



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

May 2023

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**“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

Matthew 28: 18-20

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 UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma Church Family,

We have a lot to celebrate in May. Confirmation is the culmination of two years of learning about God and building relationships in the class led by Diane Hansen and Rich Tom. Sue Preddice, Education Chair, has also played a big role in coordinating the program, along with the Education Committee. Many of our confirmands have also taken part in "Godspell, Jr." which further reinforced the teachings of Christ and inspired our community.

Thank you so much to Heather Edwards-Wilson, Wendy Duffy, and Jennie Olivotti for their hard work on this production and to all who attended in support. It truly will stay with our young people for a lifetime.

Join us on Confirmation Sunday, May 21, when each of our confirmands will be blessed and confirmed. I also want to thank Wendy Duffy and her helpers for leading our Youth Group. It is my hope and prayer that our confirmands will continue to be active in our youth ministry after they are confirmed.

The next weekend, on Saturday, May 27, we have a Handbell Concert by an amazing group who play a variety of music, including popular songs, on the bells. We hope you will invite your friends as well for this church event. It is not only fun but a fundraiser for our church. This talented group of players will impress you with their musicality and dexterity. Then on Sunday, May 28 we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost.

Thank you to all who made Holy Week and Easter so special and to the Missions Committee for a wonderful International Dinner and to Glenn Sturm and Jovie Bascianelli for leading us in Karaoke afterward.

Thank you to the UMM and the UWIF for recent retreats at Camp Quinipet. We are truly blessed to have so many different ways to gather together to uplift and support one another as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for keeping all on our Prayer List in your own personal devotions as well. As we pray, God moves in the lives of those who are prayed for and those who are praying.

With hope and faith,

Pastor Karen Burger

## Lectons

May 7  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60  
Ps 31:1-5, 15-16  
(UMH 764)  
1 Pet 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

May 14  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts: 17:22-31  
Ps 66:8-20 (UMH 790)  
1 Pet 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

May 21  
Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:6-14  
Ps 68:1-10, 32-35  
(UMH 792)  
1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

May 28  
Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21  
Ps 104:24-34, 35b  
(UMH 826)  
1 Cor 12:3b-13  
John 7:37-39

## 5TH ANNUAL MISSION WALK

A colorful poster for a 5K walk and picnic. It features silhouettes of runners in blue and purple against a background of vibrant, abstract brushstrokes in purple, pink, and orange. The text '5K WALK & PICNIC' is prominently displayed in large, bold, yellow and red letters. Below this, it says 'SAT., MAY 6 @ 9:30AM AT HECKSCHER STATE PARK FIELD #2 - TAYLOR PAVILION'. To the right, it states 'WALK STARTS: 11AM' and 'Register for FREE at: liedistrict.com/Mission Walk'. At the bottom, it provides information about fundraising for America's Vet Dogs and a link to donate to the UMCLR walking group.

**WALK STARTS: 11AM**

Register for *FREE* at:  
[liedistrict.com/  
Mission Walk](https://liedistrict.com/MissionWalk)

**SAT., MAY 6 @ 9:30AM  
AT HECKSCHER STATE PARK  
FIELD #2 - TAYLOR PAVILION**

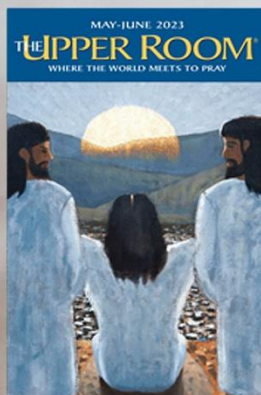
Our Church is raising funds for:  
America's Vet Dogs in Smithtown, NY.  
<https://www.vetdogs.org/>

Donate funds for the UMCLR walking group at:  
<https://grouprev.com/MissionWalk2023-LRUMC>

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.

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# E D U C A T I O N

## Introducing Our 2023 Confirmands

This May we will receive eight new members into our church family that have completed the rigorous two-year Confirmation program set out before them. They have been guided in class study with their teachers Rich Tom and Diane Hansen on Wednesday evening and on Sundays in Sunday school with Allyssa Schoenemann and Rich Tom. Thank you to Diane Hatton as well for substituting in class on Wednesday evening when called. A huge thank you to Pastor Burger who has attended their classes, guided them in sermon notes and just made it known that she is there for all of them.

It is also important to thank our youth advisors Wendy Duffy and Jennie Olivotti for their wonderful youth programming that enabled them to be involved in service activities in our church. The collaboration with Heather Edwards-Wilson that resulted in Godspell was a wonderful treat for all to behold! A thank you to all the talented people that guided our confirmands to this moment in their faith journey.

Being confirmed is a family and church family affair. Thank you to our Parents and sponsors who have been supportive to our new members in countless ways.

We look forward to celebrating our newest members on May 21 during our first in person Confirmation Service in many years. I would like to present the Confirmation class of 2023. Let us all be thankful for each of them and pray for them as they begin their church membership. May they be blessed and continue to grow in faith.

Sue Preddice, Education Chair



# COMME

## Our 2023 Confirmands



**SAM CORVAIA**

Sam is currently a freshman at Centereach High School. His favorite subject is science. He enjoys being on the wrestling and tennis teams. He also enjoys playing golf. Wednesday nights are his favorite at church because he gets to hang out with his friends and his Momma Wendy at Youth Group. Sam looks forward to working in the AV room more often after finishing Confirmation class. Sam has been coming to church for 13 ½ years. He was baptized in January 2009 and looks forward to being confirmed this May.



**JULIA CRISTIANO**

Julia is an 8th grader at Hauppauge Middle School. She is a vocalist and bass player in Rockin' Roll University. She plays in 2 bands. Julia is in the church's production of Godspell Jr. playing the part of Jesus. She also performs with Broadway Dance Theater. Past roles include Sponge Bob the musical (Plankton), Aladdin Jr (Jafar). She also performed this year in her school's production of The Lion King (Scar).



**MATTHEW FILIBERTO**

Matthew is an eighth grader in Samoset Middle School. He is a soccer player and can boast that his team is #1 in his league. He has been on the honor roll during his time in Middle School and in honors science. He is a member of Renaissance Matthew volunteers at the Ronkonkoma fire department, and Pet Supplies Plus. Matthew volunteered at church during the pumpkin patch, with decorating for the holidays, the sauerbraten dinner and stage crew for Godspell.



# H O L Y

## Our 2023 Confirmands



**CADEN GOLDEN**

Caden is 14 years old and attends Samoset Middle School. He runs Cross Country and is a full honors student. Caden has become involved in serving our church over the past years in many ways. You may know him as one of our ushers during our Worship Services. He has also helped with unloading and selling pumpkins in the fall. He has helped with set up for dinners and breakfasts. Caden has also assisted in Sunday School and helped set up the Easter egg hunt last year.



**JADYN LLORENS**

Jadyne is a sophomore at Connetquot High School. She participates in Varsity Cheer and was captain of the JV field hockey team. Jadyne is an honor student and she wants to be a forensic scientist when she is older. Jadyne helped out with the pumpkin patch in the fall and is part of the Godspell cast this spring. Her grandma and her mom have really made her love the church. Jadyne is very excited to become a member.



**ABIGAIL RABBITT**

Abigail is a freshman at Sagem High School North. She is actively involved in Tri-M Music Honor Society, drama club, Select String Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra. She is a violinist, singer, actor and tap dancer who loves the arts. She is also an honors student. She recently performed in her High School production of "Beauty and the Beast" as the wardrobe. Abigail will play the part of John the Baptist and Judas in Godspell. She will remember being "closing prayer leader" for her confirmation class. Abigail helped film children's messages during the pandemic. She earned the nickname "one take wonder." Abigail looks forward to her confirmation day, celebrating her faith, and all her years of dedication to Sunday school, choir, youth group and confirmation classes with her family, friends and church family.



# S P I R I T

## Our 2023 Confirmands



**OLIVER SINCLAIR**

Oliver is a freshman at Sachem High School North. He is in Scout Troop 439. He is a red belt in Shorin Ryu Karate and studies at Empire State Karate. His passions include drawing and traveling. Oliver likes to visit museums and has been to the Brooklyn Museum, Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of art, Tate Museum of Modern Art and the Victoria and Albert Museum. He hopes to visit the Louvre and British Museum soon. Oliver has worked in the AV room during services at our church.

He has also participated in reading scripture during the church service on occasion. Oliver also participates in plays and will be in our Godspell performance. He would like to become a lay speaker like his father and participate in church services more often.



**COURTNEY SURIANI**

Courtney is an 8th grader in Seneca Middle School. She has been involved in acting and singing since she could talk. At school, she was in "Decades of Magic" Singin' in the Rain Jr," "Frozen Jr," etc. She loves to play basketball and volleyball. Courtney is in Jr. Honor Society at school as well. She loves to help around the church and has participated in decorating for the holidays and the pumpkin patch. She has been a children's choir member and has participated for many years in Sunday school.



### ***Book Discussion Thursdays at 2 p.m. with Pastor, Hertlin Hall***

We have just started discussing "The Voice That Calls You Home" by Rev. Andrea Raynor; the book can be ordered online. We will discuss chapters 4-7 at our next session on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It's not too late to join us! Each chapter is a vignette from her life and ministry, and they are brief chapters, easy to read. You can learn more about the author on her website: [www.andrearaynor.com](http://www.andrearaynor.com) She is one of our New York Conference United Methodist pastors. Previously we discussed her book "A Light on the Corner: Finding the Sacred in the Everyday." The group found the stories meaningful and relatable and it led to sharing of our own. As one with local church, chaplaincy and grief counseling experience, as well as work with hospice, Rev. Raynor engages all with compassionate care. We even had a chance to zoom with her for one session, and we hope to invite her in person to our church this Fall to give a talk.

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 - 7:30 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  
Spaghetti  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Mayonnaise

Paper Towels  
Facial Tissues  
Toilet Paper  
Tooth Paste  
Toothbrushes  
Shampoo

Supermarket Gift Cards



*Food Pantry  
Open  
Tuesday  
May 2 & 16, 2023  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM*



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

**SUMMER**

Summer is quickly approaching, and our racks are full of colorful seasonal clothing for men, women and children of all ages. For Mother's Day we have a large assortment of housewares, keepsakes and jewelry. Come in and say hello, or browse to your hearts content!!

We are looking forward to participating in the annual Spring Festival & Flower Sale on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will all attend!

Thank you to all our volunteers as well as our patrons for making Martha's Place thrive.

In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



**Martha's Place Thrift Shop**

**Mother's Day Specials**

**Spring & Summer Apparel**

**Housewares - Jewelry - Keepsakes**

**Open**

**Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**



# 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



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

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# GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 5, 2023  
7:00 PM

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



## Bible Basket Project



Thank you to all who supported our  
Easter Bible Basket Mission.

Our 54 baskets were delivered to  
Lighthouse Mission in Bellport for distribution.

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GOOD NEWS



# Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023



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# Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023



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*Easter Sunrise Service*  
*April 9, 2023*



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*Easter Sunday Service*  
*April 9, 2023*



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# Pentecost Quiz

1. What Christian holiday does Pentecost follow?  
a. Memorial Day b. Christmas c. Easter d. New Year's Day
2. How many days after Jesus ascended into Heaven did the disciples celebrate Pentecost?  
a. One b. Three c. Five d. Ten
3. While everyone was gathered together in a room celebrating the feast, what sound was heard all around them?  
a. Fire crackling b. Children laughing c. Water gurgling d. Rushing wind
4. How does the Bible describe what happened to the disciples when the Holy Spirit entered them?  
a. They cried b. They fell asleep c. They spoke different languages d. They ate
5. Acts describes which one of Jesus' disciples taking the opportunity to stand up and speak to the crowd of people?  
a. Matthew b. James c. Thomas d. Peter
6. When Peter was speaking to the crowd, what does the Book of Acts state he said would happen to the old men in the city?  
a. Dream b. See visions c. Prophecy d. Pour out their Spirit
7. In Acts 2:21, what did Peter say would happen to those that call upon the Lord?  
a. They would dream of God b. They shall be saved c. They would see Jesus
8. Who did Peter describe in Acts 2:25 as sitting at the right hand of God?  
a. Moses b. Solomon c. Jesus d. John the Baptist
9. According to Peter in Acts 2, what did God tell David would happen to his enemies?  
a. David would kill them b. They would become David's footstools  
c. They would become his friends d. His enemies would die a fiery death
10. In what city did this first Pentecostal celebration described in Acts take place?  
a. Canaan b. Nazareth c. Bethlehem d. Jerusalem e. Nazareth

1. c, 2. d, 3. d, 4. c, 5. d, 6. a, 7. b, 8. c, 9. b, 10. d

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

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# Breakfast with the Bunny

April 1, 2023



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# Easter Egg Hunt

April 2, 2023



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# 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)

Long Island reSound Handbell Ensemble presents...

POP!

Rock & Roll

### Hits include:

Eleanor Rigby, The Final Countdown,  
I'm Still Standing, Africa, Cheap Thrills,  
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Saturday  
May 27th  
3:00pm

Tickets: \$15.00  
available at the door  
or call the office at  
(631) 588-5856

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## 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.

Happy  
Mother's Day

# LADIES

## 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



## Women's Retreat April 21-23, 2023



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A poster for a Tea Party event. The background is a blurred image of a white teapot pouring tea into a white teacup with a floral pattern. The text is overlaid on the right side.

United  
Women  
In Faith

# Tea Party

Monday  
May 15, 2023  
7PM

Please bring your own cup!

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A poster for a Fellowship Breakfast event. The background is a wooden surface with a black plate of food (scrambled eggs, bacon, and a pancake) on the left. The text is overlaid on the right side.

Sunday  
May 28, 2023

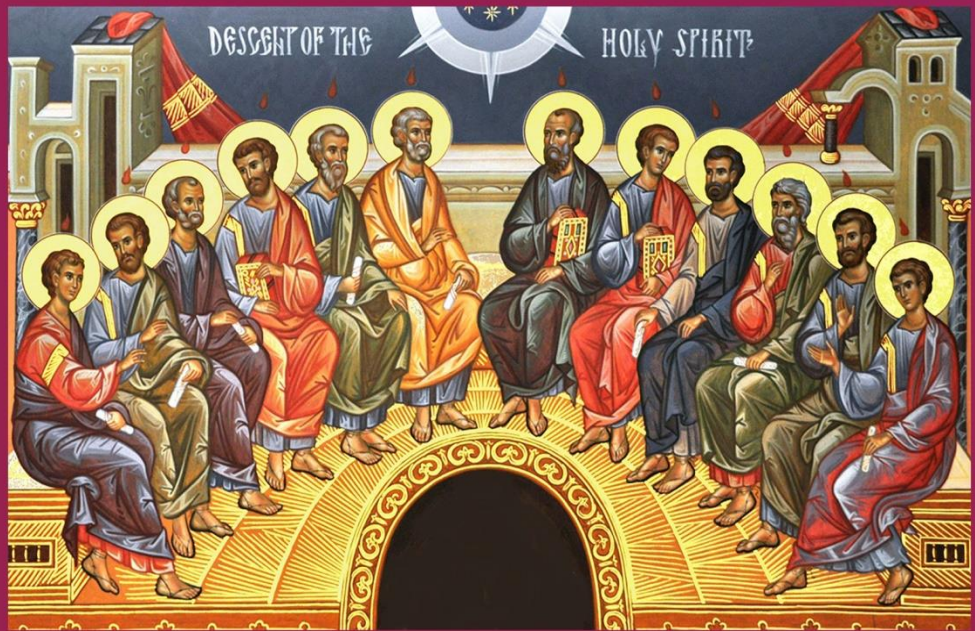
**UMM**  
UNITED METHODIST MEN

# FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

7:30 AM

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# Pentecost



1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation Under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Acts 2: 1-12

## Church Leaders

### Rex Enderlin



I and my two siblings were raised in suburban San Francisco. Mine was not a particularly musical family nor was there much music in the home. My mother sang to us as infants. My father, in spite of having lost the use of his left arm in WWII, was a "putterer" and, when working on a project, Always sang to himself a mixture of Protestant hymns, opera arias, and "cowboy" songs. Our only recordings in the home were Dad's boxed 45 rpm sets. We could choose from operettas, or Western swing music by Tex Ritter or The Sons of the Pioneers. My parents bought a Wurlitzer spinet piano so that my older sister could take lessons. At age 7, I also began taking lessons. All three of us eventually took lessons from Mrs. Davis, a sweet grandmotherly type, who was paid the outrageous sum of \$2/hour. After high school, I attended the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music and graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. My first (and only) public school job was as music director for the Southern Humboldt Unified School District where I taught all bands, choirs, jazz band and marching band at the combined junior & senior high school in Garberville California. After one year I decided to continue my education at the University of Tennessee -Knoxville where I was accepted as a graduate student in music theory. The theory dept. was in shambles at that time so I switched my concentration to trombone performance and graduated with a Master of Music degree in 1977. Immediately thereafter, I was hired as Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg where I taught studio Trombone and performed with the faculty brass quintet. After four years there, I came to New York to pursue a doctorate. In 1984, with doctorate in hand from SUNY Stony Brook, I began the search for that next college professorship. In the meantime, I began fielding calls to play trombone and sackbut (medieval trombone) in and around the tri-state area.



I met my fabulously beautiful and talented wife, Debra, while playing in a local community orchestra. Through her, I was introduced to this church. When the choir director, Ted Turner, moved his family south, I agreed to try to sing tenor in order that the choir could sustain its four-part configuration. Some years later, I was asked to fill in until a permanent person could be hired. That was 14 years ago.

This congregation has provided a wealth of fine friendships. It pleases me that my modest skills can be of use, whether aiding with the musical portions of the services, organizing the annual Fall Auction, or turning my hand to some small projects on the church property.

*The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution. When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically. - Kurek Ashley*

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



At the May 16, 1977, Administrative Board meeting it was decided to “restore” the old church bell which originally hung in the steeple of the “Little Brown Church” from 1907 to 1954.

The bell was taken down when the church was moved to its current location and was placed in the new steeple. When that steeple was replaced in 1971, the bell was Removed and placed on the ground outside the library.



The bell is now mounted between the Church Office and the Thrift Shop. On Christmas Eve 1977 the bell was rung for the first time in its New location. To this day- on All Saints Day-the bell is rung in memory of those church members who passed away during the previous year. The

deep resonate sound of the bell can be clearly heard inside the sanctuary.



# Baptism Sunday

April 30, 2023



*Ivy Joan Boyd*



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*Sunday, June 11, is "Nettie Baker Sunday." Please remember to bring some flowers to the service to help remember this remarkable woman and the heritage of our church.*

GOOD

NEWS



# United Methodist Nursery School Art Show April 29, 2023



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# International Dinner April 29, 2023



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TIMES



# Karaoke Night

April 29, 2023



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# Godspell

April 30, 2023



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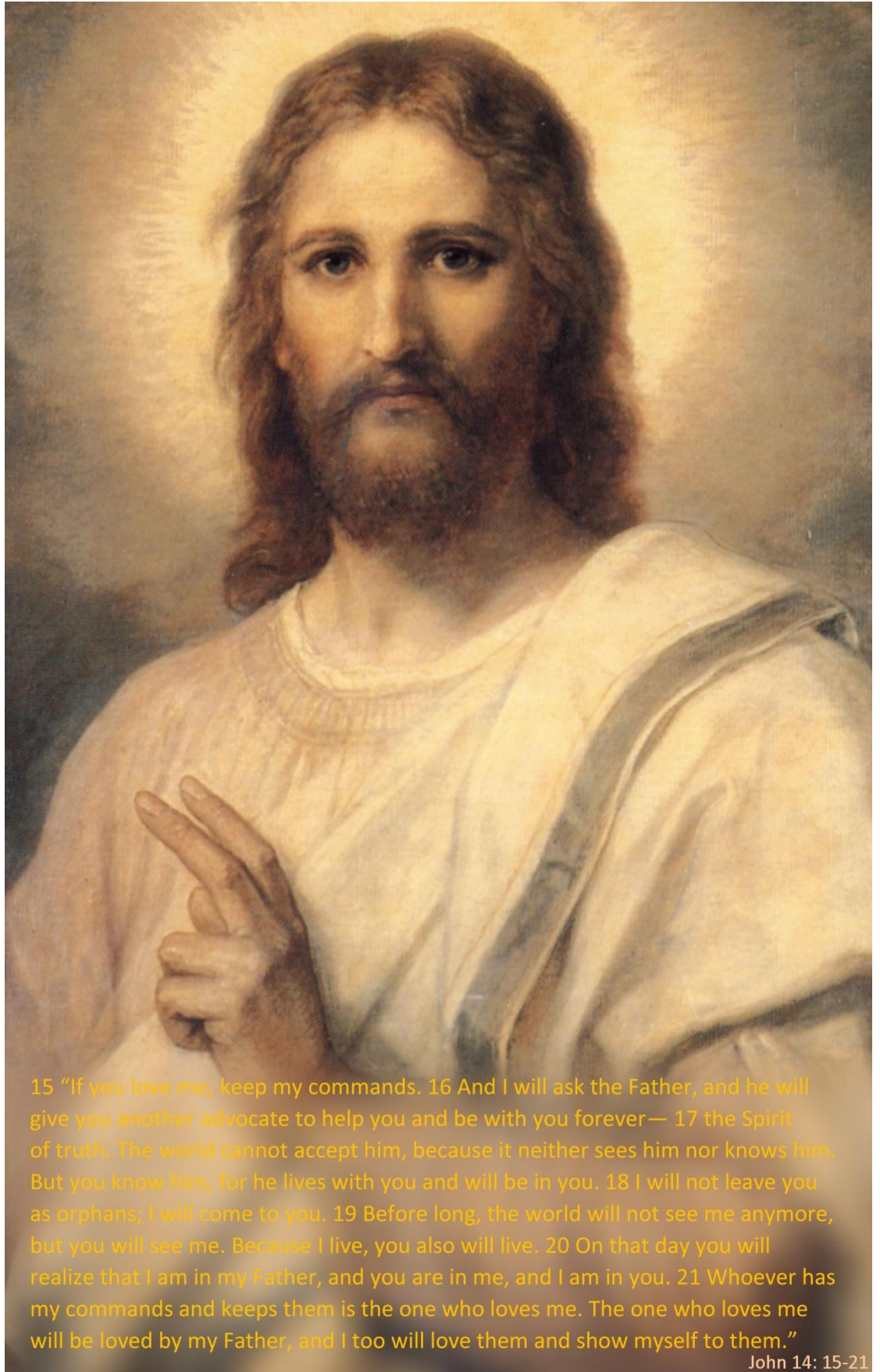


1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." Jesus the Way to the Father 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14: 1-14



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15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

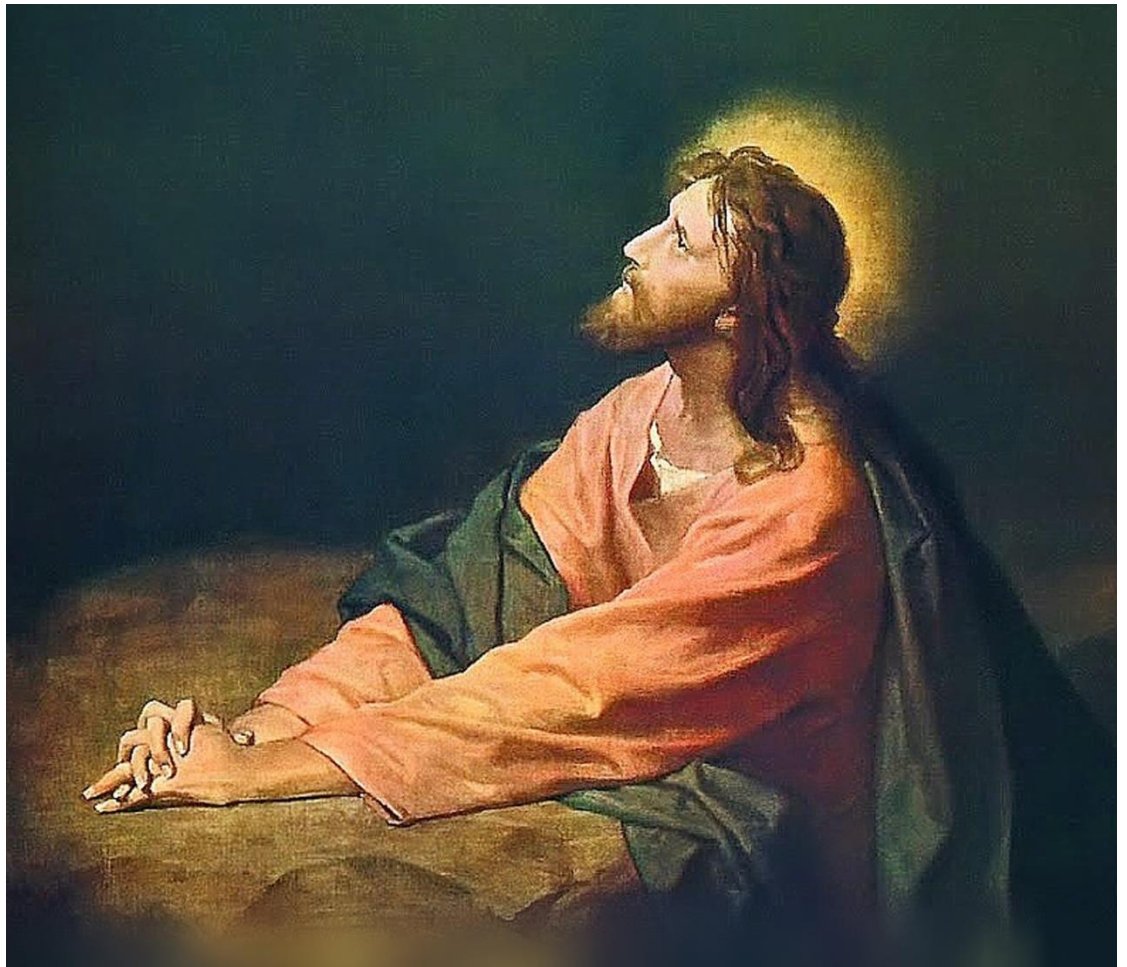
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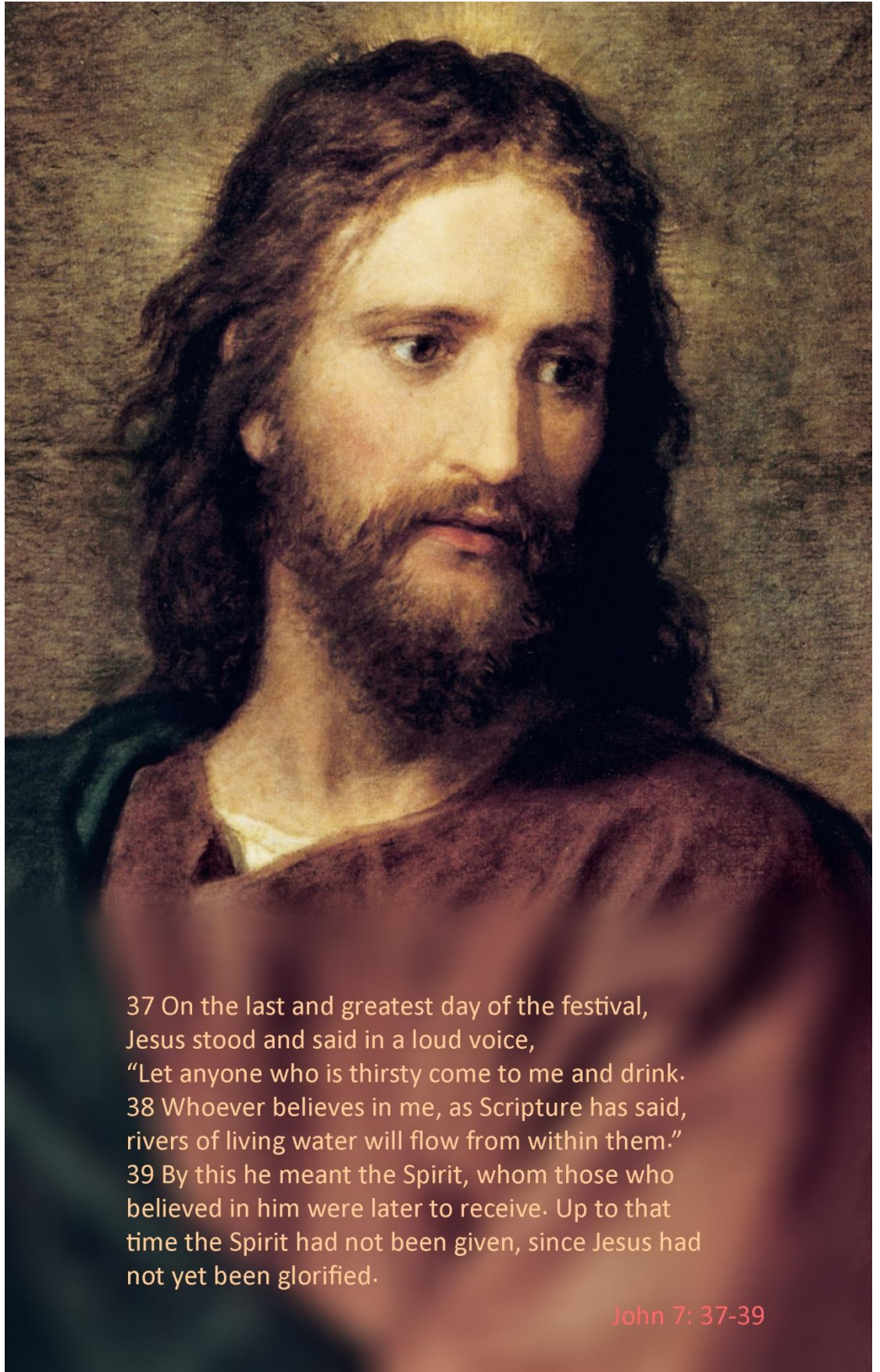


1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

John 17: 1-11



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37 On the last and greatest day of the festival,  
Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,  
“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.  
38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said,  
rivers of living water will flow from within them.”  
39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who  
believed in him were later to receive. Up to that  
time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had  
not yet been glorified.

John 7: 37-39



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“These are my words  
which I spoke to you,  
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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



*They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

*Acts 1:10-11*

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# Grand Fall Auction

## September 9, 2023

### 12 Noon

Viewing At 11:00 AM

Make An Offer At 9:00 AM

Hundreds of interesting items!

### Rain or Shine!

Bring a chair & a sense of adventure

## Food & Beverages Available

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Item description (brief, but with all pertinent information)	Approx. value (if known)	Reserve (optional)	Receipt Y/N

Auction is scheduled for September 9th. All pledge sheets MUST be returned for cataloging by August 26th.  
Leave your completed sheets in the auction mailbox sooner than later.

Please bring pledged items to the church on Friday, September 8th for labeling unless other arrangements are made.  
ANY ITEMS BROUGHT AFTER THE PLEDGE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE AUCTIONED. NO EXCEPTIONS!

# S P P R C

## SPPRC News

In April, we showed our appreciation to Abby Preziosi, our Administrative Assistant. She is the smiling face in our office and the friendly and compassionate voice that is so often the critical first impression of our UMCLR. She is meticulous in keeping our very active church calendar. She performs her tasks with excellence and an eye for detail so we celebrated her with a lovely card, plant and gift card.



Just like Abby, all members of our staff are a blessing to our church. We encourage you to thank them and tell them how much they are appreciated. Let us lift one another up!

Blessings,  
Marilyn Becht, Keith Bowes, Barbara Colucci, Diane June, Cheryle Otto,  
Joan Schmidt, Walter Schroeder, Eileen Torraca, Michael Zukowski, and  
Liza Wright.

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SISTER JEAN  
with Seth Davis

Join us for our next  
Book Discussion

Monday, June 5th  
at 2 p.m. at the Church

We will be discussing  
"Wake Up with Purpose"  
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by  
Sister Jean  
with Seth Davis

Known to millions as simply "Sister Jean," the Loyola Chicago matriarch and college basketball icon invites you into her remarkable memoir filled with history, wonder, and common-sense wisdom for this century and beyond. As Sister Jean wisely says, "I've seen so many changes in the last 102 years, but the important things remain the same."



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### 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.

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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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**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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Space rental is \$40.00.

Please make checks payable to UMCLR

Send completed form and accompanying check to:

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