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of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

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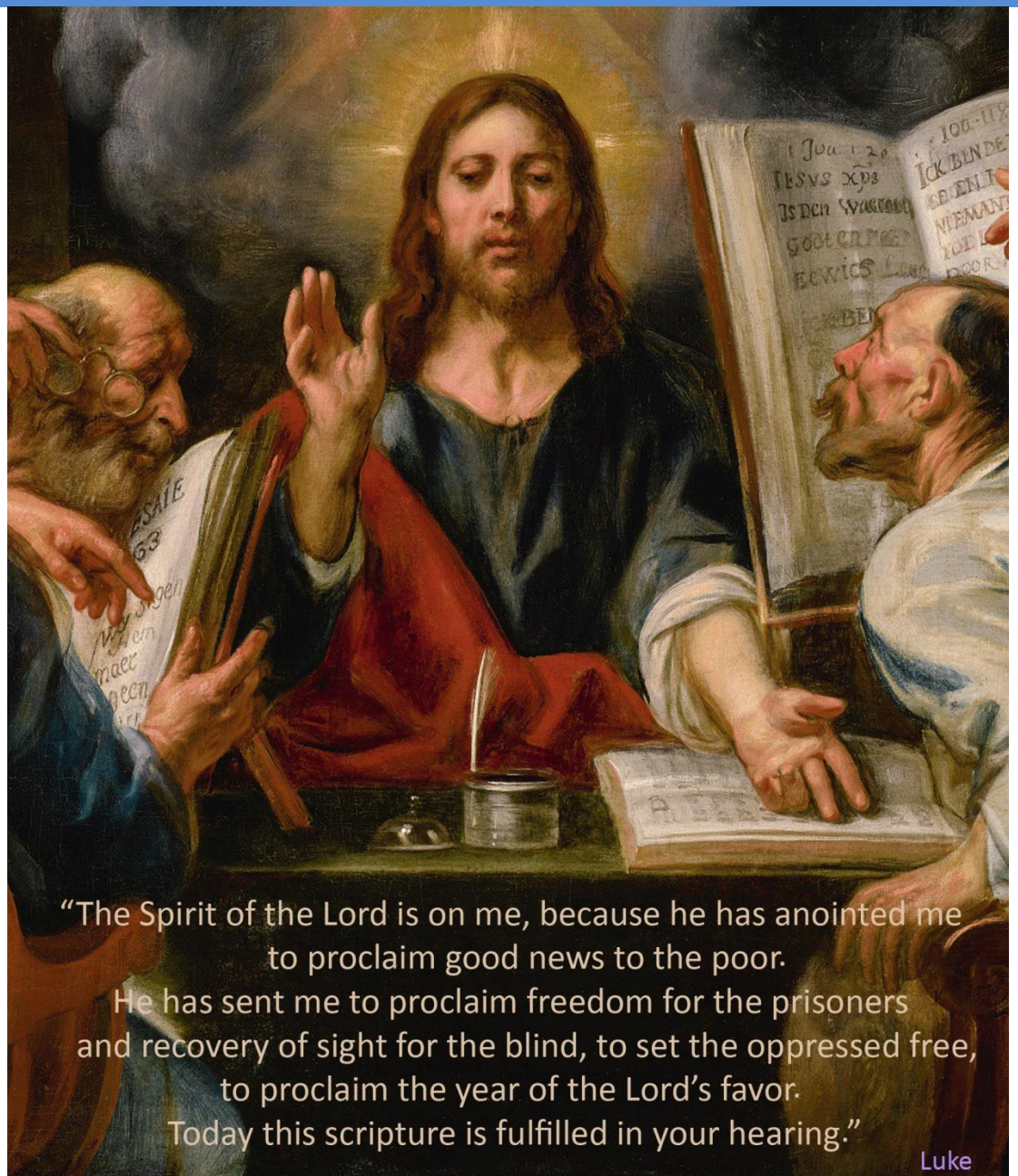
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“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.  
Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke

## 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.



Dear Friends,

There is a saying that March goes "in like a lion and out like a lamb" or vice versa, based on the weather. Here at church, we have both the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5) and Lamb of God (John 1:36) with us all month long, our Lord Jesus! We are now in the Season of Lent, a time to prioritize our spiritual lives with the hope of drawing even closer to God. I want to lift up two ways to do so in addition to attending our Sunday morning services.

The first suggestion is to join us for our Wednesday morning Prayer Zoom at 8 a.m. Even if you can't be there every week, drop in when you can. If you would like the link, simply email me at [revburger51@gmail.com](mailto:revburger51@gmail.com), and I will add you to our elist for the Prayer Zoom links which occasionally changes. This is a small group ministry where 7 or 8 of us gather on zoom to read the Upper Room devotional for the day, talk about it, and then lift up people and places of the world in prayer. You can come to listen or to take part by bringing us your prayer concerns. It is a great way to deepen your relationship with your siblings in Christ at UMCLR and to stay up to date on who needs prayer at a given time. God can use your prayers to bless others! Stay on til 9 or stay for part of the time. You are most welcome to drop in!

The second suggestion is to take part in our Middle Island Cooperative Parish Lenten Soup and Salad and Service evenings. Each Wednesday night in March at 6 p.m. we will gather at a different church to break bread together, then have a service with one of our pastors from another church in our Cooperative preaching. The schedule of locations and preachers is found in this newsletter. Getting to know other United Methodists in our area who share our commitment to making disciples and sharing God's love in the world is a wonderful thing to do. Who knows, you might make a friend for life that has interests in common with you! And the Cooperative Parish we belong to (9 churches) is committed to developing some ministries together for youth and adults so that we can make an impact on our region that is greater than any one church could do alone.

Finally, it goes without saying that attending our church's special events is a way to grow closer to the Body of Christ here. We are fortunate to have so many active members dedicated to creating a warm and caring community that helps counteract the isolating aspects of modern society. So take advantage of the dinners, breakfasts, shows (Godspell!) that we offer. Truly heartwarming!

See you at church, and may your Lenten season be a time of growth in love for God and our neighbors, a time of spiritual fruitfulness leading to a joyous Easter!

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor

## Lections

March 5  
2nd Sunday in Lent

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

March 12  
3rd Sunday in Lent

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

March 19  
4th Sunday in Lent

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

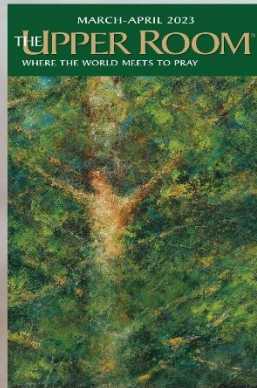
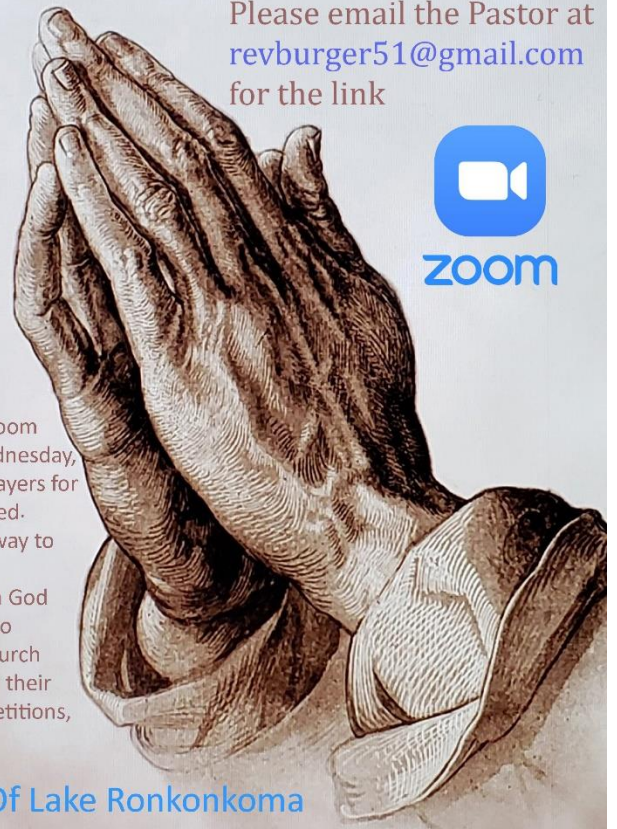
March 26  
5th Sunday in Lent

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

## Virtual Prayer Meeting

# Every Wednesday 8:00 AM

Please email the Pastor at  
[revburger51@gmail.com](mailto:revburger51@gmail.com)  
for the link



Come join us as we discuss the Upper Room reading for that Wednesday, 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.

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



The Middle Island Cooperative  
invite you to free

# Narcan training



Narcan given as a nasal spray can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and **SAVE A LIFE**

## Saturday, March 18th from 2-3pm

Christ Church of Port Jefferson  
545 Old Town Rd. Port Jefferson Station



Training given by Kerri Summers, CRPA, CARC, FCA Sherpa  
Program Director THRIVE Recovery Community and Outreach Center

To attend, please RSVP Pastor Sharon Pizzo at Christ Church  
(631) 473-4734

Ongoing Missions:

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 - 7:00 pm  
Thursdays - 6:00 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall

*Alcoholics Anonymous*  
Tuesdays - 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.  
Fridays - 8:00 p.m.

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



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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 Charlie 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*



What has become a tradition of eating corned beef and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day likely grew out of the fact that those foods were less expensive for immigrants who came to America. They substituted beef for pork and cabbage for potatoes.



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



We have seen little of winter this year but our customers are still purchasing our excellent assortment of winter jackets, coats, gloves, scarves, and footwear. Come in and check them out!!! You will also find an outstanding assortment of spring clothing for the entire family.

We continue to be blessed by our new friends and customers who like to browse in our shop, and they almost always find something that appeals to them.



Saint Patrick's day is coming in a few weeks, and we have a variety of clothing and merchandise to help you celebrate the day.



After Saint Patrick's day we will be offering our amazing collection of Easter Merchandise for sale.

Many thanks for the donations of clothing and other items that you contribute to our shop.

As always, we remain truly thankful for all our faithful volunteers.

In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all our 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



# E D U C A T I O N

Greetings from the Education work area

As you read this, we will be in the season of Lent and preparing for Easter. Our mild winter thus far has been a teaser for spring. We look forward to a time of hope and renewal.

The highlight for our elementary Sunday school the past month was a wonderful Children's sermon about Stone Soup led by Pastor Karen. The children could not wait to fill the pot as they learned a lesson about sharing and working together. The following Sunday we were treated to a performance of a spiritual, complete with drumming by our Chapel choir under the direction of Heather Edwards-Wilson. We are delighted to welcome back Tammy Edwards-Wilson as she takes on the early childhood classroom. The Sunday School will continue to use the lessons from our weekly worship Service for the children's lessons. This will encourage families to speak to their youngsters about what they learned. Before you know it, it will be time for the Sunday School Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday. Please let Sharon Corvaia know if you can help her make this happen. It is always a lot of fun.

The secondary Sunday school program is designed to help our youth become active participants in worship and service areas in the church. The students attend the worship service on the first Sunday of the month and take notes on the service. The following Sunday they discuss the message with Allyssa and Rich in Sunday school class. Pastor has given the students guided questions to help them and invites them to share their reviews with her after this process. The remaining Sundays in the month are dedicated to enriching and expanding our confirmation curriculum. This will help create a cohesive message as we encourage our youth to become active members of our church.

Our Confirmation class will be celebrated on May 21st during our worship service. This will be a special time for our church family. The students are working hard to complete their service requirements and their faith statements. Pastor has provided guidance for the faith statements and has been a presence in class as she gets to know each of them. Our teachers, Rich Tom and Diane Hansen are getting them through the curriculum in their Wednesday evening classes. A special thank you to Diane Hatton who has stepped in when needed.

Our Youth group is a busy bunch. They have taken on a big project and next month on April 30th they will present Godspell. There will be 2 performances and the tickets are already on sale! The ticket charge will help pay for the expenses taken on to present the show. You can see Wendy Duffy in church on Sundays or go to the church website to purchase tickets. Wendy, Jennie and Heather have been holding extra rehearsals with the cast and I for one can't wait to see the show! Hope to see you there.

Sue Preddice  
Education Chair

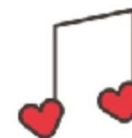
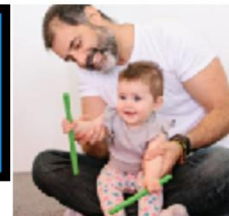
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Sing! Dance!  
Pray! Play!



Little Angels Music  
Fridays 6:15 UMCLR



Want to do something special with your family this Lent?  
Join our Little Angels Class!

This FREE six-week evening class at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma is for families with children age newborn through kindergarten. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and our little angels will enjoy making music and sharing God's message in a laid-back, supportive, loving community. Classes will begin March 3rd and run through April 7th. There is no fee and no commitment. Come once, come every time, or come when you can!

Taught by Heather- certified music teacher, organist at UMCLR and mom of 4.

Text 631-807-3156 for more info.



Stay up to date on happenings by  
visiting our website:

[www.umclr.com](http://www.umclr.com)



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**Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**  
**Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30**

**Meeting dates:**

**2023**

January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Advisors: Wendy Duffy and Jennie Olivotti



*We will be going to BLDs for dinner at 5 PM. If you want to join us, please let Diane June know at 631 585-1481. Come and have a fun evening.*

**G A M E**  
**N I G H T**

**Friday, March 31, 2023**

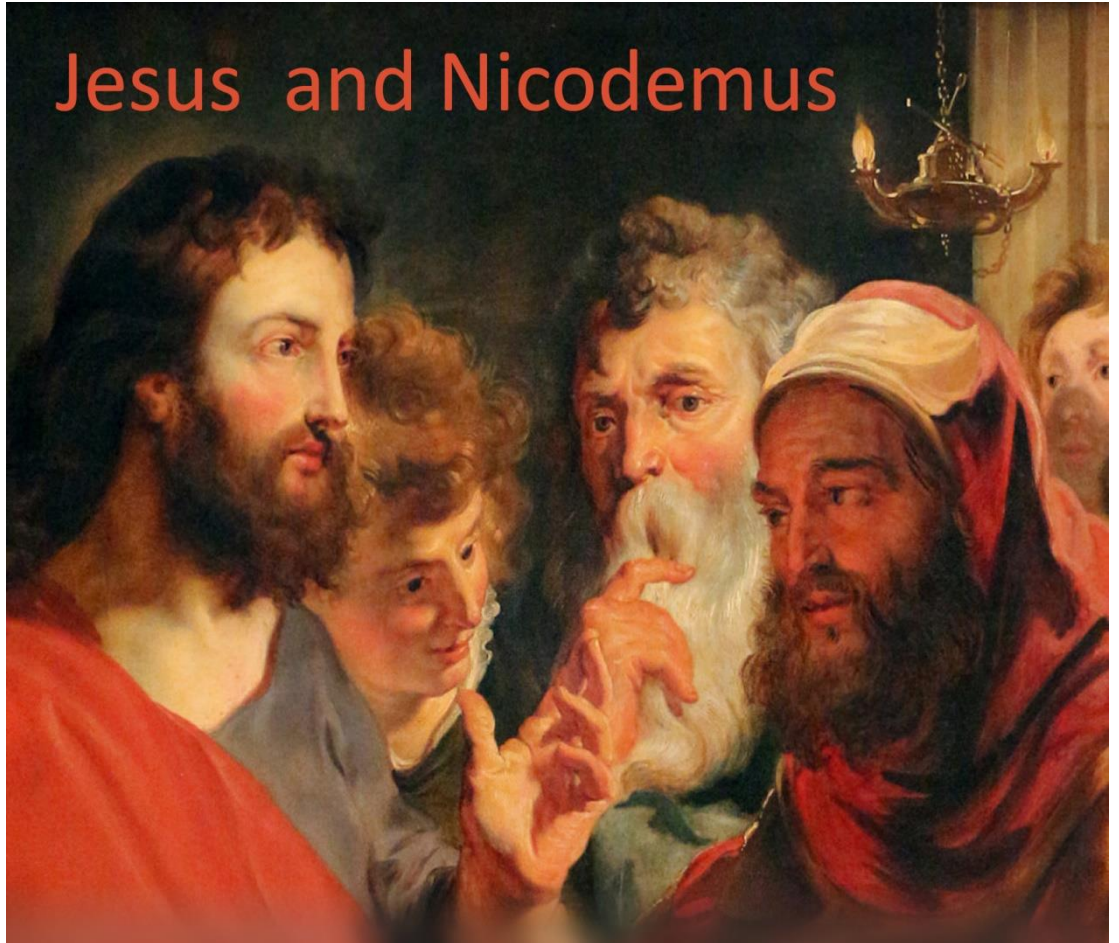
**7:00 PM**

**Join us at "BLD's at 5PM!"**

*Enjoy a game of your choice or play one of ours.  
Come, laugh, and have fun.*

# L E N T E N

## Jesus and Nicodemus



Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." 3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." 9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. 10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3: 1-17



## Jesus and the Samaritan Woman



So, he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well when a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. I know that the Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." Then leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" When the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

John 4:



## Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead



Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." 4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." Jesus came to the tomb. "Take away the stone," he said. So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 11:

# STORY

## Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind



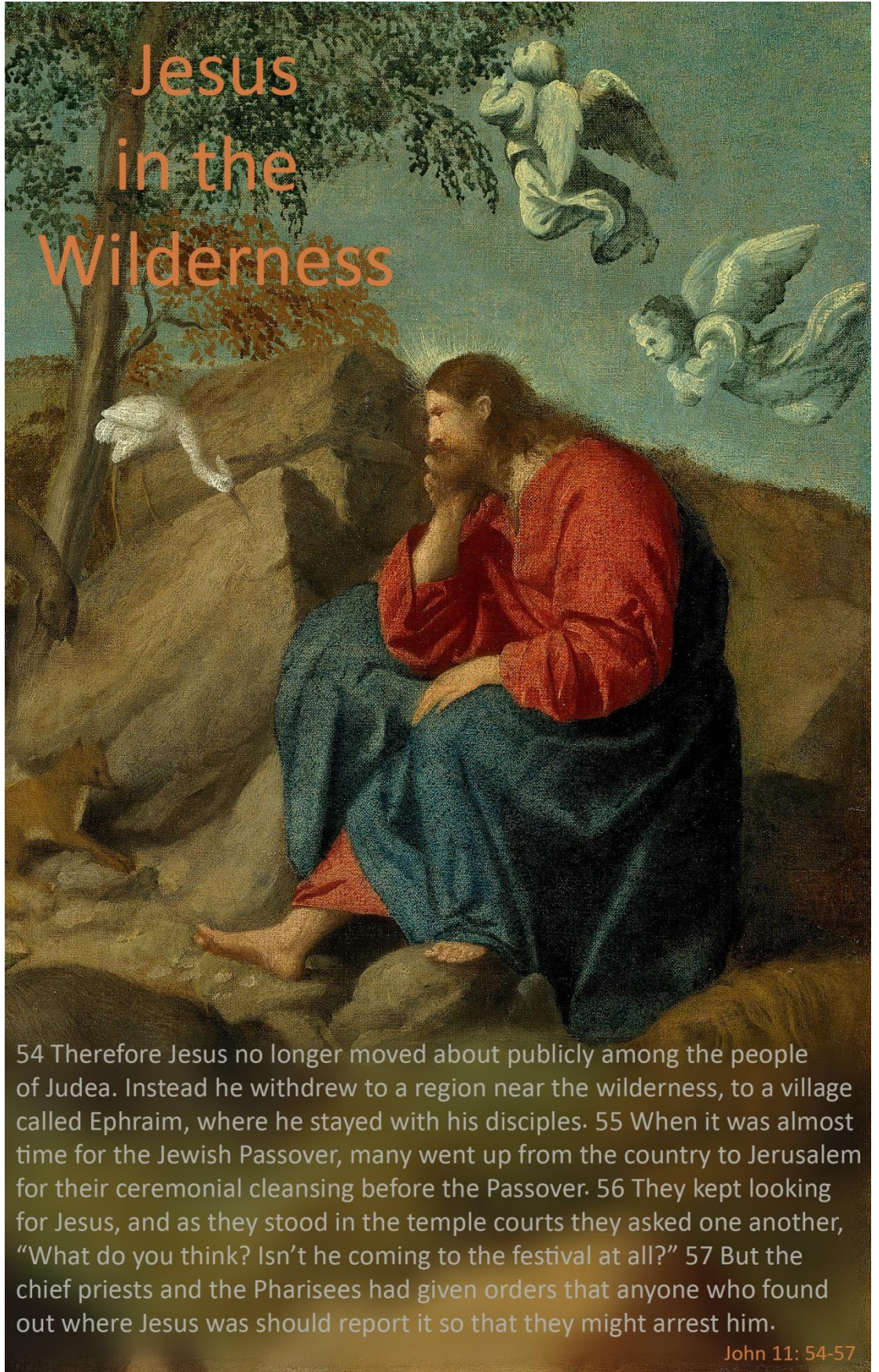
9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing. 8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." 10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. 11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." 12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. 17 Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

John 9: 1-17



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54 Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples. 55 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. 56 They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple courts they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the festival at all?" 57 But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest him.

John 11: 54-57



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**Wednesday Night Lenten Services**  
**Sponsored by:**  
**The Middle Island Cooperative Parish**

**Soup and Salad at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Services at 7:00 p.m.**

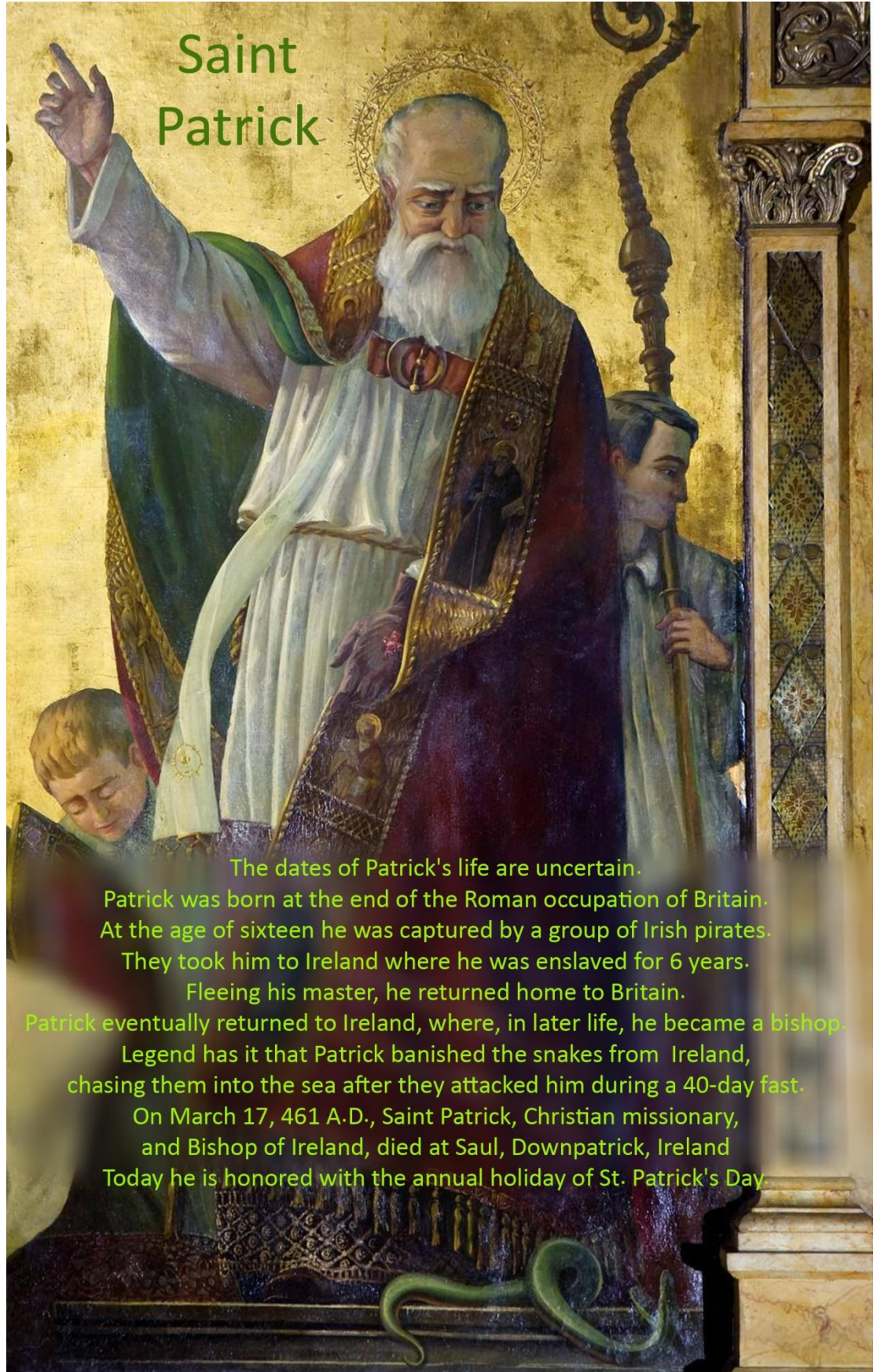
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Pastor Prince Donkor, preaching
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Hosted by St. James UMC  
Pastor Karen Burger, preaching
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Hosted by First UMC Port Jefferson  
Pastor Steven Kim, preaching
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> Hosted by Christ UMC Port Jefferson Station  
Pastor Chuck VanHouten, Preaching
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Hosted by North Shore UMC  
Pastor Sharon Pizzo, Preaching

**Meaningful Worship and Fellowship for All**



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The dates of Patrick's life are uncertain.

Patrick was born at the end of the Roman occupation of Britain.

At the age of sixteen he was captured by a group of Irish pirates.

They took him to Ireland where he was enslaved for 6 years.

Fleeing his master, he returned home to Britain.

Patrick eventually returned to Ireland, where, in later life, he became a bishop.

Legend has it that Patrick banished the snakes from Ireland, chasing them into the sea after they attacked him during a 40-day fast.

On March 17, 461 A.D., Saint Patrick, Christian missionary,

and Bishop of Ireland, died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland

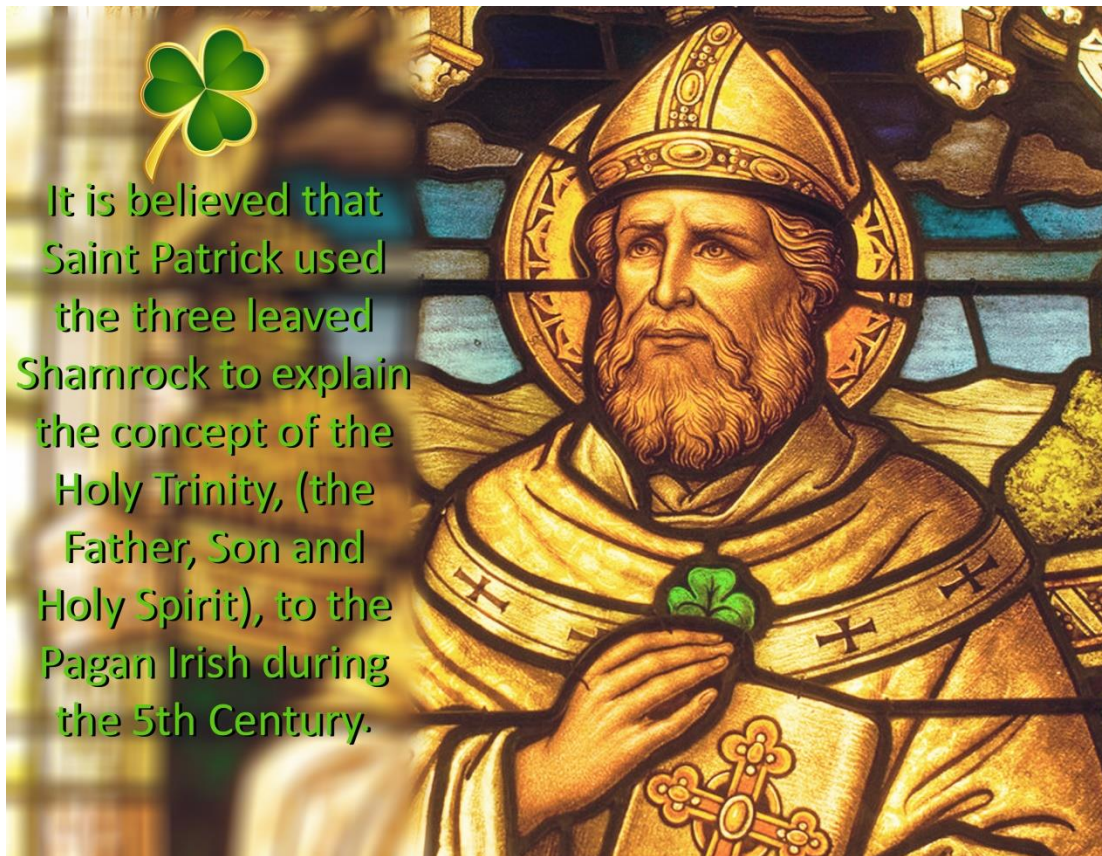
Today he is honored with the annual holiday of St. Patrick's Day



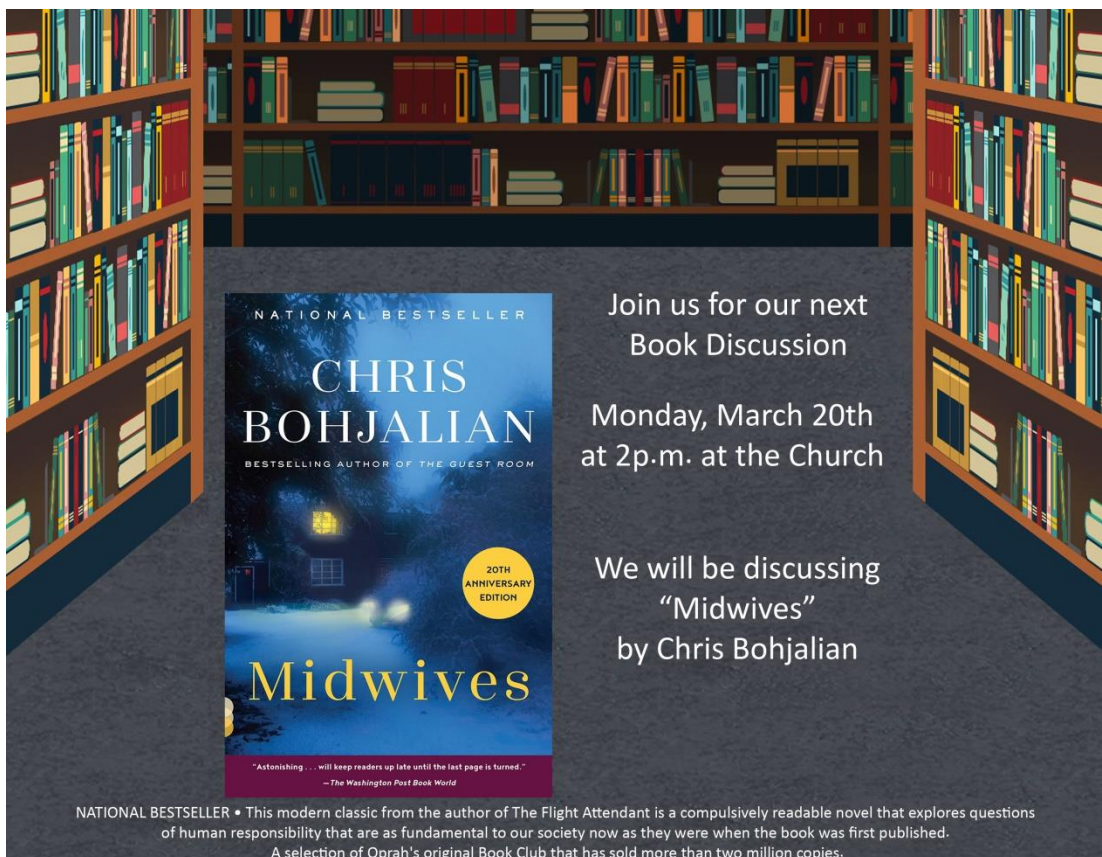
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It is believed that Saint Patrick used the three leaved Shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity, (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit), to the Pagan Irish during the 5th Century.



NEWS



NATIONAL BESTSELLER

CHRIS BOHJALIAN

BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE GUEST ROOM

20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

**Midwives**

"Astonishing... will keep readers up late until the last page is turned."  
—The Washington Post Book World

Join us for our next Book Discussion

Monday, March 20th at 2p.m. at the Church

We will be discussing "Midwives" by Chris Bohjalian

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • This modern classic from the author of The Flight Attendant is a compulsively readable novel that explores questions of human responsibility that are as fundamental to our society now as they were when the book was first published. A selection of Oprah's original Book Club that has sold more than two million copies.



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# March Quiz

1. Nicodemus' name can be found in only one of the four Gospels. What Gospel is he mentioned in?  
a. Matthew b. Mark c. Luke d. John
2. Which of the following best describes Nicodemus?  
a. Centurion b. Fisherman c. Pharisee d. Farmer
3. According to Scripture, where did the meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus take place?  
a. Bethsaida b. Jericho c. Cana d. Scripture does not say
4. In what town did Lazarus live? He was also raised from the dead there.  
a. Nazareth b. Jerusalem c. Bethany d. Cana
5. Lazrus had two sisters who cared a great deal for him. What were their names?  
a. Mary & Elizabeth b. Mary & Martha c. Martha & Elizabeth
6. After the stone was rolled away, Jesus lifted up his eyes and prayed to God. He thanked his Father for hearing him always for the sake of his people. Then, what did Jesus cry out in a loud voice?  
a. "I resurrect thee." b. "Lazarus, live!" c. "Lazarus, come forth."
7. Out of the four Gospels, which one tells of the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well?  
a. Matthew b. Mark c. Luke d. John
8. What was the name of the well where Jesus met the woman?  
a. Isaac's well b. Jacob's well c. Abraham's well d. Joseph's well
9. When the woman at the well told Jesus she knew the Messiah was coming, Jesus said to her, " I who speak to you am he."  
a. true b. false

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Please notify the church office of any telephone number, address or email address changes so that we may update our files.

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Please join us  
March 13, 2023

7:00 PM

for a very special  
Program & Fellowship

The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



  
UMMM  
UNITED METHODIST MEN  
Retreat  
March 24-26, 2023  
For more information  
Call the Church Office at  
(631) 588-5856

# H I S T O R Y

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



Frederick M. Moore was born Nov. 22, 1931, in Port Jefferson to Karl F. and Mildred (McClure) Moore. Rev. Moore received a master's degree and was a U.S. Army veteran. After serving in the Peninsula Conference from 1963 to 1966, Rev. Moore became a member of the New York Conference. He served as Pastor of our Lake Ronkonkoma UMC from 1966 to 1974 and oversaw the construction of what we today call the Baker Hall extension. In 1974, Rev. Moore was transferred to the UMC of Riverhead and became a member of the Riverhead Fire Dept. Later, he served the UMC in Orient Point. He retired in 1997 and continued to serve at Orient UMC for the next ten years. Rev. Moore also served the New York Conference as executive director of the UM Retirement Community Development Corporation, Long Island, from 1979 to 1983, and as president of the Peconic UM Housing Development Fund from 1983 to 1990. He was the founder of the John Wesley Village senior citizen community in Riverhead. Rev. Moore died at the age of eighty-four on Aug. 3, 2016, at Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead, NY. In 1971 Rev. Moore said, "We owe much to the past-we are the present to whom hopefully the future will owe much"

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# Holy Week Service Schedule



## Palm Sunday Service

April 2, 2023 9:30 AM

UMCLR Brass Quintet  
Chancel Choir + Organ



## Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, 2023 7:30 PM

Holy Communion  
UMCLR Strings + Chancel Choir + Organ



## Good Friday Service

April 7, 2023 7:30 PM

Confession of sins  
Chancel Choir + Organ



## Easter Sunday Service

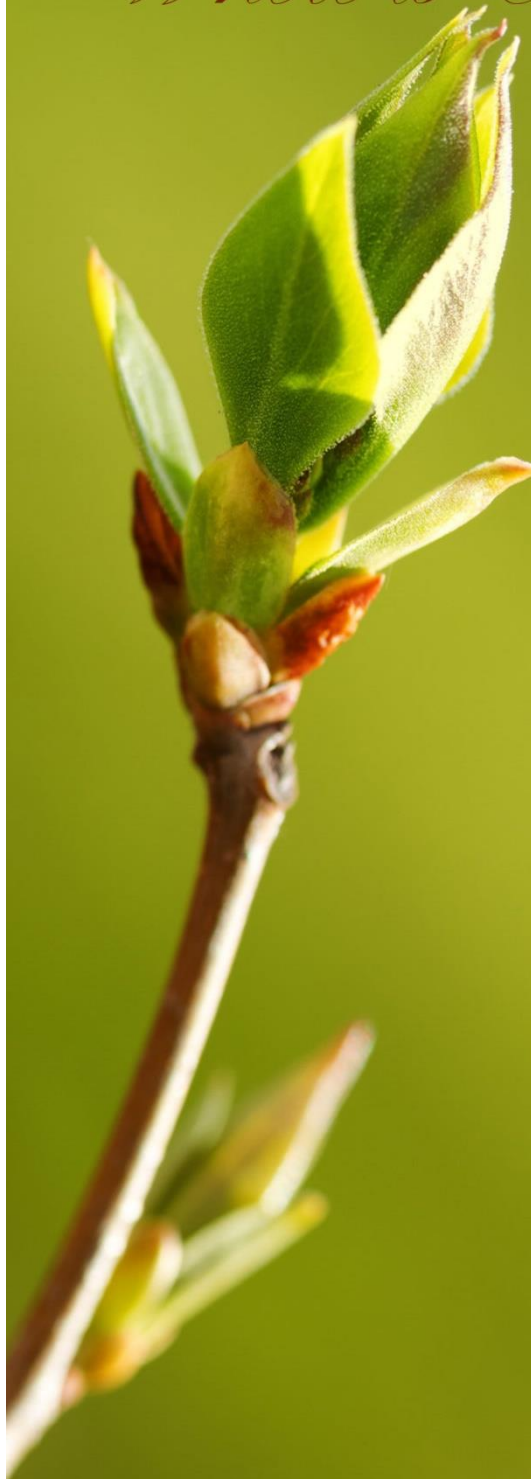
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Illumination  
Chancel Choir + Children's Choir



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*Where is Our Spring*



Where is our Spring?  
O tell me please,  
I've looked and looked in vain,  
Each day a mantlet, dark and damp,  
Turns into drizzly rain.  
If I could have just one good day,  
I'd find the tulip bed,  
And pussy willows, soft and grey,  
A budding overhead.  
I know the robin's brand new nest  
Is high up in the tree:  
The jonquil's perfume that I love,  
Wafts gently into me.  
But though the Spring eludes me so,  
The Summer days are mine;  
I rest assured for well I know  
The Summer sun will shine

Alice Hawkins Coleman  
Spring, 1951



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## DID YOU KNOW

The image shows the letters 'IHS' in a highly decorative, gothic-style font. The letters are a deep maroon or dark red color and are set against a light-colored wood-grain background. The 'I' is a simple vertical bar with a small serif at the top. The 'H' is formed by two vertical bars connected at the top by a curved arch. The 'S' is a large, flowing, cursive letter with a decorative flourish at the bottom.

The center panel of our altar has the letters “IHS” which is a contraction for the name Jesus. In Greek, Jesus is spelled ΙΗΣΟΥΣ in capital letters, and Ιησους in small letters. In the Latin alphabet as Iēsus, Jēsus, or Jesus.



COMING SOON

# GODSPELL

**Sunday  
April 30  
2023**

**1:00 pm  
and  
5:00 pm**



**PRESENTED BY UM YOUTH  
United Methodist Church**

**of Lake Ronkonkoma  
792 Hawkins Ave, Lake Grove**

**Admission: \$15.00**

For Tickets email: [UMYouth@UMCLR.com](mailto:UMYouth@UMCLR.com)

(Limited seating, only 100 tickets per show.)

GOOD NEWS



# Easter Fair

Saturday + Sunday  
April 1 & 2, 2023  
9am - 12pm  
Easter Merchandise

Hertlin Hall  
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



**United Methodist Nursery School**

**CHILDREN'S ART SHOW**

Saturday  
April 29th 10AM-1PM



GET YOUR TICKETS

## *Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner*

*Saturday  
March 11, 2023  
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  
Of Lake Ronkonkoma at "5 Corners"  
792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove*



## **International Dinner**

**Saturday  
April 29, 2023  
5:00 PM**


**Bring the entire family**

**The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma**



Church Leaders

Keith Bowes



For the past 3 years I have had the honor of being Co-Chair of the UMCLR Board of Trustees who are responsible for building maintenance and upkeep of the grounds. I was born and raised a Methodist in my hometown of Philadelphia Pennsylvania. I attended college where I drifted away from the Methodist church. During my time in the U.S. Army, I was stationed in Korea. It is there where I met my wife Soon. After my time in the service, I was hired by the F.A.A. to work in a strange sounding town on Long Island called Ronkonkoma. In 1982 we had our children baptized by Rev. Stuart Baker. However, we were one of those couples who have their children baptized but then never return to church. In the year 2000, after searching for a spiritual home, we returned to the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma. We found this church to be friendly and at one with God. Since then, Soon and I have been very active in the church. I have also served on SPPRC, and remain involved in the UMM and have taken many Bible Study courses. Soon has been active in the choir, the UMW, the Missions Committee, Food Pantry.



The winter season is upon us once again and your Board of Trustees would appreciate donations of salt and ice melt for our walkways. Thank you in advance for your donations.

# FINANCE

## Financial Literacy

The US government has resource information on many topics that is available on government web sites. FDIC is one such site and its vision is of sustained financial well-being for all individuals and families in the U.S. The link below allows you to choose a topic and play a game while learning about various aspects of finance. All for free by the way, paid for by your taxes.

<https://playmoneysmart.fdic.gov/games>

### How Money Smart Are You?

is a suite of 14 games and related resources about everyday financial topics. It's based on FDIC's award-winning Money Smart program.

FDIC's How Money Smart Are You? - Games 2/20/21, 11:58 PM

## How Money Smart Are You?

Learn about everyday financial topics.

**Choose a Game**      Jump to Resources

- Borrowing Basics
- Building Your Financial Future
- Buying a Home
- Credit Reports and Scores
- Disasters - Financial Preparation and Recovery
- Making Housing Decisions
- Managing Debt
- Protecting Your Identity and Other Assets
- Using Credit Cards
- You Can Bank On It
- Your Income and Expenses
- Your Money Values and Influences
- Your Savings
- Your Spending and Saving Plan

**Your Money Values and Influences**  
**Your Spending and Saving Plan**

<https://playmoneysmart.fdic.gov/games>      Page 1 of 2

# EXTRA



- \* The Stairlift is here!!!
- \* Easy access to Fellowship Hall
- \* Certified to the highest standards

You will love our new Stairlift if you have difficulties climbing stairs. Now you can just sit, relax, and be transported in comfort.



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



## *Spring Festival & Flower Sale*

*United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*

*"5 Corners"*

*792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY*

*Saturday, May 13, 2023*

*10:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

*(Rain date: May 20, 2023)*

*Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun*

*For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit*

*[WWW.UMCLR.COM](http://WWW.UMCLR.COM)*

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### Reservation Form

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 Per Person

**MONEY TO BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR. CASH & CHECKS ACCEPTED**

Please mail completed form to:

UMCLR Attn. Breakfast with the Bunny 792 Hawkins Ave. Lake Grove, NY 11755

Or Email to:

[abby@umclr.com](mailto:abby@umclr.com) Attn. Breakfast with the Bunny

**Yummy!**

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*Easter Flower Order Form*

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

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

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

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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.) Send to the church office by the deadline of Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Heather DeSanto at 631-289-1009.



*United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma*

**Out-of-Hibernation**

**Spring Flea Market & Sidewalk Sale**

Saturday, May 13th, 2023 - (Rain Date: May 20th)  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Independent Vendor Agreement**

Your signature below indicates that you have read and do agree to the following caveats:

\*Being entirely outdoors, this event may be postponed by inclement weather until the next clear Saturday. If you are unable to attend the rain date, your space rental will be refunded in full.

\*Restrooms only will be available inside.

\*Space is limited both by our small campus and the need for physical distancing. Though the vendor fee remains at \$40, we are enlarging space for each vendor booth and spacing the booths farther apart.

\*Spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Your place is confirmed when this signed document and accompanying payment are received at the church office.

\*All vendors and attendees must abide by all protocols adopted by this church.

\*Be advised that you will be sharing this day with a concurrent church-wide yard sale.

\*You alone are responsible for the set-up, maintenance, and removal of your booth. The church will not be able to furnish tables, canopies, chairs, or other necessities.

\*The church assumes no responsibility for losses which may occur due to weather, theft, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Further information may be obtained by calling the church office at 631-588-5856, emailing questions to [festival@UMCLR.com](mailto:festival@UMCLR.com), or by visiting our website: [www.UMCLR.com](http://www.UMCLR.com)

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Space rental is \$40.00.

Please make checks payable to UMCLR

Send completed form and accompanying check to:

UMCLR Attn. Spring Festival  
792 Hawkins Ave.  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

Church Office	(631) 588-5856	Board of Trustees	Keith Bowes
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Martha's Place Thrift Shop	(631) 981-9749	Finance	William Otto
Parsonage	(631) 585-4968	Financial Secretaries	Angelique Sinclair
Church Email	<a href="mailto:abby@umcdr.com">abby@umcdr.com</a>		Bernice Waleski
Church Website	umcdr.com		Warren Ferry
Resident Bishop	Rev. Thomas Bickerton	Stewardship	(Needed)
		Worship	(Needed)
District Superintendent	Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim	Lay Servant Coordinator	(Needed)
		Education	Sue Preddice
Pastor	Rev. Karen A. Burger	Sunday School Superintendent	Sharon Corvaia
		Youth Coordinator	Wendy Duffy
<b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>		Missions, Evangelism & Nurture	Soon Bowes
Administrative Assistant	Abby Preziosi	Martha's Place Thrift Shop	Marilee Drisgula
Nursery School Director	Filomena Thomas	Soup Kitchen Representative	Linda Lee
Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin	UMM Representatives	Dennis Subbiondo
Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson	UMW Representatives	Barbara Colucci
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Church Historian	Walter Schroeder
		Comm. & Tech.	Andrew Sinclair
		Disaster Prep. & Response	Warren Ferry
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	Angelique Sinclair		
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