



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

**JUNE 2019**

United Methodist Church  
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

[www.umclr.com](http://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

## Special Services in June



June 2  
Youth Sunday  
10:00 AM



June 9  
Pentecost  
Nettie Baker Day  
Recognition Sunday  
10:00 AM



June 16  
Father's Day  
Choir Sunday  
10:00 AM

## 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.

## 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 9, 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 9 to help remember this remarkable  
woman and the heritage of our church.**

## Lections

June 2  
Seventh Sunday  
of Easter  
Ascension Sunday

Acts 16:16-34  
Ps. 97 (UMH 816)  
Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17,  
20-21  
John 17:20-26

June 9  
Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21  
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b  
(UMH 826)  
Rom. 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 16  
Trinity Sunday  
Peace with  
Justice Sunday  
Father's Day

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31  
Ps. 8 (UMH 743)  
Rom. 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

June 23  
Second Sunday  
after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-15a  
Ps. 42 (UMH 777)  
Gal. 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

June 30  
Third Sunday  
after Pentecost

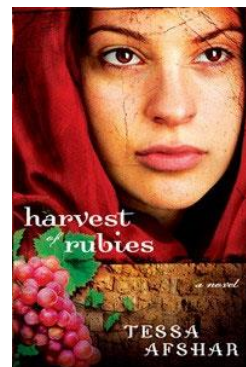
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20  
(UMH 798)  
Gal. 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62



**REMINDER:** Summer church office hours begin on Monday, June 24 and go through Labor Day. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

## Book Discussion

We will be having a discussion about "Harvest of Rubies" by Tessa Afshar on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM. Come and join us, even if you haven't read the book.



All adults are welcome to join us for

## Game Night

on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a fun night out!



**The UM Men's next Breakfast Meeting  
will be on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.  
at the Airport Diner**

**(3760 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Bohemia)**

**All men are welcome to attend!**

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



I am certain that summer will be here before we know it. If you venture into your thrift shop, you will be amazed at all the nice summer dresses, blouses, pants and tees to find for yourself or your girls and great shorts and tees for boys. Of course there is a great men's department with big boy clothes too, all sizes.

Our customers always have wonderful comments about your thrift shop. We are happy that most of our customers are gracious and kind, as we are to them.

Thank you for your continuous donations to prepare for our shoppers. We only price clothing that is clean with no rips, tears, dirt or paint on them.

**Thank You!**

In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



### UMCLR EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANNING

To aid in planning for the unlikely event of an emergency evacuation, we are asking all individuals within our congregation who may require assistance to evacuate in the event of a disaster to let us know of your need for help. This is intended to provide guidance for ushers and others in helping to transport individuals *out of harm's way* to a safe location as **safely** and as **expeditiously** as possible.

The UMCLR asks all individuals who may need assistance in an emergency to self-identify with the church to the worship leaders and ushers.

Please save your can tabs!  
We are collecting them to benefit  
Shriners Hospitals for Children.  
Drop/put them in the big jar in front  
of the church office.



## Wheel Chairs Wanted!

The Church has need of three wheelchairs for use during an emergency. If you have a wheelchair, or you know of someone who has a chair that is no longer needed, please call the church and let us know if you are able to donate it. If necessary, we can arrange to pick it up.

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## 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  |

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Dear Friends,

**On the passing of my father Frank Smouse –  
Thank you so much, for all the cards, texts and phone calls  
during our time of loss. Your kindness and sympathy will  
always be held in grateful remembrance.**

**God Bless,  
Barbara Colucci and Family**



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**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](http://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.***



## Clean up buckets

We are again going to prepare buckets to be used after floods. They get stored and are sent to areas that have had devastation. Please bring items to the narthex. You can also give money for purchases, if that is easier for you. There is a list below. If you have any questions, call Jerry June at 631-585-1481. We would like to have them completed and sent to Bayport UMC to be stored until needed. July 1<sup>st</sup> is our target date for delivery.

5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid

liquid laundry detergent - one 50 ounce or two 25 ounce only

liquid household cleaner – 12 to 16 oz. liquid that can be mixed with water - no spray cleaners

dish soap – 16 to 28 oz. bottle

1 can air freshener – aerosol or pump

1 insect repellent spray – 6 to 14 oz.

1 scrub brush – plastic or wooden handle

18 cleaning wipes – Handi Wipes or reusable wipes, no terry towels – remove from packaging

7 sponges – no cellulose sponges due to mold issues - remove from packaging

5 scouring pads – no stainless steel, Brillo, SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

50 clothespins

clothesline – one 100 ft. or two 50 ft., cotton or plastic

24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags – 33 to 45 gallon size

5 dust masks

2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves – durable enough for multiple uses

1 pair work gloves – cotton with leather palm or all leather

## WHAT IS NURSERY SCHOOL?

It was recently asked what the Nursery School is? What do we do? How do they operate? What goes on there?

Well, besides the obvious we teach, guide, and nurture the emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of each child that walks in our doors. We are so much more.

We are a support group for many of the families we have the privilege to work with.

We are the first individuals to perhaps inform a family of speech, or developmental delays. With that responsibility comes a tremendous amount of support from us. We guide our families and help them navigate unknown and sometimes difficult realizations. We work closely with school districts and therapist to ensure the proper care of each of the students we recommend for services. This school year we recommended the evaluations of 14 students. Each of the 14 has qualified for services. We spend hours talking with families to help them with the process. We have attended, called in to, and written reports for 28 CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education) meetings this year to aid and support the families in our community with obtaining services for their children. We work alongside agencies to provide the best care for our students in and out of the classroom.

We educate and support parents on an array of different subjects, whether it be toilet training, age appropriate goals, behavior management, personal issues that impact their families, or simply how to support their child's developmental growth beyond the classroom.

We currently aide 5 families in need. Without the big hearts of our committee these children would not be able to attend school.

We hold a pajama drive each year that benefits children in need within our community.

We are so much more than "The Nursery school". We are a staff of 14 smiling faces full of hope and love.

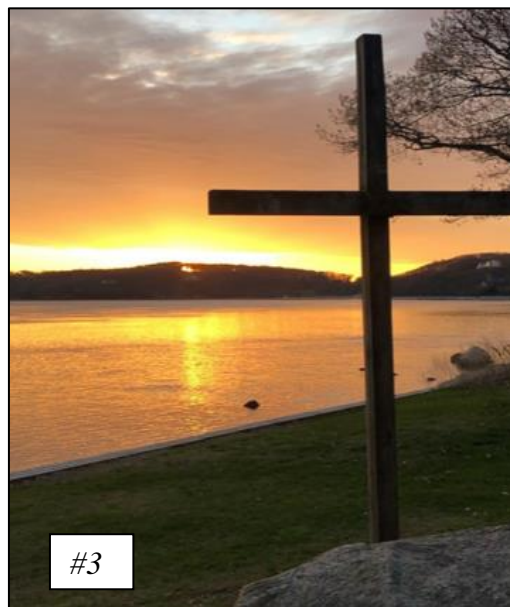
We are a community, a mission, and an outreach. We keep these buildings filled day to day with giggles, laughter, and excitement. We are an extension of the church and we bring to life the Vision Statement of the Church every day by "Spreading the light of Christ from ourselves to the community and the world".

We invite our congregation to contact our Director Phyllis Thomas to schedule a time to visit us. Come see us in action! The children would love to hear a special story from one of our friends at the Church.

Respectfully,  
Phyllis Thomas, Director



A great weekend at Camp Quinipet for the women's retreat 2019. We had a few newcomers and the ages ranged from 85 to 25. The Saturday program was given by Barbara Colucci and Dorothy Schiavone and was very inspiring. The LI youth were there the same weekend and we joined them for several different occasions which was nice as well! Here are 3 photos: #1 is Marilee and Soon standing in front of the 5 rocks; the meaning and description were part of the program, #2 is Marilee, #3 was taken by Tessa Tom at Sunrise.





Spring is finally upon us and, with that, the blessing of good weather and outside activities!

- ✦ We had our work day on May 4<sup>th</sup> – thank you all who were able to join us. We gathered for some energizing bagels and got right to washing windows, planting flowers, spreading mulch, cleaning the Hertlin kitchen, replacing ceiling tiles, cleaning gutters, power washing the outside and much more. Please let us know if you have anything in mind that should be added to our coming dates and by all means join us! We all know what happens to work when there are many hands – we'd love to have you.
- ✦ We've met with Finance to review all the accounts/funds under the Trustees and made plans to next steps. Special thanks to Wendy Duffy for her dedication in this matter to the education of Trustees – and Council – as well as our ever improving reporting process for review.
- ✦ Parking lot has been patched. They'll be a greater need down the road but we're set for now.
- ✦ Estimates being sought for the repair/replacement of the Parish Hall bathroom.
- ✦ The deck at the Parsonage has been replaced and, we're especially excited to say, is fully functional for Pastor's use. Special thank you to Doug Filipowich and the UMM!
- ✦ Full tour of the Nursery School to garner better understandings to how we can work together to the betterment of both the NS and the church.
- ✦ We're looking forward to the Steeple work being completed in the coming weeks with a vendor selected and contracted to complete.

Continuing initiatives include: Solar power proposals in review, New Church sign

Let us know if you have any suggestions to keep our progress and movement forward!  
We'd love to hear from you. !

Yours in Christ,  
The Board of Trustees

[Trustees@UMCLR.com](mailto:Trustees@UMCLR.com)

Ongoing Mission:

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

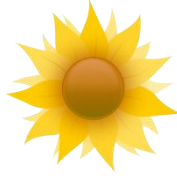
Support Groups:

*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.



| June 2019  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|  |  |  |   |   |   | <b>1</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2  |
| <b>2</b> Ascension Sunday<br>Youth Sunday                                      | <b>3</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>NA 7<br>Book Discussion 7<br>Nursery School<br>Committee 7:30              | <b>4</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Soup Kitchen 4:45<br>AA 6:30 & 8:30<br>Trustees 7<br>Emmaus 7:30                   | <b>5</b><br>Morning Prayer 7 AM<br>Craft Group 12<br>Chapel Choir 6:30<br>Chancel Choir 7:30                | <b>6</b><br>NYAC @ Hofstra<br>Soup Kitchen 4:45<br>Girl Scouts 6<br>Rabbit Assoc. 8 | <b>7</b><br>NYAC @ Hofstra<br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>AA 8  | <b>8</b><br>NYAC @ Hofstra<br>UMM Breakfast<br>Meeting at Airport<br>Diner 8 AM<br>Thrift Shop 10-2 |
| <b>9</b> Pentecost<br>NYAC @ Hofstra<br>Nettie Baker Day<br>Recognition Sunday | <b>10</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>NA 7<br>UMW 7   | <b>11</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Soup Kitchen 4:45<br>AA 6:30 & 8:30<br>SPPRC 7:30                                 | <b>12</b><br>Morning Prayer 7 AM<br>Loaves & Fishes<br>Committee 10<br>Craft Group 12<br>Chancel Choir 7:30 | <b>13</b><br>Soup Kitchen 4:45<br>Building usage -<br>recital rehearsal             | <b>14</b> Flag Day<br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Game Night 7<br>AA 8  | <b>15</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2   |
| <b>16</b> Trinity Sunday<br>Father's Day<br>Choir Sunday                       | <b>17</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>NA 7  | <b>18</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Soup Kitchen 4:45<br>AA 6:30 & 8:30<br>Evangelism &<br>Missions 7<br>Finance 7:30 | <b>19</b><br>Morning Prayer 7 AM<br>Craft Group 12  | <b>20</b><br>Soup Kitchen 4:45<br>Girl Scouts 6                                     | <b>21</b> Summer Solstice<br>1st Day of Summer<br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Building usage -<br>recital<br>Game Night 7<br>AA 8 | <b>22</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2   |
| <b>23</b><br>Training for<br>Secretaries of each<br>committee after<br>service | <b>24</b><br>Summer Office<br>Hours Begin 9-12<br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Nomination<br>Committee 2:30<br>NA 7 | <b>25</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Soup Kitchen 4:45<br>AA 6:30 & 8:30<br>Church Council 7:30                        | <b>26</b><br>Morning Prayer 7 AM<br>Craft Group 12  | <b>27</b><br>Soup Kitchen 4:45  | <b>28</b> John Wesley's<br>Birthday<br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>COPE 7<br>AA 8   | <b>29</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2   |
| <b>30</b>  |  |  |   |   |   |   |

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# NEWS

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|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Church Office                  | (631) 588-5856   | Board of Trustees            | Beth Ann Graf        |
| Church FAX                     | (631) 588-0753   | Endowment                    | Walter Schroeder     |
| 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        | Rich Tom             |
| Church Email                   | <a href="mailto:umclr@verizon.net">umclr@verizon.net</a> |                              | Angelique Sinclair   |
| Church Website                 | umclr.com  |                              | Bernice Waleski      |
| <b>Resident Bishop</b>         | <b>Rev. Thomas Bickerton</b>                             | Stewardship                  | Warren Ferry         |
| <b>District Superintendent</b> | <b>Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim</b>                           | Worship                      | Heather DeSanto      |
| <b>Pastor</b>                  | <b>Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak</b>                         | Lay Servant Coordinator      | Heather DeSanto      |
| <b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>           |  | 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   | 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         |
|                                |  | UMM Representatives          | Keith Bowes          |
|                                |  | UMW Representatives          | Dennis Subbiondo     |
| Church Council                 | Debra Schild   |                              | Ilona Torraca        |
| Staff Parish Pastor Relations  | Bill Otto  | Church Historian             | Leslie Ann Alessi    |
| Lay Leader                     | Marilyn Becht  | Comm. & Tech.                | Walter Schroeder     |
|                                | Angelique Sinclair                                       | Disaster Prep. & Response    | (Needed)             |
| Lay Member to Conference       | Diane Hatton   | Good News Editor             | Warren Ferry         |
|                                |  | Circulation                  | Cathy Mitchell       |
|                                |  |                              | Leslie Ann Alessi    |

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