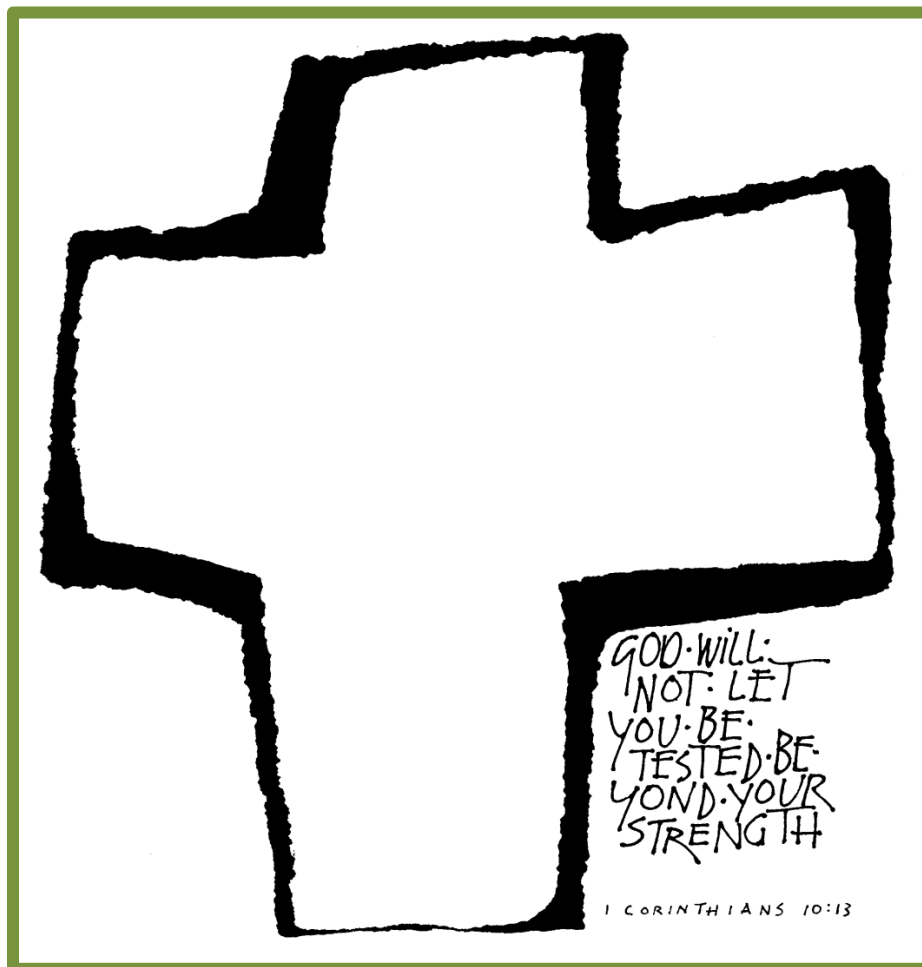


GOOD NEWS

FROM THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF LAKE RONKONKOMA



MARCH 2015 EDITION

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.

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WE ARE THE CHURCH AT FIVE CORNERS SPREADING THE "LIGHT OF CHRIST"
FROM OURSELVES TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.



During the Lenten season, Pastor Pak will be offering Early Morning Prayer on Monday mornings during the month of March in addition to our regular Wednesday Morning Prayer Group. Please join us at 7:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Mondays will include a special program, "Music and Spirituality", led by Dr. Seong Ae Kim. Please mark your calendars. Join us!

Mondays: March 2, 9, 16, 23

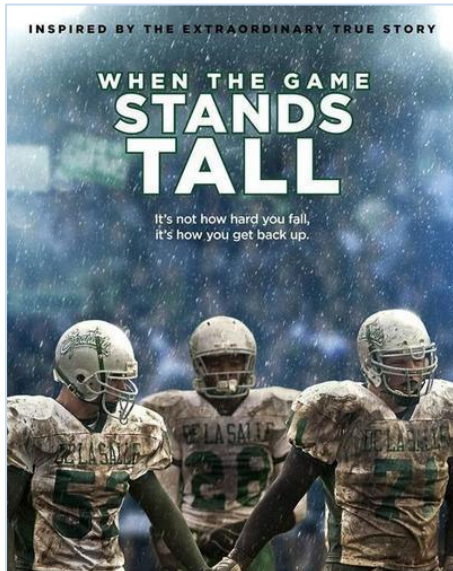
Wednesdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25

You're Invited! Please Join Us!

The church is hosting a Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon after service on Sunday, March 15th. This luncheon is open to all free of charge. This gathering is the time to develop a new set of goals and expectations for our church. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and critiques you've had and let's put them on paper to discuss all the possibilities in every aspect for our church (Worship, Community Service, Missions, Youth, Music, Fellowship, etc.). Please come with positive attitudes and concrete suggestions.



~ The Vision Committee



Special Lenten Program

You are invited to attend a
“Dinner and a Movie”
on Saturday, March 28th at 5:00 p.m.
Enjoy a delicious potluck dinner
followed by the movie
“When the Game Stands Tall”.

COVENANT DISCIPLE GROUP

I am about to reactivate and invite all who feel led, to join us in an original John Wesley Class Meeting, better known as “Covenant Disciple”. This is a group of people who get together on a monthly basis and hold each other accountable in their daily Christian walk. It includes topics of compassion and service, sin, justice issues, your devotional life, church worship and weekly pledge. Each person gets to briefly share these areas of their journey, and then feedback and some helpful suggestions and encouragement are given by the rest of the group. Previously, we met faithfully for about 15 years. At one point in time the group ended, but is now showing interest in gathering together as John Wesley had taught us to do as Methodists. Those who were accountable through the years showed continued spiritual growth in their lives. The group demonstrates fully how to walk the talk. I’m excited as I write about this and hope you will be joining us. It is open to both men and women. **We will begin by meeting at church on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 7:30 PM in Hertlin Hall. Then we will be meeting there the last Tuesday of every month thereafter.** Hope to see you all. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 981-9496 or email me at hejo@optonline.net.

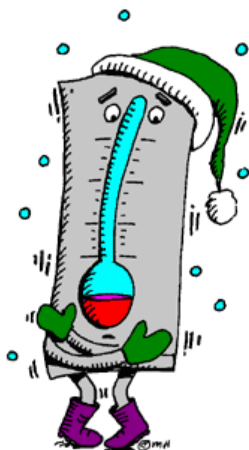
In Service to the Lord,
Joan Schmidt

Join the Quilting Club on Fridays
from 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM.

All skill levels welcome!



MARTHA'S PLACE THRIFT SHOP



WE'VE HAD A ROCKY FEBRUARY WITH A FEW SHOP CLOSINGS BECAUSE OF THE SNOW AND ICE. WE STARTED OUT CLOSING ON JANUARY 26th AND 27th BECAUSE OF THE BLIZZARD AND A FEW MORE DAYS IN FEBRUARY, ON THE 2nd AND 17th. WE WERE OPENED ON THE 16th BUT VERY FEW CUSTOMERS CAME IN BECAUSE OF THE FRIGID WIND AND TEMPERATURE, SO WE ONLY TOOK IN \$3 DOLLARS.

WE HAVE BEEN THANKFUL FOR SOME BUSY DAYS THAT HAVE MADE UP FOR THE SLOW DAYS. HOPEFULLY THE WEATHER WILL WARM UP TO THE 30'S IN A FEW DAYS AND ALL THIS AGGRAVATION WILL BE OVER!!!

COME ON IN AND CHECK OUT YOUR THRIFT SHOP!!!

In GOD'S Service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

Parish Resource Center - Upcoming Workshops

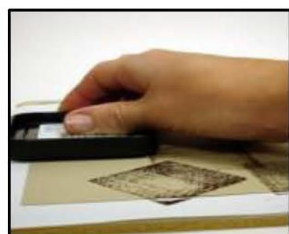


Panelist Discussion – Special Needs Kids in Your Sunday School and Youth Group

Saturday, March 7, 2015
10:00 am to noon

Panelists: Elizabeth Christie, Mary Downing and Mary Larson
St Paul's Lutheran, 309 Patchogue Road Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

To register call 631-821-2255 or email info@prcli.org.



Card Ministry Workshop

Saturday April 25, 2015
10:00 am to noon

Leader: Karen Smith
Materials fee \$10.00

PRC at the Presbytery of Long Island, 42 Hauppauge Rd., Commack, NY 11725

Imagine receiving a handwritten and handmade note card in your mailbox. To many, getting the mail is the highlight of their day whether they are overseas or confined to bed. What a blessing something that you've created can be to a lonely widow or a homesick college student. Join us for a roundtable to create some cards and be a blessing to others as we discuss the possibilities of a card ministry in your own church. Preregistration is required for this event by April 17th so that adequate supplies can be prepared.

To register call 631-821-2255 or email info@prcli.org.



MARCH 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 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

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| 1 | Michael Zukowski |
| 4 | Charles Harrison |
| 9 | Leslie Ann Alessi |
| 11 | Jenny Millard |
| 13 | Carl Wright |
| 15 | Shannon Neenan |
| 16 | Anna Pojero |
| 22 | Cheryl Pyne |
| 22 | Jilliane Duong |
| 22 | James Czerw |
| 23 | Chris Muscolo |
| 25 | Doris Teigland |
| 26 | Ryan Doukas |
| 26 | Jennifer Campbell |
| 28 | Terry Cornelius |

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31 NIV

I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2 NIV

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:5 NIV

The following funnies are from JoyfulNoiseletter.com

In the supermarket, a minister was shopping for his wife. He was pushing a cart which contained their screaming baby. The minister kept repeating softly, “Don’t get excited, Albert; don’t scream, Albert; don’t yell, Albert; keep calm, Albert.”

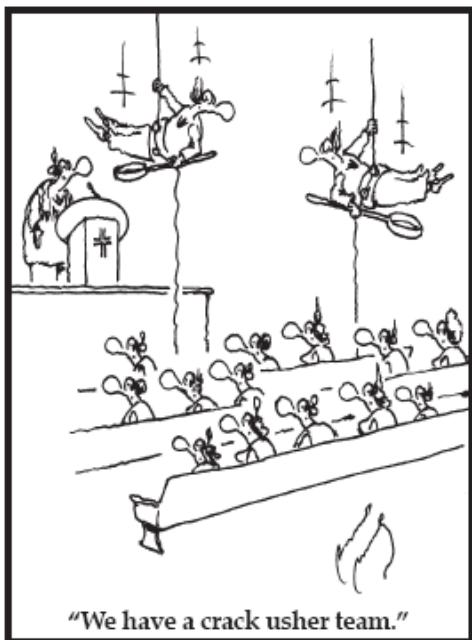
A woman standing next to him said, “Preacher, you certainly are to be commended for trying to soothe your son, Albert.”

The minister looked at her and said, “Lady, I’m Albert.”

—via George Goldtrap
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL



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Worst pieces of advice from a doctor:

- “Just sample your Facebook friends and do whatever the consensus opinion on that is.”
- “You can get the same prescription from a vet for a lot less.”
- “Take your medications all at once before you leave for vacation so you won’t forget to take them while away.”
- “Eat more and exercise less. I could use the business.”

—via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE



VENDORS WANTED

**LAKE RONKONKOMA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"5 CORNERS"
HAWKINS AVENUE AND SMITH STREET**

SPRING FESTIVAL & QUILT SHOW

**MAY 2, 2015
10 AM – 4 PM**

(Rain date is May 9th)

CALL 631-588-4338 OR VISIT WWW.UMCLR.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.
DONATIONS ARE WELCOME. INDIVIDUAL SELLERS ALSO WELCOME.

-----cut here and include in envelope-----

Name: _____

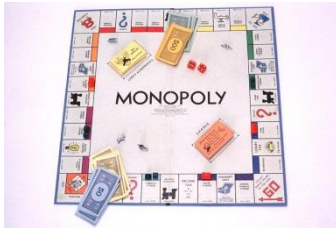
Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Type of Merchandise: _____

An outside 10x10 foot space is \$30.00; Inside space (*Now even bigger & better!*) is \$40.00.

Please send check payable to UMCLR to Maryann Piga, 15 Norma Blvd., Holbrook, NY, 11741. Thank You.



Do you have cabin fever? Get out of the house and join us for Game Night on Friday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite game or play one brought by others. All adults are welcome to attend.



The United Methodist Women had a wonderful retreat at the Cenacle in Lake Ronkonkoma. The grounds were spectacular, even covered in snow and the Lord treated us to the beauty of His snow flurries during our solitary and prayerful moments. The retreat leader was very capable and all seemed to engage in and enjoy the program.

The next meeting of the UMW, which is open to all the women of the church, on March 9, 2015 at 7:30, will have a Lenten topic.

DRIVER SAFETY WORKSHOP TO BE OFFERED



A Driver Safety Workshop by Defensive Driving First Corp will be held at our church. The class will be on June 6, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$35.00. A light Breakfast and a light Lunch will be provided.

Save money on your vehicle insurance with completion of this course.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Hertlin Hall or you can RSVP to the church office at 631-588-5856.

2/6/15

Dear Pumpkin Patch Partner

My name is Harry Descheene, I am the Human Resources Director for Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers. I've been with Pumpkin Patch, off & on for 22 years. I would like to thank you as Pumpkin Patch Partners for participating in the project and to let you know what your participation helps provide to Native Americans.

I am a Navajo, living on the reservation all of my life (56 years). Pumpkin Patch has been employing Native Americans here on the Reservation for over 20 years. Our staff here in New Mexico is 100% Navajo, including all management. During the harvest we also hire Pueblo, both Zuni & Hopi tribes (300 workers). Unemployment on the Navajo Reservation is 42%.

My experience as an employee and manager is that Pumpkin Patch goes above and beyond what any organizations of the Reservation do to take care of their employees.

Pumpkin Patch pays for the transportation of their employees from all of the different Reservations, some as far as 4 hours away. Pumpkin Patch also provides residential facilities (dorms), laundry facilities, recreational facilities, a upscale kitchen with a chef and kitchen staff, a huge dining hall, extensive safety orientation before workers actually begin field work. Transportation was also provided to and from the fields. After completion of the harvest season all workers are provided with transportation back to their communities.

For many of our workers, it's the only opportunity to provide for their families and themselves. The approximately 1.3 million dollars in harvest labor makes a significant difference in the quality of the lives of my people. Opportunities like this are very scarce on our reservations.

I grew up tending livestock on the Reservation, went to boarding school and worked in local government as an elected official in the capacity of chapter president for 12 years. My salary and benefits with Pumpkin Patch are substantially above what I might receive from other private enterprises in the Farmington area. I have found that the owners of Pumpkin Patch are extremely concerned with the welfare of all of their employees both full and part time.

Another important aspect of Pumpkin Patch is the donations that they make to local organizations. Thousands of school children, senior citizen centers, special education & handicapped facilities, behavioral health facilities, church organizations, government services, correctional youth services and civic groups receive free pumpkins for their causes.

Again let me say that I cannot understate the value of the service and work provided to the Navajo people by Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers and its non profit partners.

Thanks, Harry

Mark your calendars – this year's pumpkin delivery is on

Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m.!



Looking Ahead to Coming Events...

April 2	Holy Thursday Service	7:30 PM
April 3	Good Friday Service	7:30 PM
April 5	Easter Sunday	
	Sunrise Service	6:30 AM at Lake Ronkonkoma Park
	Church Services	9:15 AM & 11:00 AM
April 10	Blood Drive	3:00 PM
April 17	Game Night	7:00 PM
April 17 – 19	District Youth Retreat at Quinipet	<i>Please see Lisa Eger for further information.</i>
April 26	Fashion Show	After service
May 2	Spring Festival & Quilt Show	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
May 3	Youth Plant Sale	
May 13	Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner	
May 15	Game Night	7:00 PM
May 17	Confirmation Sunday	10:00 AM
June 6	Defensive Driving Workshop	9:00 AM
June 14	Nettie Baker Day, Recognition Sunday	10:00 AM
June 19	Game Night	7:00 PM
July 17	Game Night	7:00 PM
August 21	Game Night	7:00 PM
September 12	Grand Fall Auction	Viewing at 11:00 AM, Bidding at 12:00 PM
September 18	Game Night	7:00 PM
October 3	Pumpkin Delivery Day	9:00 AM

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CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ CELLPHONE # _____

PLEASE INDICATE A FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE OF CLASS TIME

2 YEAR OLD PROGRAM 3 YEARS PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN (MUST BE 2 BY 12/1/14)

TWO DAY PROGRAM – TUESDAY & THURSDAY
9:30-11:30 _____ 2 HOURS

\$155.00 TUITION per month
50.00 REGISTRATION FEE (non refundable)
\$205.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM 2 YEARS PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN (MUST BE 3 BY 12/1/14)

2 DAY PROGRAM – TUESDAY & THURSDAY
9:15-11:45 _____ 2 1/2 HOURS
12:30- 3:00 _____ 2 1/2 HOURS

\$170.00 TUITION per month 2 ½ hours
50.00 REGISTRATION FEE (non refundable)
\$220.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

3 DAY PROGRAM – MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
9:15-12:15 _____ 3 HOURS
9:30-12:30 _____ 3 HOURS

\$245.00 TUITION per month 3 hours
50.00 REGISTRATON FEE (non refundable)
\$295.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

12:30-3:00 _____ 2 1/2 HOURS

\$210.00 TUITION per month 2 ½ hours
50.00 REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable)
\$260.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

3 & 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM 1 YEAR PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN (MUST BE 4 BY 12/1/14)

3 DAY PROGRAM – MONDAY – WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
9:15 -12:15 _____ 3 HOURS

\$245.00 TUITION per month 3 hours
50.00 REGISTRATION FEE (non refundable)
\$295.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

12:30 – 3:00 _____ 2 ½ HOUR CLASS

\$210.00 TUITION per month 2 ½ hours
50.00 REGISTRATION FEE (non refundable)
\$260.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

5 DAY PROGRAM – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
9:00-12:00 _____ tuition lower than Sachem
Pre-K 2 1/2 hr class

\$280.00 TUITION per month 3 hours
50.00 REGISTRATON FEE (non refundable)
\$330.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

12:30-3:00 _____ 2 ½ hours

\$265.00 TUITION per month 2 ½ hours
50.00 REGISTRATION FEE (non refundable)
\$315.00 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER PLACEMENT FOR YOUR CHILD.

Twins discount 25% off second tuition (3 or 4 year old only) Sibling discount 15% off 3 yr old tuition

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



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Facebook: Dales Flowers from the Heart Floral Shop

Dale's Flowers from the Heart is launching a new program:

Flowers for Fundraising

The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma is signed up with our new Flowers for Fundraising program. If you need flowers for any occasion – birthday, anniversary, get well, pick me up, party, wedding, new baby, thinking of you, sympathy etc., you can try Dale's Flowers from the Heart. We will donate 5% of each purchase you make with us to the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma, whether it is over the counter, by phone or on line.

Dale's Flowers from the Heart has a great reputation for fresh long-lasting flowers and great customer service. We can wire anything we can't deliver so we can accommodate most orders. We always have cut bouquets and everyday arrangements on hand which you can pick up any time and we are open 7 days a week. We can send flowers, fruit and gourmet baskets, plants and balloons for any occasion you would like to acknowledge. Everyone needs flowers now and then, so why not let flower orders help raise money for the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma??

All you have to do is tell us you are associated with The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma and you want your order credited to them when you make a purchase in person or by phone. If you order on line, put "**Please credit to UMCLR**" in the special instructions.

**So spread the word and let Flowers for Fundraising help
The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma!**



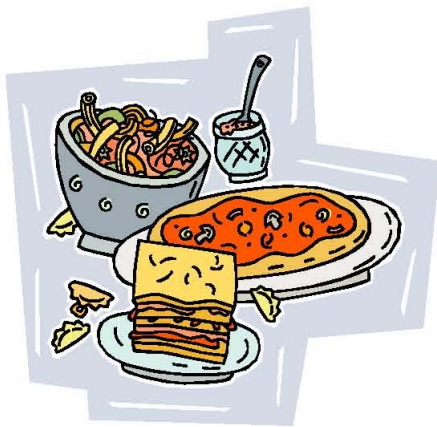
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Hours: Sunday: 12 p.m. – 9 p.m., Monday: 3 p.m. – 10 p.m.,
Tuesday – Saturday: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Dining Room Opens at 4:30 p.m.

Please call for reservations for parties larger than four.

Save money on your energy bill. Support a worthy cause.

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma is holding a fundraising drive. We're not selling anything you don't need! In fact, you can help our cause by saving money on something you already use! You can save money on energy by switching your service to Ambit Energy, our partner in this fundraising effort.

Switch to Ambit and you'll enjoy lower rates. You'll get a free 3-day, 2-night travel certificate just for trying Ambit service. Plus, you'll get a chance to win a free cruise, earn Travel Rewards Points redeemable for vacations,



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Your organization name goes here.

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For more information about Ambit's rate plans or to enroll for service, go to our fundraising site: www.umclr.joinambit.com

NATIONAL GRID offers the discount on Natural Gas and CON EDISON offers the discount on Electric & Natural Gas.



Please contact me if you have any questions about supporting our cause and saving money with Ambit.

Contact me: Ron @ phone or Sharon @ e-mail

Voice: (631)588-5856

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Online: www.umclr.joinambit.com

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~ March 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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