



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

**MARCH 2020**

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

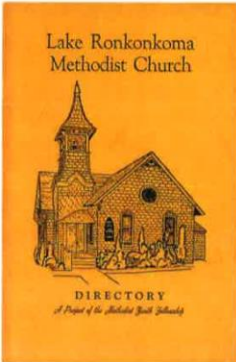
Filomena Thomas,  
Nursery School Director

Cathy Mitchell,  
Administrative Assistant


Dr. Rex Enderlin,  
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,  
Youth Choir Director &  
Organist


**History Comes Alive  
At The  
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma**




Lake Ronkonkoma  
Methodist Church  
**DIRECTORY**  
*A Part of the Methodist South Yearbook*



**The printing block (above right) was used to produce  
the 1950 Church Directory**





**The copper plate (left) was used in printing  
the famous post card (right) of our  
“Little Brown Church”  
in the 1930’s**

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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.

*Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner*

*Saturday  
March 14, 2020  
5:00 PM*


*6 Or Under Free  
7-10 \$15.00  
11-64 \$18.00  
65 & Over \$15.00*

*Tickets Available Or Call (631) 588-5856*

*The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*



*Don't forget to return your Easter Flower Order by April 5!*



**Easter Flower Order**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

Offering Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Plants \_\_\_\_\_ at \$12.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Flower Fund ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: United Methodist Church. (On memo line, put Flower Fund.) Place in offering plate or send to the church office by the deadline of April 5, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Heather DeSanto at 631-764-1416.



## Lections

March 1  
First Sunday in Lent

Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Ps 32 (UMH 766)  
Rom 5:12-19  
Matt 4:1-11

March 8  
Second Sunday in Lent

Gen 12:1-4a  
Ps 121 (UMH 844)  
Rom 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17 or  
Matt 17:1-9

March 15  
Third Sunday in Lent

Exod 17:1-7  
Ps 95 (UMH 814)  
Rom 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

March 22  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
UMCOR Sunday

1 Sam 16:1-13  
PS 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  
Eph 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

March 29  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezek 37:1-14  
Ps 130 (UMH 848)  
Rom 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45



**The Chancel Choir welcomed back former choir director Ted Turner and his wife Cheryl, Sunday, February 16, 2020.**



## Baptism Sunday

February 23, 2020



*Dylan Charles Luce*



*The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*

## 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 hardly came this year but the only complaint we might have is that we still have an over-stock of winter jackets, coats and scarves which we have on half price earlier than usual this year. Come on in and check them out!!!



St. Patrick's day is coming soon and we have some clothing and other items in celebration for the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks for the generous donations of used clothing and many other items that you give willingly to your shop. We are truly blessed with all our faithful volunteers and our faithful customers.

In GOD'S service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers.



*A new lavatory has been installed in Parish Hall!*



## MARCH 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.

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



All adults are welcome to join us for  
Game Night on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite game or play one brought by others.

*Enjoy a night out filled with fun and fellowship!*



*A warm welcome to  
our new custodian,  
Phil Armstrong!*





Greetings from your Board of Trustees!

As most of you know, the Town of Brookhaven has exercised their right of Eminent Domain to take approximately 506 square feet of church property bordering on Hawkins Avenue and Smith Street. Brookhaven intends to construct a right-hand turn lane on the land they are taking from us. The Trustees understood from the beginning that there is little we could do to fight this proposed project. We have, however, made it perfectly clear to the Town of Brookhaven that we are extremely concerned with the safety and protection of all who call the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma home, and we will continue to do so.

On a brighter note, the Trustees would like to thank the Nursery School for funding and replacing the lavatory on the main floor of the Parish Hall.

The outdoor parking lot lighting will be replaced by PSEG at no charge to the Church. The lights on Hawkins & Smith will be replaced by 150-watt warm white lamps. The rear parking lot will be lit by a 250-watt cool white lamp.

2020 Proposed Projects:

New Sign for church

Re-evaluating all maintenance contracts

Corned Beef & Cabbage Fund Raiser in March 14,2020 **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

Spring Fair & Flower Show May 9, 2020

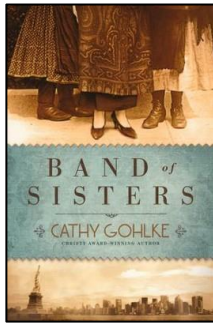
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us in person, or email us at [trustees@umclr.com](mailto:trustees@umclr.com).

In God's service,

Walter Schroeder – Keith Bowes

&

Your Board of Trustees



Join us for our next book discussion on  
Monday, March 23  
at 7:00 PM.

We will be reading  
“Band of Sisters” by Cathy Gohlke.

*“Maureen O’Reilly and her younger sister flee Ireland in hope of claiming the life promised to their father over twenty years before. After surviving the rigors of Ellis Island, Maureen learns that their benefactor, Colonel Wakefield, has died. His family, refusing to own his Civil War debt, casts her out. Alone, impoverished, and in danger of deportation, Maureen connives to obtain employment in a prominent department store. But she soon discovers that the elegant facade hides a secret that threatens every vulnerable woman in the city.”*

*“Despite her family’s disapproval, Olivia Wakefield determines to honor her father’s debt but can’t find Maureen. Unexpected help comes from a local businessman, whom Olivia begins to see as more than an ally, even as she fears the secrets he’s hiding. As women begin disappearing from the store, Olivia rallies influential ladies in her circle to help Maureen take a stand against injustice and fight for the lives of their growing band of sisters. But can either woman open her heart to divine leading or the love it might bring?”*

Ash Wednesday  
February 26, 2020

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



# UMW NEWS



We would like to deeply extend our appreciation for everyone in the congregation who made our bake sale a success! The goodies were delicious and we were almost sold out. We made \$335.50, which is a great addition to our account. So, thanks everyone for baking and buying.

We are also in need of new leadership. Leslie and I will be stepping down in May, so we need someone (any lady in the church) to step up and be the next leader. Easy responsibilities. If you are interested, please contact me at 631-471-0634.

### Upcoming Meetings:

March 9 – program led by one of our Cenacle sisters

April 24-26 – UMW Retreat, no meeting this month

May 11 – Ladies' Friendship Tea & Dessert

Yours In Christ,  
Ilona Torraca  
UMW President



Scouts were recognized  
on Scouting Sunday,  
February 9, 2020.



*La Grova*  
*Ristorante*  
*Fellowship Dinner*  
*Wednesday April 1, 2020*  
*5:00 - 8:00 P.M.*  
*Sponsored by The U.M.C.L.R. Trustees Fund*  
*Meet & Greet Your Church Family*  
*For A Delicious Italian Meal*  
*10% of your check will be donated to*  
*The U.M.C.L.R. Trustees Fund*  
*2799 Middle Country Road, Lake Grove*



**Please mark your calendars!**  
**Join us for an evening of**  
**fellowship and delicious food!!**

Thank you to Henry Finnegan for filling in as organist while Heather enjoyed a wonderful family vacation in February!



## History Quiz

“Miracles Happen Every Day”

The following Quiz was distributed to Church Members  
In the late 1950's

### HOW WELL CAN YOU DO?

#### QUESTIONS

- \_\_\_\_\_ President when our Sunday School started?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Methodist itinerant preacher visited Caleb Newton's home?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School presented Christmas Pageant on church lawn?  
Lakeville?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent of Sunday School in 1880?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation to Sunday School picnics?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Hall built?
- \_\_\_\_\_ First parsonage purchased for \$1,100?
- \_\_\_\_\_ First Methodist Class organized here in presidency of?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pews in the Chapel purchased?
- \_\_\_\_\_ First church built on corner?

#### ANSWERS

- A Hay wagon
- B Benjamin Franklin Hallock
- C 1886 (Blewitt House)
- D George Washington
- E Andrew Jackson (1829-1837)
- F One year before British surrender to Washington in 1781
- G 1892
- H Name of our Church just before the Civil War
- I 1853
- J 1907
- K 1957

The answers to these questions and more are available in:  
“Highlights of our Heritage 1796-1996”  
By Robert C. Van Horn

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1-E, 2-F, 3-K, 4-H, 5-B, 6-A, 7-I, 8-C, 9-D, 10-G, 11-I



Hold the date! We will be hosting a  
Blood Drive on Sunday, May 31  
from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Thank  
you*

Kathy Smith would like to thank all who have said prayers, sent cards and given their best wishes to Bruce.



THOMAS J. BICKERTON  
RESIDENT BISHOP

## THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### NEW YORK EPISCOPAL AREA

20 Soundview Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10606

ROBERT M. WALKER  
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

PAMELA BOWE-TABBS  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

January 31, 2020

Dear Pastor and Church Leaders,

I was so pleased to recently see that you were able to meet your connectional responsibility by paying 100% of your Conference Apportionments. Congratulations!

I want you to know that your faithful support to the connection of the church has not gone unnoticed. I know that these are challenging days for all of our churches as we attempt to make ends meet, engage in meaningful ministries, and do all we can to fulfill the call of Christ to go and make disciples throughout the world. To do that requires deep commitment, good planning, and sacrificial giving.

Throughout my life in The United Methodist Church, I have celebrated the reality that when we are faithful in our apportionment giving, the church has the ability to extend our witness through global mission, engage in strategic advocacy for justice, and provide meaningful opportunities to grow and equip excellence in our clergy and lay leaders. Your apportionment dollars, combined with the faithful contributions from your sister churches, enables The United Methodist Church to be a presence for peace, healing, recovery, and evangelism on four continents. We are indeed stronger together than we are apart.

I just wanted you to know how very much I appreciate what you have done. Please know as well that I will keep you in my prayers as you continue your faithful witness throughout this year in the name of Christ our Lord.

The Journey Continues...

Peace & Joy,

TELEPHONE: (914) 615-2221 FAX: (914) 401-0830

E-MAIL: [bishop@nyac.com](mailto:bishop@nyac.com) WEBSITE: [www.nyac.com](http://www.nyac.com)



# VENDORS WANTED

## SPRING FESTIVAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE RONKONKOMA  
"5 CORNERS"  
792 HAWKINS AVENUE, LAKE GROVE, NY

**May 9, 2020**

10 AM – 4 PM

*(Rain date is May 16th)*

Please Call 631-588-5856 OR Email [Festival@UMCLR.com](mailto:Festival@UMCLR.com)  
VISIT [WWW.UMCLR.COM](http://WWW.UMCLR.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.  
DONATIONS ARE WELCOME. INDIVIDUAL SELLERS ALSO WELCOME.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

An outside 10x10 foot space is \$40.00; Inside space (*Now even bigger & better!*) is \$50.00.

Please make checks payable to UMCLR and send along with this form to

Lake Ronkonkoma UMC Attn: Marilee  
792 Hawkins Avenue Lake Grove, NY 11755

We look forward to seeing vendors and shoppers alike!

## Ongoing Missions:

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

The Food Pantry  
is open on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
of the month  
(*except holidays*)  
from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

## Support Groups:

*Narcotics Anonymous*  
Mondays at 7:00 pm  
and Thursdays at 7:30  
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.



March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	<b>2</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 Stewardship 7	<b>3</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Food Pantry 3-5 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Trustees 7	<b>4</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>5</b> Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30 Disc. Bible 7:30 Rabbit Assoc. 8 NA 7:30	<b>6</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 AA 8	<b>7</b> Thrift Shop 10-2
<b>8</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins  Building Usage - Sanctuary 2:00	<b>9</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 UMW 7	<b>10</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Church Council 7:30	<b>11</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Loaves & Fishes Committee 10 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 UMYF 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>12</b> Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30 Disc. Bible 7:30 NA 7:30	<b>13</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 AA 8	<b>14</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 5
<b>15</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Baptism Sunday	<b>16</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 Stewardship Committee 7	<b>17</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Finance 7:30	<b>18</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>19</b> Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30 Disc. Bible 7:30 NA 7:30	<b>20</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Game Night 7 AA 8	<b>21</b> Thrift Shop 10-2
<b>22</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent UMCOR Sunday Stewardship Sunday	<b>23</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7 Book Group 7 Nursery School Committee 7:30	<b>24</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30	<b>25</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 UMFY 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>26</b> Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 5:30 Disc. Bible 7:30 NA 7:30	<b>27</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 COPE 7 AA 8	<b>28</b> Thrift Shop 10-2
<b>29</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent UMM Breakfast Meeting 7:30 AM	<b>30</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 NA 7	<b>31</b> Thrift Shop 10-2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Trustees 7 SPPRC 7:30				

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Parsonage	(631) 585-4968
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<b>Resident Bishop</b>	<b>Rev. Thomas Bickerton</b>
<b>District Superintendent</b>	<b>Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak</b>
<b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>	
Administrative Assistant	Cathy Mitchell
Nursery School Director	Filomena Thomas
Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin
Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson
Church Council	Debra Schild
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Lay Leader	Marilyn Becht
	Angelique Sinclair
Lay Members to Conference	Diane Hatton
	Bill Wahl

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Soup Kitchen Representative	Diane Hatton
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UMW Representatives	Ilona Torraca Leslie Ann Alessi
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