



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

May 2022

United Methodist  
Church of Lake  
Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

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

Nursery School  
631-467-9601

Thrift Shop  
631-981-9749

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Wilson,  
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Organist



## *Baptism Sunday April 10, 2022*



*Isabel Guerrero*



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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.



The men had our first hot breakfast since the shut down! Thanks to John Stein and George Doukas for tickling our taste buds with their chef skills.

We are looking forward to having our UMM grill going for the Spring Fair, come and feast with us.

Blessings,  
Dennis Subbiondo  
President, UMM

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**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.**

Meeting ID: 858 8602 0997 and Passcode: 011880

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



## Lections

### May 1 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)  
Ps 30 (UMH 762)  
Rev 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### May 8 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43  
Ps 23 (UMH 754))  
Rev 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

### May 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
Ps 148 (UMH 861)  
Rev 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

### May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15  
Ps 67 (UMH 791)  
Rev 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

### May 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34  
PS 97 (UMH 816)  
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17,  
20-21  
John 17:20-26



**“All women of the church are invited!”**

Thank you all for attending our March Meeting!

On Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., we will have a meeting and a program led by Wendy Duffy on “What, me worry?” Then on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., we will meet and have a program led by Sue Simon, “The Kindness Project.”

Looking ahead:

- July, we need volunteers to set up and clean up every Sunday for Coffee hour.
- August – planning meeting TBD.

Thank you,  
Barb Colucci



GOOD NEWS



# Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022



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# Easter Egg Hunt

April 10, 2022



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# E D U C A T I O N



Greetings from the Education work area! We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! A big thank you to Sharon Corvaia and Wendy Duffy for making our Palm Sunday egg hunt so much fun. Thank you to Heather Edwards-Wilson for preparing the children to sing at both Palm Sunday and Easter services; they were a delight to see and hear!

The Sunday school children will continue learning about their Bible. They will be preparing verses to present on Nettie Baker Sunday on June 12th. This will be the last day of Sunday School and Children's Sunday. It is our goal to have our youth and children participate in all aspects of our Sunday Worship Service that day, so, save the date! Help your children get to Sunday school and their Wednesday programs to help them prepare for this event.

Our Confirmation class has been meeting every Wednesday evening with their teachers, Rich Tom and Diane Hansen. They are now also being visited by their sponsors. We are grateful for their commitment to the confirmands. They are visiting class to participate and share their faith and service experiences. This will help our confirmands feel more connected to our church family. It will also encourage them to become more active in their church as they continue their studies. Thank you sponsors! The last class until fall will be June 8. In May the Youth group will be having a mini Lock-in and a program on missions. A bowling night is planned for June 8. It will be the last meeting until fall.

Thank you to all of our teachers, leaders and sponsors for their commitment to our children and their programs. It has been wonderful to be back in person this year! A special shout out to Allyssa Schoenemann who has continued to teach our Secondary Sunday School class from Germany via Skype. We look forward to seeing her home this summer.

Blessings to all as we enjoy the spring.  
Sue Preddice, Education Committee Chair

# H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

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 *Olivia Holmes*
- 3 *Katie Pfeil*
- 5 *Rudy Gibiser*
- 7 *Susan Filipowich*
- 9 *Azalea Edwards-Wilson*
- 11 *Paula Filipowich*
- 11 *Sarah Graf*
- 12 *James Baumann*
- 12 *Gabriella Czerw*
- 15 *Art Ricker*
- 15 *Loretta Taliercio*
- 16 *Adam Subbiondo*
- 16 *Art Germain*
- 17 *Rosemarie Heiserer*
- 21 *Ashley Cartier*
- 27 *Tammy Edwards-Wilson*
- 28 *Nancy Zukowski*
- 29 *Orion Edwards-Wilson*
- 29 *Katy Carroll*



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*Join us for our next Book Discussion  
Monday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church  
We will be discussing  
"Before We Were Yours"  
by Lisa Wingate*

## 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 - 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.

## Food Pantry Donations Needed

Boxed Milk  
Juice  
Canned Fruit  
Breakfast Cereal  
Soup  
Canned Tuna  
Tomato Sauce  
Spagetti  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Mayonnaise

Paper Towels  
Facial Tissues  
Toilet Paper  
Tooth Paste  
Toothbrushes  
Shampoo

Supermarket Gift Cards

*Food Pantry  
Open  
Tuesday*

*May 3 & 17, 2022*

*3:00 PM - 5:00 PM*

## Martha's Place Thrift Shop

### 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

Summer clothing is on our racks and we have plenty of colorful clothing for your purchase. Come on in!! Other items are on display and, again, Come on in!!

We are excited about the May outside sales and hope you will attend, and also help with the sales or just help in other ways. Thank you!

Our volunteers have blessed our shop as well as our patrons.

In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

## Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Mother's Day Specials

Spring & Summer Apparel

Housewares - Jewellery - Keepsakes

Open

Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM





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# Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022



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# Good Friday

April 15, 2022



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# Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

April 17, 2022



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*Jesus is Risen!*



# Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022



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# ASCENSION



44 Then he said to them,  
“These are my words  
which I spoke to you,  
while I was still with you,  
that everything written  
about me in the law of Moses  
and the prophets and the  
psalms must be fulfilled.”  
45 Then he opened their minds  
to understand the scriptures,  
46 and said to them,  
“Thus it is written,  
that the Christ should suffer  
and on the third day rise  
from the dead,  
47 and that repentance  
and forgiveness of sins  
should be preached  
in his name to all nations,  
beginning from Jerusalem.  
48 You are witnesses  
of these things.  
49 And behold,  
I send the promise  
of my Father upon you;  
but stay in the city,  
until you are clothed  
with power from on high.”  
50 Then he led them out  
as far as Bethany,  
and lifting up his hands  
he blessed them.  
51 While he blessed them,  
he parted from them,  
and was carried up  
into heaven.  
52 And they returned  
to Jerusalem with great joy,  
53 and were continually  
in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24: 44-53

*Ascension Day*  
*Thursday, May 26, 2022*

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## *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**

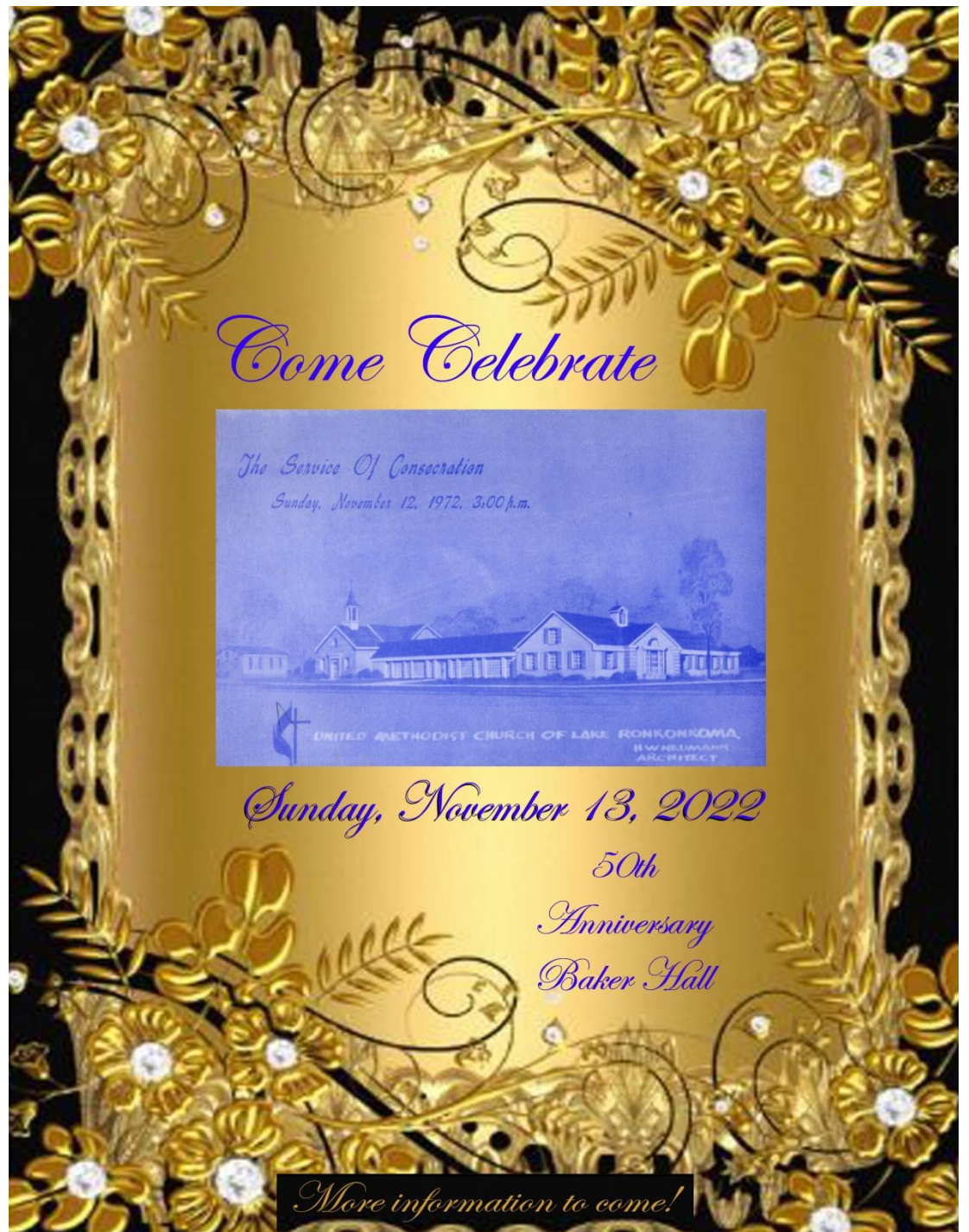
**Food & Beverages Available**

**United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma**

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



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New contact information for Carl Wright:  
**St. James Rehab & Healthcare Center**  
**275 Moriches Rd, Room 153C**  
**St. James, NY 11780**  
**Phone: 1 (631) 862-1470**

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## Famous Mother's Day Quotes

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Abraham Lincoln

"If I have done anything in life worth attention,  
I feel sure that I inherited the disposition from my mother."

Booker T. Washington

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw.  
All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life  
to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

George Washington

"It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make  
his mother more beautiful?"

Mahatma Gandhi

"A mother understands what a child does not say."

Jewish proverb

"Mother is one to whom you hurry when you are troubled."

Emily Dickinson

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while,  
but their hearts forever."

Unknown

"A mother is clothed with strength and dignity, laughs without fear  
of the future. When she speaks her words are wise and she gives  
instructions with kindness."

Proverbs

"To the world, you are a mother, but to your family, you are the world."

Unknown

### A prayer for Memorial Day

As our nation pauses today to remember those in the military  
who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy,  
we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance.

Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces.

Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection.

Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God.

Especially let your mercy rest upon our land,

even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving

your past goodness on this country. If it is your will,

preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform

as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray

that you would turn the hearts of all - military and civilian -

to your holy Word where we find the true peace

for our sinful souls

that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin.

Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace.

In this peace and hope for eternity, we pray.

# H I S T O R Y

## The Modern History of Mother's Day



Andrews  
Methodist Episcopal  
Church

The modern holiday was first celebrated in 1907, when the first Mother's Day worship service was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Peace activist Ann Jarvis who cared for many wounded soldiers on both sides during the Civil War, created "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to address public health issues. Ann and suffragette Julia Ward Howe had been asking for the creation of a "Mother's Day For Peace" where mothers would ask that their husbands and sons no longer be killed in wars.

Owing to the efforts of Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. States observed the holiday, with some officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday.

In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as a national holiday to honor mothers.

H A P P Y  
*M*  *ther's Day*  




## Bible Basket Project



Thank you to all who supported our  
Easter Bible Basket Mission.  
Our 64 baskets were delivered to  
Lighthouse Mission in Bellport for distribution.

**The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma**



*The flowers on the altar are available to purchase each week in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. Please call the church office at 631-588-5856 to make arrangements.*

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



**UMC LAKE RONKONKOMA**

**LET'S CELEBRATE**

*Rev. Dr. Pastor C. Pak's*

**SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH**

**SUNDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> AFTER SERVICE**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN A BRUNCH  
CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF PASTOR PAK'S  
THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE  
TO OUR CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY.**

**SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.**

**Donations for a gift would be appreciated and can  
be given or mailed to Abby in the Office by June  
1st. You may also put your gift in the offering plate  
just please put "Pastor Gift" in the memo line.**

*United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma*  
**Spring Flea Market & Sidewalk Sale**

Saturday, May 7th, 2022 - (Rain Date: May 14th)

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## Independent Vendor Agreement

- ❖ There will be no inside booths. Restrooms only will be available inside.
- ❖ 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 rental fee will be refunded in full.
- ❖ Space is limited both by our small campus and the need for physical distancing. The vendor fee is \$50. 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 agreement and accompanying payment are received at the church office.
- ❖ All vendors and attendees must abide by the safety 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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*(Return this portion)*

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

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

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

Type of Merchandise (Subject to Church approval): \_\_\_\_\_

Space rental is \$50.00.

Please make checks payable to UMCLR

Send completed form and accompanying check to:

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

Set up – 8:30 a.m.

May 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 OFFICE CLOSED Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00	3 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00 Food Pantry 3:00 – 5:00 Trustees 7:00	4 Prayer Group 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	5 Spiritual Studies 2:00	6 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00	7 Spring Fair 10:00 – 4:00
8 Mother's Day	9 OFFICE CLOSED Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00	10 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00 Finance Committee 7:30	11 Prayer Group 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. UMYF 6:30 – 7:30	12	13 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00	14 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00 Spring Fair Rain date
15 Baptisms	16 OFFICE CLOSED Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00 UMW 7:00	17 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00 Food Pantry 3:00 – 5:00 Church Council 7:30	18 Prayer Group 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	19	20 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00	21 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00 Nursery School Art Show UMYF Lock-in
22	23 OFFICE CLOSED Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00	24 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00	25 Prayer Group 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. UMYF 6:30 – 7:30	26	27 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00 Game Night 7:00	28 Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00
29	30 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day 	31 OFFICE CLOSED Thrift Shop 9:00 – 2:00	<b>UMCLR</b> <b>631-588-5856</b> <b>Office Hours:</b> <b>Tuesday thru Friday</b> <b>9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>			

More Calendars: [June](#), [July](#), [2022](#)



We will restart game night after a two year break! Come and have relaxed fun and some laughs. Bring your favorite game or play someone else's. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27th and again on Friday, June 17th. Hope to see you there!

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
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