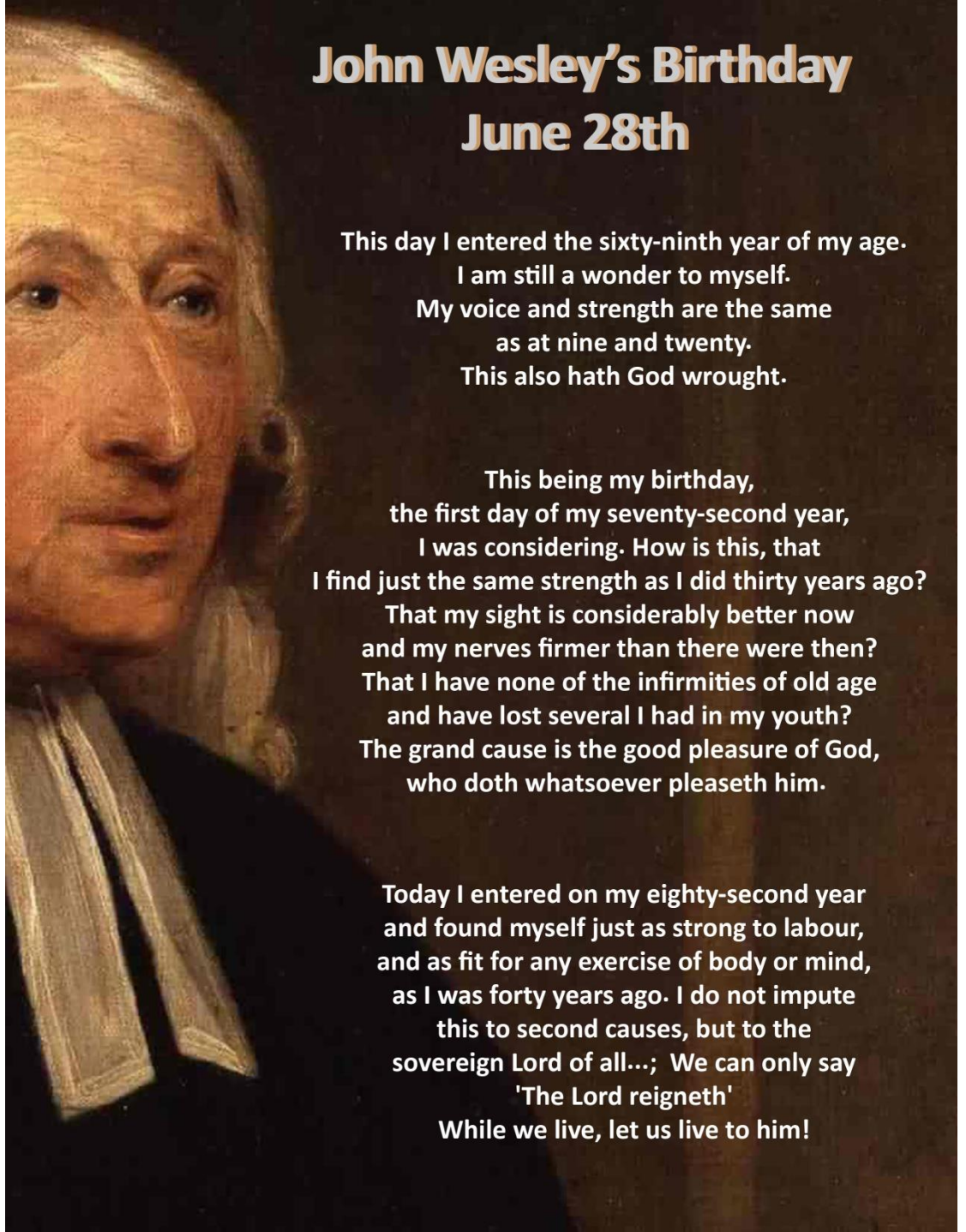


Morris Hawkins Breaks Ground:

Church Project Launched

Sunday morning, June 6, 1954, directly after the regular church service, members and friends in the congregation of the Lake Ronkonkoma Methodist Church followed the Rev. Harold Sabin and the chapel choir to the ground outside, where the new sanctuary will be located.

Morris Hawkins, venerable church member, with members of the building committee at his side, led in the excavation ceremony by breaking ground with a new shovel. He spoke briefly on the history of the church. The Rev. Mr. Sabin then led in a prayer, dedicating, and consecrating the ground. The ceremonies were concluded with a dedication hymn and benediction. The church is being relocated on the property, and a 35 by 27-foot extension will be built onto the front. The building will be placed over a new foundation. The useable space will be quadrupled. Work is expected to begin in two weeks.



John Wesley's Birthday June 28th

This day I entered the sixty-ninth year of my age.
I am still a wonder to myself.
My voice and strength are the same
as at nine and twenty.
This also hath God wrought.

This being my birthday,
the first day of my seventy-second year,
I was considering. How is this, that
I find just the same strength as I did thirty years ago?
That my sight is considerably better now
and my nerves firmer than there were then?
That I have none of the infirmities of old age
and have lost several I had in my youth?
The grand cause is the good pleasure of God,
who doth whatsoever pleaseth him.

Today I entered on my eighty-second year
and found myself just as strong to labour,
and as fit for any exercise of body or mind,
as I was forty years ago. I do not impute
this to second causes, but to the
sovereign Lord of all...; We can only say
'The Lord reigneth'
While we live, let us live to him!

John Wesley

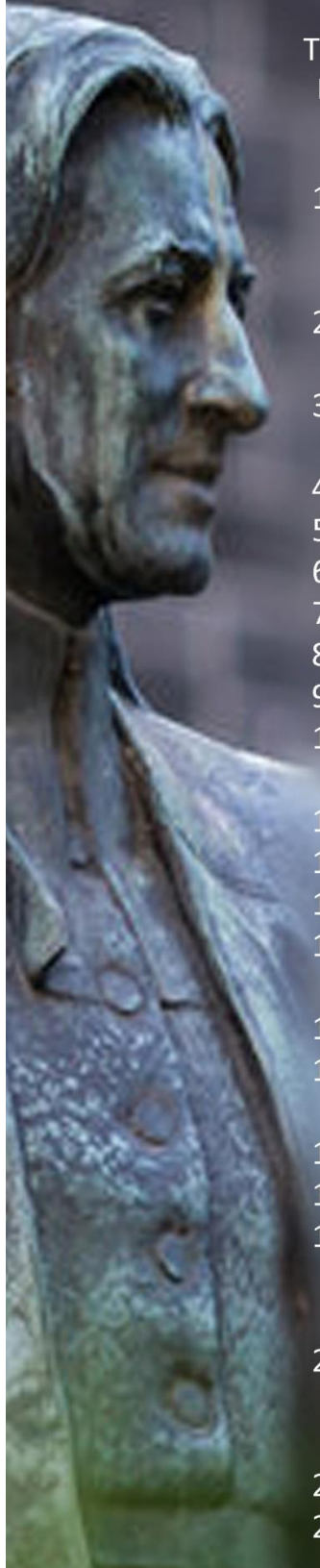
Born: June 28, 1703

Died: March 2, 1791

John Wesley's 22 Questions

These are 22 questions the members of John Wesley's Holy Club asked themselves every day in their private devotions over 200 years ago.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give it time to speak to me everyday?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?



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