



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

MARCH 2019

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

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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

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Administrative Assistant

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Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist

ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP

**Join us at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday,
March 6 for our Ash Wednesday Service.**

Scouting Sunday

Scouting Sunday is March 10, 2019.

**A special recognition of Scouts will be
held at the 10:00 a.m. service.**

**Scouts – please wear your uniform/vest to
this special 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.

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.



***Information about Prayer Walking
from the Upper Room Living Prayer Center***

Prayer walking is simply walking through your neighborhood or community and praying for what you see: homes, residents, businesses, and so on. It can be done in pairs or individually, praying while walking each day. This could be an individual practice, a family could do this while out for an evening stroll, or with a friend in the neighborhood. For those with limited mobility, these same prayers can be offered while sitting at your window or with prayerful imagination. Let's look at how one might pray while walking:

Generally,

- Invite God's presence into your neighborhood.
- Ask for forgiveness and reconciliation where crime or violence has occurred.
- Ask God to cultivate more peace and love in the neighborhood.
- Ask God to give persons in the community the courage to live out their faith, as salt and light in the area.

For Residences,

- Ask God to bless all those who live here with harmony and unity.
- Pray for protection – physically, emotionally, and spiritually – especially of the children.
- Pray for the salvation of every person in every home.
- Ask God to help them find communities of faith.

For Non-Residences,

- Pray that Christians working there may let their light shine.
- Pray for compassionate and just practices in all work places.
- Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual health of all who work there.

This is just a sample of suggested ways to pray. There may be specific needs in your neighborhood. As you pray, ask God to show you other needs in your community.

Lections

March 3
Transfiguration Sunday

Exod. 3:19-35
Ps. 99 (UMH 819)
2 Cor. 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

March 10
First Sunday in Lent
Scouting Sunday

Deut. 26:1-11
Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16
(UMH 810)
Rom. 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 17
Second Sunday in Lent

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18
Ps. 27 (UMH 758)
Phil. 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

March 24
Third Sunday in Lent

Isa. 55:1-9
Ps. 63:1-8 (UMH 788)
1 Cor. 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 31
Fourth Sunday
in Lent
UMCOR Sunday

Josh. 5:9-12
Ps. 32 (UMH 766)
2 Cor. 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



April 12	Game Night <i>(please note date change!)</i>	7:00 PM
April 14	Palm Sunday Service	10:00 AM
April 18	Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 PM
April 19	Good Friday Service	7:30 PM
April 21	Easter Day Sunrise Service at Lake Ronkonkoma Park Easter Sunday Services at Church	6:30 AM 9:15 AM & 11:00 AM
April 26-28	UMW Retreat at Quinipet	
May 17	Game Night	7:00 PM
May 19	Baptism Sunday	10:00 AM
June 9	Nettie Baker Day, Recognition Sunday	10:00 AM
June 16	Choir Sunday	10:00 AM
June 21	Game Night	7:00 AM

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

Winter is almost over, but we still have many winter items on sale for the next month. We start unboxing spring and summer clothing in March, for the upcoming seasons.



Right now we have St. Patrick's items on display to keep up with all the other stores.

We often receive nice compliments from our shoppers and feel very blessed that they are happy with the lovely donations you give to your Church thrift shop. Many thanks for your continuous help.



Of course we do sell other items besides clothing, such as shoes, jewelry, curtains, drapes, household items, art work, purses, vases, plant pots, baskets, and etc.

We are still looking for one or two helpers.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

Soup Sunday III
February 24, 2019

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



The UM Men enjoyed their retreat at Quinipet on the weekend of January 25-27.



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.

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	Jilliane Duong
22	James Czerw
23	Chris Muscolo
26	Ryan Doukas
26	Jennifer Campbell
28	Terry Cornelius



All adults are welcome to join us for Game Night on Friday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite game or play one brought by others.

Enjoy a night out filled with fun and fellowship!



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Greetings from your Board of Trustees!

As a group, we have been busy in January / February 2019.

Completed projects include re-lighting the Sanctuary, Chapel and Parish Hall. This completes the project begun last year when Baker Hall, Hertlin Hall, Fellowship Hall, the Library, and the Offices were all converted to LED lighting. This upgrade should save the church at least one third on our lighting bills.

Fellowship Hall has been painted by our friends at A.A. free of charge for which we are very grateful.

Security Cameras will be installed in strategic areas around our main complex by Securetel, our alarm company. The new security system shall be paid for by donations already received.

The Trustees, in conjunction with the Craft Club and other users, have cleaned out the Library, making the room more inviting, and increasing the space for seating.

Other Trustee initiatives in 2019 are:

- Steeple repair and painting
- Solar Power Proposals for your Church complex
- UMCLR emergency preparedness
- New Church sign
- Parking Lot repair
- Suggestions to update or replace the flooring in the Library

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please let us know. Our email address is: trustees@umclr.com, or leave a note in our office mail box.

In God's Service,
Your Board of Trustees



To All Church Ladies,

Welcome to the month of March! The beginning of Spring! Yeah!!



As I look out my windows I see the first signs of the Spring season upon us. There are cardinals, robin red breasts, and blue jays flying from tree top to tree top. I see more squirrels coming out of their hiding places and the beautiful sun gracing us with more daylight. The soil of our earth is warming up and soon we will see the crocuses making their way into our view. Spring is also the time of rebirth as life makes its cyclical changes. Every year, we, ourselves, make these changes, as human growth progresses like the evolutionary movement of the galaxy. So, let's greet the Spring with warm smiles, friendship and gratitude to God for the life that has been given to us all.

On February 3, we had a Super Bowl fundraiser bake sale in Hertlin Hall. Very successful! We made \$330. Thank you to all who baked and bought the goodies. The Malala Fund will be grateful to us.

For our March 11, 2019 meeting, we will be hopefully showing a movie.

Also, if you are planning to go on the retreat in April, please see Sue Sprague to reserve and give your deposit ASAP. All are welcome! No meeting in April.

For our May 13, 2019 meeting, we will be having a Spring Ladies High Tea with a hat contest. This will be fun!



Yours in Christ,
Ilona Torraca
UMW President

SAVE THE DATE!!

L.I. East District of the UMC presents:

PRAISE-FEST 2019

Saturday, April 13, 2 pm

Bayport United
Methodist Church
482 Middle Road
Bayport, NY 11705

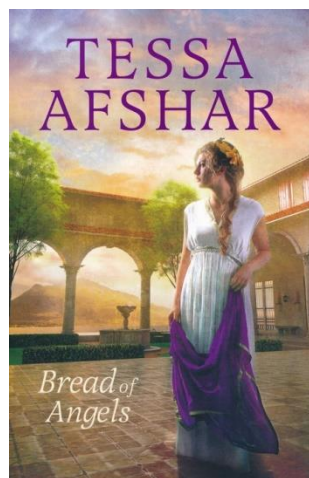
Refreshments
will be served!

Praise Bands
Dance Groups
Choirs
Soloists

Contact Rev. Hal Low to reserve a spot in this
spirited event: revhallow@gmail.com



***Performers will include groups from churches in
Stony Brook, Wading River, Ronkonkoma, Hampton
Bays, Plainview, and a district choir.***



Join us for a "Bread of Angels"
book discussion group on
April 15th at 7 pm.

"Bread of Angels" by Tessa Afshar

Purple. The foundation of an influential trade in a Roman world dominated by men. One woman rises up to take the reins of success in an incredible journey of courage, grit, and friendship. And along the way, she changes the world.

But before she was Lydia, the seller of purple, she was simply a merchant's daughter who loved three things: her father, her ancestral home, and making dye. Then unbearable betrayal robs her of nearly everything.

With only her father's secret formulas left, Lydia flees to Philippi and struggles to establish her business on her own. Determination and serendipitous acquaintances—along with her father's precious dye—help her become one of the city's preeminent merchants. But fear lingers in every shadow, until Lydia meets the apostle Paul and hears his message of hope, becoming his first European convert.

Still, Lydia can't outrun her secrets forever, and when past and present collide, she must either stand firm and trust in her fledgling faith or succumb to the fear that has ruled her life.



2019 Stewardship

Everyone by now should have received their individual / family record of giving from the finance committee that shows how much was given to the church throughout the year. This table shows the range of giving to the church from the congregation through the envelope system. If at all possible, please consider increasing your level of giving. This chart is comprised of envelope donations received through November. The finance committee budget for 2019 shows a significant shortfall so needless to say we need to encourage each other to step up our giving to meet the challenge. If you have any questions or would like information about the budget please contact members from the finance committee or call 631-588-5856 and pose your question.

Yearly Giving Range	Weekly Giving Range	Donors
\$100 or less	\$2	37
\$100 to \$250	\$2 to \$5	20
\$250 to \$500	\$5 to \$10	16
\$500 to \$750	\$10 to \$14	12
\$750 to \$1,000	\$14 to \$19	9
\$1,000 to \$2,000	\$19 to \$38	15
\$2,000 to \$3,000	\$38 to \$58	13
\$3,000 to \$4,000	\$58 to \$77	3
\$4,000 to \$5,000	\$77 to \$96	2
\$5,000 to \$6,000	\$96 to \$115	3
\$6,000 to \$7,000	\$115 to \$135	2
\$7,000 to \$8,000	\$135 to \$154	1
\$8,000 to \$9,000	\$154 to \$173	1
\$9,000 to \$10,000	\$173 to \$192	0
> \$10,000	>\$200	1

Ongoing Mission:

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

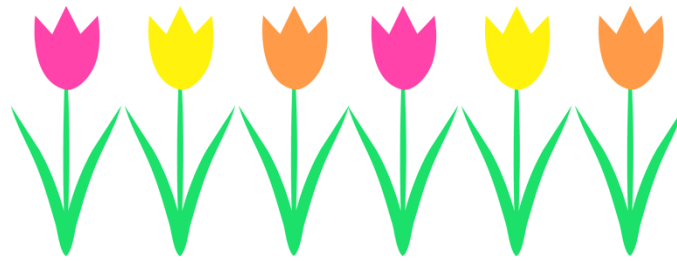
Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
 Mondays at 7:00 pm in
 Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Tuesdays at 6:30pm
 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 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 AA 8	2 Emmaus Team 9-3 Thrift Shop 10 – 2
3 Transfiguration Sunday Education Committee after service	4 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7	5 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Trustees 7	6 Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30	7 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 6 Disciple Bible Study 7:30 Rabbit Assoc. 8	8 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 AA 8	9 Thrift Shop 10 – 2
10 1 st Sunday in Lent Scouting Sunday Daylight Saving Time begins	11 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7 UMW 7	12 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Church Council 7:30	13 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 UMYF 6:30 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	14 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Disciple Bible Study 7:30	15 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Game Night 7 AA 8	16 Thrift Shop 10 – 2
17 2 nd Sunday in Lent	18 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7	19 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 SPPRC 7:30	20 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	21 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 6 Disciple Bible Study 7:30	22 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 AA 8	23 Thrift Shop 10 – 2
24 3 rd Sunday in Lent	25 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7 Nursery School Committee 7:30	26 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Nomination Com. 2:30 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30	27 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 UMYF 6:30 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	28 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Disciple Bible Study 7:30	29 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 COPE 7 AA 8	30 Thrift Shop 10 – 2
31 4 th Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday						

GOOD NEWS

Church Office	(631) 588-5856	Board of Trustees	Beth Ann Graf
Church FAX	(631) 588-0753	Endowment	Walter Schroeder
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Martha's Place Thrift Shop	(631) 981-9749	Finance	Janet Baumann
Parsonage	(631) 585-4968	Financial Secretaries	Rich Tom
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Church Website	umclr.com		Bernice Waleski
Resident Bishop	Rev. Thomas Bickerton	Stewardship	Warren Ferry
District Superintendent	Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim	Worship	Heather DeSanto
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak	Lay Servant Coordinator	Heather DeSanto
CHURCH STAFF:		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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