



United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma

# Good News

**MARCH 2018**

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

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Dr. Rex Enderlin,  
Choir Director

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Youth Choir Director &  
Organist

Lisa Eger,  
Youth Coordinator



Lighthouse Mission needs "Bible Baskets"  
for local under-privileged kids

Help us share the *GOOD NEWS* that Jesus is *ALIVE* with local homeless and under-privileged children. All you need to do is fill a basket with a bunch of fun snacks, toys, Bible coloring books and crayons, bookmarks, scriptures--anything that kids will enjoy and tells them the *Good News* of Easter, that Jesus loves them.

Bring on or before Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

There is a \$1 donation for each basket/bucket  
(or you may provide your own)

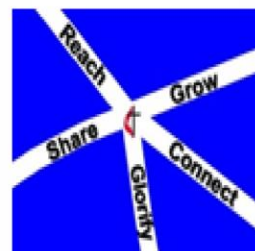
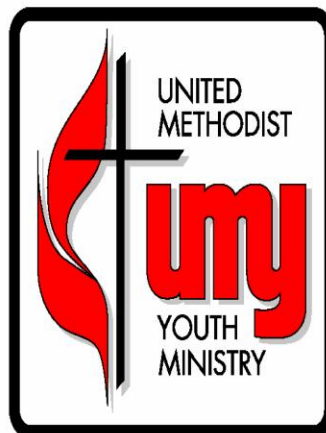
We will be delivering the baskets to  
Lighthouse Mission, Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, after service.

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.

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.



Please join us for...  
**Our 3rd Annual  
Scouting and Youth Sunday**

**WHEN: Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 10am Service**

**WHERE: UMCLR (Please wear your uniform/vest or 5Cs Youth Group Shirt—"We exist to REACH youth in order to SHARE the light of Christ and together CONNECT, so we can GROW in our ability to GLORIFY God.")**

**WHY: To Celebrate our Youth and recognize the scouts in our congregation.**

**Please RSVP to [Lisa@umclr.com](mailto:Lisa@umclr.com) if your son/daughter are in scouts or any youth that is interested in helping out during service. Those scouts that participate will receive a patch only if they RSVP by February 16th.**

## Lectons

March 4  
Third Sunday  
In Lent

Exod. 20:1-17  
Ps. 19 (UMH 750)  
1 Cor. 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

March 11  
Fourth Sunday  
In Lent  
UMCOR Sunday

Num. 21:4-9  
Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22  
(UMH 830)  
Eph. 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

March 18  
Fifth Sunday  
In Lent

Jer. 31:31-34  
Ps. 51:1-12  
(UMH 785)  
Heb. 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

March 25  
Passion/Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms  
Mark 11:1-11  
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29  
(UMH 839)  
Liturgy of the Passion  
Isa. 50:4-9  
Ps. 31:9-16 (UMH 764)  
Phil. 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or  
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)



## UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:

Scouting & Youth Sunday	March 18	10:00 AM
Passion/Palm Sunday	March 25	10:00 AM
Holy Thursday	March 29	7:30 PM
Good Friday	March 30	7:30 PM
Easter Sunrise (at Lake Ronkonkoma Park)	April 1	6:30 AM
Easter	April 1	9:15 AM & 11:00 AM



*A memorial gift has been given in memory of Elise Bornschein from Art & Pegi Germain, Ray & Marilyn Becht, Ron & Marilee Drisgula, Gail Kenhan, Jerry & Diane Jung, and John & Laura Hoffmann.*

*A memorial gift has been given in memory of Al Heiserer from Jean McNeill, Ron & Marilee Drisgula, and Carl & Liza Wright.*

*A memorial gift has been given in memory of Amy Wahl from Ron & Marilee Drisgula.*

## “Alpha” Program

As our Lenten Spiritual Journey, we offer “Alpha” program every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. It starts with a delicious, light dinner at 6:30 p.m. and then watching the videos followed by small group discussions. It usually ends before 8:30 p.m. Open to all – please come and join us! Welcome!

*Marilyn Becht & Diane Hutton*





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## BLOOD DRIVE

### In support of Ron Drisgula



Friday, April 6, 2018

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives.**

Our community hospitals need your help.

Please share this lifesaving gift!

**Thank You for Caring!**

#### ♥♥ Eligibility Criteria ♥♥

Bring **Donor Card or ID**. Minimum Weight: 110lbs. No New Tattoos for past 12 months. Ages 16 – 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission)

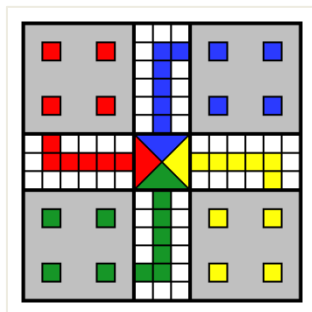
For questions concerning medical eligibility:

[www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org) | 1-800-933-2566

For more information or to schedule an appointment:

Debra Schild (631)921-9366

 **Long Island** Blood Services



All adults are welcome to join us for  
Game Night on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy a night out filled  
with fun and fellowship!

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

We think the worst of the winter could be over so we will start hanging spring and summer clothing this month. We have ongoing sales with clothing marked January on half price and February clothing will be half price on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.

We have lots of Men's, Ladies and Children's coats on sale, so if you need a larger size for your growing family, this might be a good time to come in and check them out!!!



Just to remind you, when we clean out the racks all clothing, etc. goes to Big Brothers and Sisters which makes our shop a recycling shop to help our landfill and our Mother earth!!!!

We continue to help our Church finances and are always looking for help. Coffee is served to our volunteers!!!

Thank you for your continued support with clothing and household items. Without your continuing donations, we wouldn't have a shop.

In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all our volunteers

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Thank you to all who brought goodies and who bought goodies at our Super Bowl Sunday Bake Sale. Your support and patronage is very much appreciated.

**The date of the next UMW meeting has been changed to March 19 at the usual 7 p.m.** We have a very special guest, Lisa Larsen Hill, who will be presenting "Seeds of Faith". What is Seeds of Faith, you may be asking:

Seeds of Faith is sharing, educating, and encouraging women's faith journeys.

The mission of Seeds of Faith is to create communities of women in a space where sharing, educating and encouragement can be experienced for women on their faith journeys.

Seeds of Faith assist in creating communities of women to learn from the Bible, stories, and each other.

All women of the church are invited to attend this important program, especially in this Lenten season.

**Don't forget!! Please hold the date!! The UMW Retreat at Quinipet is April 27, 28, & 29, 2018. Please see Sue Sprague or email her at [craftysms@aol.com](mailto:craftysms@aol.com) for details.**



**Seeds of Faith**  
invites you to a women's day apart  
featuring



**TESSA AFSHAR**

Two interactive sessions:

"Victorious: Living a fulfilling  
life in the midst of storms."

&

"Daughter's Journey: Knowing our worth in  
God's eyes."

Tessa Afshar has won numerous awards for her historical and biblical fiction:

Land of Silence: Top Five Christian Fiction 2016

Harvest of Gold: 2014 Christy Award Historical Romance

Harvest of Rubies: Finalist for 2013 EXPA Book Award

Pearl in the Sand: New author of the year, by Family Fiction 2011

**May 5, 2018**

**Location:** Seacliff Methodist Church, Downing and Carpenter

**Cost:** \$25 includes lunch and coffee break

**Time:** 9AM to 3PM

To purchase tickets: <https://seeds-of-faith.eventbrite.com>

The Mission and Evangelism Committee  
is having a

## SOUP SUNDAY

March 18th

We will be selling 8 oz. and 16 oz.  
containers of soup.

So far the soups of the day are:

New England Corn Chowder

Split Pea

Taco

White Bean

Escarole and Leek with Chicken

Matzo Ball

Wonton

Proceeds will go to Children's Bibles for  
the Easter Baskets/Buckets

Contact Soon Bowes if you would like to contribute a  
soup.

631-585-5634





THANK YOU  
THANK YOU  
THANK YOU



The Valentine donations were  
overwhelming.

We raised \$450.00 for the  
Music Fund.

What a great help!

Let's see if we can raise that  
much for the Easter Bible  
Basket children's Bibles.





The Shamrocks are  
coming!

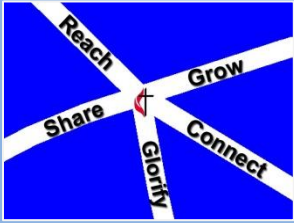


On March 4th and 11th we will be raising funds to buy children's Bibles for the Easter Bible Buckets we are putting together for the Lighthouse Mission.

The Bibles will be personalized with:

Dear Child of God,  
Happy Easter!  
United Methodist Church  
of Lake Ronkonkoma

Baskets/Buckets will be available  
March 4th and 11th  
for you to fill. The list of suggestions is  
on the Easter Bible Flyer.



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## Youth Group Activities for March

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scout Sunday @ 10am service (wear scout uniform or 5Cs shirt)
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Meeting 6:00-7:30pm (Baker Hall)

*Watch for upcoming Flower Sale information!!*

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**Charlie Bornschein recently acquired something fun for warmer weather!**

## Personal Testimony

The Stewardship committee is seeking individuals who wish to offer their personal testimony during a service in the fall of this year. Each year individuals are offered the opportunity to give their personal testimony and speak about how individually they reflect the tenets of our commitment for prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness. If you wish to offer your testimony at one of our Sunday lay presentations, please contact Warren Ferry at 631-875-5204 or Cathy in the Church office at 631-588-5856.

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## Stewardship 2018

Hebrews 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who **earnestly** seek Him.”

Do we believe that GOD exists and do we earnestly seek GOD? The above passage says that we must earnestly seek GOD in order to be able to receive the rewards that GOD promises.

What is the definition of earnest?

1. Serious and sincere in our actions, words, or intentions.
2. In a determined and purposeful way.

So if I want to be successful in Stewardship or any manner of my life, I need to be serious in my actions, words and intentions.

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The UM Men enjoyed their retreat at Quinipet, January 26-28. They will get together on Sunday, March 18 at 7:30 a.m. for a Breakfast Meeting. All men of the church are welcome to attend.





To our Dear Church Family,

Words cannot truly express our love and gratitude for everyone's support through the loss of our Amy. The outpouring of love has been a source of strength to us. The cards, calls and hugs are greatly appreciated. A special "thank you" to all our Church Angels who helped out with Amy's memorial service.

We are so touched and grateful to be a part of such a wonderful Church family,

Bill Wahl, Heather and Dave DeSanto

## 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 631-588-5856 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 | Scarlett Cartier  |
| 13 | Carl Wright       |
| 15 | Shannon Neenan    |
| 16 | Anna Pojero       |
| 22 | Cheryl Pyne       |
| 22 | Jilliane Duong    |
| 22 | James Czerw       |
| 23 | Chris Muscolo     |
| 26 | Ryan Doukas       |
| 26 | Jennifer Campbell |
| 28 | Terry Cornelius   |



# BLUE VALENTINE DINNER



February 14, 2018

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



# Ash Wednesday



February 14, 2018

The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

## Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes  
Soup Kitchen of the  
UMCLR is open  
Tuesdays and  
Thursdays at 5:00 pm  
in Fellowship Hall

## Support Groups:

*Narcotics Anonymous*  
Mondays at 7:00 pm in  
Fellowship Hall

*Alcoholics Anonymous*  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm  
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.



# MARCH

March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Soup Kitchen 5 Girl Scouts 6:30 Alpha 6:30-8:30 Girls Scouts 7 Rabbit Breeders Assoc. 8	<b>2</b> World Day of Prayer Thrift Shop 10-2 Little Angels 6:15 Disciple Bible 7:30 AA 8	<b>3</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Emmaus Team Meeting 8:30-3:00
<b>4</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Bible Sunday Church Council after service Worship Committee after service	<b>5</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7	<b>6</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Board of Trustees 7	<b>7</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Youth Group 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>8</b> Soup Kitchen 5 Alpha 6:30-8:30 Girls Scouts 7	<b>9</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Little Angels 6:15 Disciple Bible 7:30 AA 8	<b>10</b> Thrift Shop 10-2
<b>11</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time begins Special Charge Conference after service	<b>12</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7	<b>13</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30	<b>14</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Youth Group 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>15</b> Soup Kitchen 5 Girl Scouts 6:30 Alpha 6:30-8:30 Girls Scouts 7	<b>16</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Little Angels 6:15 Game Night 7 Disciple Bible 7:30 AA 8	<b>17</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Emmaus Team Meeting 8:30-3:00
<b>18</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent UMM 7:30 AM Scouting & Youth Sunday Bible Baskets Due Soup Sunday Building Usage - Baker Hall 1-4	<b>19</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 UMW 7 Evangelism & Missions 7	<b>20</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30	<b>21</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Youth Group 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>22</b> Soup Kitchen 5 Alpha 6:30-8:30 Girls Scouts 7	<b>23</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Little Angels 6:15 COPE 7 Disciple Bible 7:30 AA 8	<b>24</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Emmaus Team Meeting 8:30-3:00
<b>25</b> Passion/Palm Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday Service at 10:00	<b>26</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7	<b>27</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Stewardship 7:30	<b>28</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Youth Group 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>29</b> Holy Thursday Soup Kitchen 5 Girl Scouts 6:30 Girls Scouts 7 Holy Thursday Service 7:30	<b>30</b> Good Friday Thrift Shop Closed AA 8 Good Friday Service 7:30	<b>31</b> Holy Saturday Thrift Shop Closed

# GOOD NEWS

Church Office	(631) 588-5856	Board of Trustees	Keith Bowes
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Martha's Place Thrift Shop	(631) 981-9749	Memorials	Janet Baumann
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Church Website	umclr.com		Angelique Sinclair
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		Worship	Heather DeSanto
<b>District Superintendent</b>	<b>Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim</b>	Lay Servant Coordinator	Heather DeSanto
		Education	Allyssa Schoenemann
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak</b>	Sunday School Superintendent	Tammy Edwards-Wilson
		Youth Group Leader	Jonathan Ghosio
<b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>		Evangelism & Missions	Debra Schild
Administrative Assistant	Cathy Mitchell	Martha's Place Thrift Shop	Marilee Drisgula
Nursery School Director	Filomena Thomas	Soup Kitchen Representative	Diane Hatton
Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin	Food Pantry Chairperson	Maryann Piga
Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Nurture/Care Ministry	Soon Bowes
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson	UMM Representatives	Keith Bowes
Youth Coordinator	Lisa Eger		Dennis Subbiondo
		UMW Representative	Catherine Carlson
Church Council	Richard Wahl	Church Historian	Walter Schroeder
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