



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

## March 2022

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  
Tuesday - Friday  
9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Nursery School  
631-467-9601

Thrift Shop  
631-981-9749

### Staff

Rev. Dr. Constance Pak,  
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,  
Nursery School Director

Abby Preziosi,  
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,  
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,  
Youth Choir Director &  
Organist

*Ash Wednesday  
Service*

*March 2, 2022*

*7:30 PM*



## Lenten Study

Thursday Evenings  
March 3rd - April 7th

6:30 PM

Hertlin Hall

Register by February 18th

at: [abby@umclr.com](mailto:abby@umclr.com)

or call

(631) 588-5856



Based on the Book  
"Never Alone"  
By Max Lucado  
\$15.00

*Dismiss loneliness from your life! Best-selling author Max Lucado helps you realize Jesus walks beside you. Believe the Lord is an ever-present source of help; and dwell in the grace of the cross, the miracle of the empty tomb, and the assurance of restoration power.*

## 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.



The UMM had a very relaxing weekend at Quinipet with an inspirational program on Saturday and service on Sunday. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2022 with the start of our breakfasts in March. We will also be offering a \$400 stipend to any youth between the ages of 7-17 who would like to go to camp for a week at Quinipet in the summer of 2022; announcement will be made at church.

All men in the church are encouraged and invited to join our group for a Christ centered fellowship.



*The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*

Thank you,  
Dennis Subbiondo  
President, UMM

## Lections

MARCH 6

First Sunday in Lent

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

MARCH 13

Second Sunday in Lent

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

MARCH 20

Third Sunday in Lent

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

MARCH 27

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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



UNITED  
METHODIST  
WOMEN  
Faith • Hope • Love in Action

All women of the church are invited!

Please join us on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting, devotions by Miriam, game night, fun and fellowship.

## Prayer Group on Zoom led by Rev. Pak

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as we discuss the Upper Room publication reading for that date, and continue our prayers for those who are in need. This is a wonderful way to focus on your communication with God and become closer to members of your church family as they share their thoughts, praises, petitions, prayers and faith.

**New Link!**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85886020997?pwd=ajZCdVdRVndEa3BERV FVRE9PZEVmUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 8602 0997

Passcode: 011880

If you have any concerns or prayer requests, do not hesitate to contact the church office and the pastor at any time



Dear Church Family,

As you know, Carl and I had a rough start to 2022. We are so grateful for our church family. All of your prayers, phone calls, cards, texts and visits have overwhelmed us with your love and compassion. We want to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,  
Carl and Liza



# E D U C A T I O N



Greetings from the Education work area. We are looking forward to planning more in person activities this spring; we are hoping that all can feel safe and be healthy as spring approaches.

The winter has once again proven to be challenging as we emerge into a new normal. The most affected were our secondary students who need to be present as much as possible to integrate into church life in worship and service. They have been invited to help this month with the Corned Beef dinner sponsored by the UMM.

The Secondary Sunday school is designed to have the students attend church the first Sunday of the month. Confirmation students are required to take notes on the sermon. They will use them for discussion the following week in their class. Confirmands all attended a Covenant service this past fall where they promised to uphold all confirmation requirements. So far many have been missing from their youth group and Sunday school classes. It is our hope that we will begin to see them fulfill their commitments now that the Covid counts are down. The Confirmation program is designed to make active church members of our young people. The experiences in their covenant commitment are a very important part of their program.

Again, a big thank you to all of the teachers, leaders, and parents who encourage and support them. Hoping to see you all more often on Sunday. Spring is coming and hope and renewal are in the air!

Sue Preddice  
Education Committee Chair

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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.

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



*Food Pantry  
Open  
Tuesday  
March 1 & 15, 2022  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM*



Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes  
Soup Kitchen of the  
UMCLR opens every  
Tuesday at  
5:00 p.m. for a pre-  
packaged take out  
meal.

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

Support Groups:

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

Please call our  
church office at  
631-588-5856 for  
further information.

# Spring Festival & Flower Sale

*United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*

*"5 Corners"*

*792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY*

**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

*(Rain Date May 14, 2022)*

**Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun**

*For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit*

**WWW.UMCLR.COM**

# Grand Fall Auction

## September 10, 2022

**12 Noon**

**Viewing At 11:00 AM**

**Make An Offer At 10:30 AM**

**Hundreds of interesting items!**

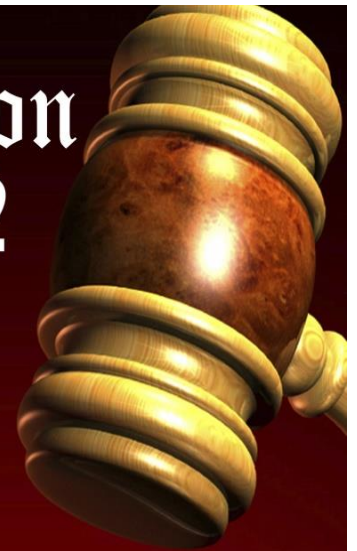
**Rain or Shine!**

**Bring a chair & a sense of adventure**

**Food & Beverages Available**

**United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma**

**792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove (At 5 Corners)**



## Martha's Place Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

### Hours:

Mondays  
10 am - 2 pm

Tuesdays  
10 am - 2 pm

Fridays  
10 am - 2 pm

Saturdays  
10 am - 2 pm

## Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Valentines Day is over and now we are ready for St. Patrick's Day!!

We have green pottery and other items to choose from. Also, men's St. Patrick's medium, large, and extra large tee shirts; no tee shirts for women or children.

Please remember we are open four days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your donations! Please come on in to check on Your Thrift Shop!!

Whoops, I forgot to mention we have a barnyard full of ceramic chickens, roosters, pigs, etc.

Spring is around the corner, can't wait!

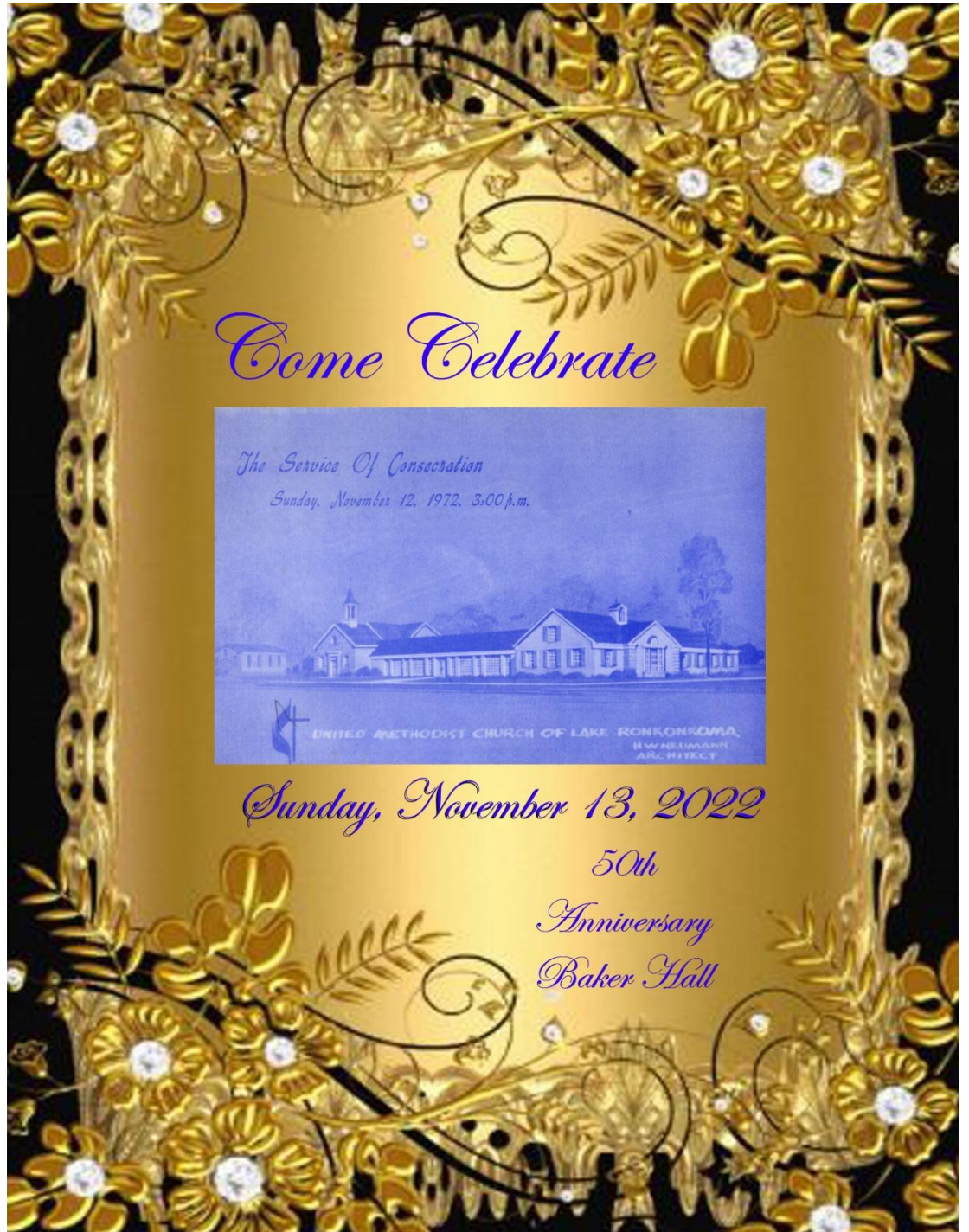
In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



**Martha's Place**  
**Winter Clothing**  
**Housewares**  
**Jewelery - Keepsakes**  
**&**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Merchandise**  
**Open**  
**Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**



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

**Reverend Nicholas G. Mas  
52nd Pastor of the Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma**



THE REV. MR. NICHOLAS G. MAS, Minister  
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**THE SECRET**

I met God in the morning  
When my day was at its best,  
And His presence came like sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long His presence lingered.  
All day long He stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,  
Other ships were sore distressed;  
But the winds that seemed to drive  
them  
Brought to us a peace and rest.

So I think I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled  
way;  
You must seek Him in the morning  
If you want Him through the day.  
—Bishop Ralph S. Cushman

Our Minister and our Church seek  
to meet YOUR spiritual needs.  
We welcome you to Church School  
and Church each Sunday.

**Nicholas G. Mas used the card pictured above while  
he was pastor of this church from 1951-1952**

**WKS**

*Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner*

*Saturday  
March 12, 2022  
5:00 PM*

*Adults & Youth \$20.00  
Children under 12 \$17.00  
Children under 5 Free*

*(Eat in or Take out)*

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

*The United Methodist Church  
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792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove*



| ◀ February  |                               | March 2022   |   |  |  |   | April ▶ |
|---|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|---------|
| Sun   | Mon                           | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |         |
|   |                               | <b>1</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Food Pantry 3-5<br>Trustees 7:00 | <b>2</b><br>A.M. Prayer Group 8-9<br>Ash Wednesday<br>7:30 Service<br> | <b>3</b><br>Lenten Study 6:30  | <b>4</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>7:15 Cheer Ceremony                                    | <b>5</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2  |         |
| <b>6</b><br>UMM Breakfast<br>7:30 a.m. Hertlin Hall | <b>7</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2  | <b>8</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Finance 7:30                     | <b>9</b><br>A.M. Prayer Group 8-9   | <b>10</b><br>Lenten Study 6:30   | <b>11</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2  | <b>12</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Corned Beef & Cabbage<br>Dinner 5:00 |         |
| <b>13</b><br>Daylight Savings Time<br><br>Baptism   | <b>14</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2 | <b>15</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2<br>Food Pantry 3-5<br>Council 7:30 | <b>16</b><br>A.M. Prayer Group 8-9  | <b>17</b><br> | <b>18</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2  | <b>19</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2   |         |
| <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2 | <b>22</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2                                    | <b>23</b><br>A.M. Prayer Group 8-9  | <b>24</b><br>Lenten Study 6:30   | <b>25</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2  | <b>26</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2   |         |
| <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2 | <b>29</b><br>Thrift Shop 10-2                                    | <b>30</b><br>A.M. Prayer Group 8-9  | <b>31</b><br>Lenten Study 6:30   | <b>OFFICE HOURS<br/>           TUESDAY-FRIDAY<br/>           9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.</b> |   |         |



# THE DEATH OF JOHN WESLEY

MARCH 2, 1791



## Elizabeth “Betsy” Ritchie’s account of John Wesley’s final hours

“...some of those who were most used to hear our dear Father’s dying voice would be able to interpret his meaning; but though he strove to speak we were still unsuccessful: finding we could not understand what he said, he paused a little, and then with all the remaining strength he had, cried out, ‘The best of all is, God is with us;’ and then, as if to assert the faithfulness of our promise-keeping Jehovah and comfort the hearts of his weeping friends, lifting up his dying arm in token of victory and raising his feeble voice with a holy triumph not to be expressed, again repeated the heart-reviving words, ‘The best of all is, God is with us!’”



Elizabeth was born on February 2, 1754, and was the daughter of naval surgeon John Richie. As a girl she came under the influence of John Wesley who often stayed at her family’s home. In the 1780’s she accompanied Wesley on some of his journeys and they corresponded on a regular basis. She was living in Wesley’s house during his last days and was present when he died and wrote the account above.

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|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Church Office                 | (631) 588-5856                                   | Board of Trustees              | Keith Bowes                           |
| Church FAX                    | (631) 588-0753                                   | Endowment                      | Sharon Millard                        |
| Nursery School                | (631) 467-9601                                   | Memorials                      | Janet Baumann                         |
| Martha's Place Thrift Shop    | (631) 981-9749                                   | Finance                        | William Otto                          |
| Parsonage                     | (631) 585-4968                                   | Financial Secretaries          | Angelique Sinclair<br>Bernice Waleski |
| Church Email                  | <a href="mailto:abby@umcr.com">abby@umcr.com</a> | Stewardship                    | Warren Ferry                          |
| Church Website                | umcr.com   | Worship                        | (Needed)                              |
| Resident Bishop               | Rev. Thomas Bickerton                            | Lay Servant Coordinator        | (Needed)                              |
| District Superintendent       | Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim                          | Education                      | Sue Preddice                          |
| Pastor                        | Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak                        | Sunday School Superintendent   | Sharon Corvaia                        |
| <b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>          |  | Youth Coordinator              | Wendy Duffy                           |
| Administrative Assistant      | Abby Preziosi                                    | Missions, Evangelism & Nurture | Soon Bowes                            |
| Nursery School Director       | Filomena Thomas                                  | Martha's Place Thrift Shop     | Marilee Drisgula                      |
| Chancel Choir Director        | Rex Enderlin                                     | Soup Kitchen Representative    | Linda Lee                             |
| Organist                      | Heather Edwards-Wilson                           | UMM Representatives            | Dennis Subbiondo                      |
| Children's Choir Director     | Heather Edwards-Wilson                           | UMW Representatives            | Barbara Colucci                       |
| Church Council                | Sue Campbell                                     | Church Historian               | Walter Schroeder                      |
| Staff Parish Pastor Relations | Liza Wright                                      | Comm. & Tech.                  | Andrew Sinclair                       |
| Lay Leaders                   | Marilee Drisgula<br>Angelique Sinclair           | Disaster Prep. & Response      | Warren Ferry                          |
| Lay Member to Conference      | Michael Zukowski                                 | Good News Editor               | Abby Preziosi                         |
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