



The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

Good News

May 2024

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United Methodist
Church of Lake
Ronkonkoma

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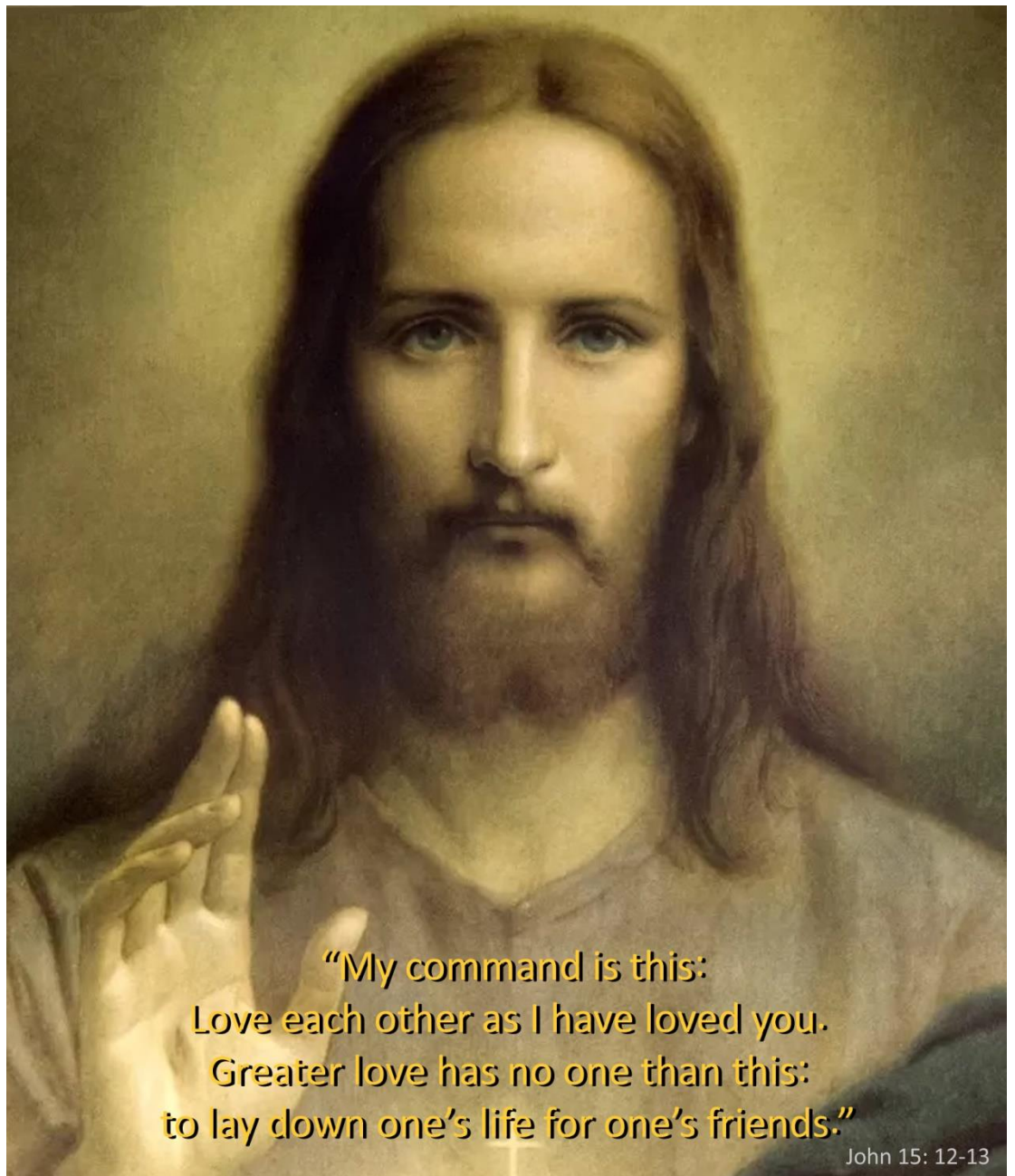
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“My command is this:
Love each other as I have loved you.
Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15: 12-13

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 Members and Friends of UMCLR:

By the time you read this, we will have started our new Bible study on the Gospel of John. We are excited to have so many engaging in this study together. Thank you to Dennis Subbiondo and Marilyn Becht for their wonderful leadership; it is a joy to work with our participants on this spiritual journey! If anyone wants to join us, please speak to one of us as soon as possible, as we are just beginning and you are invited to come along!

May is also a month you can get involved supporting our Flower Sale and missions activities. There is something for everyone to participate in. I wish you all the joy of Spring and of being a part of this caring community.

If you are looking to get more involved, and aren't sure where to start, please talk to me. If you would like to join this church and have not officially joined and been welcomed on a Sunday morning, speak to me. Taking the membership vows is a moving experience that can deepen your commitment to Christ as well as this congregation.

See you at church!

In Christ's Service,

The Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor ~

Lectons

May 5
6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Ps 98 (UMH 818)
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12
Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Ps 1 (UMH 738)
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19
Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Ps 104:24-34, 35b
(UMH 826)
Rom 8:22-27
John 15:26-27;
16:4b-15

May 26
Trinity Sunday

Isa 6:1-8
Ps 29 (UMH 761)
Rom 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



Karaoke!
May 4, 2024
after the
**International
Dinner**
Grab a chair at
7:00 pm
and join us in
Baker Hall
Sing with a group or
Sing a solo!

UMCLR

The central graphic features a vintage-style microphone on the right side, set against a dark background with warm, glowing bokeh lights. The text is arranged in a vertical column on the left of the microphone. The entire graphic is framed by a border of various international flags, including the United States, China, Japan, Germany, United Kingdom, France, Brazil, India, Canada, Australia, South Korea, Mexico, and Spain. At the bottom, the acronym 'UMCLR' is prominently displayed in a black box.



JOIN US



INTERNATIONAL DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 4, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF LAKE RONKONKOMA

792 HAWKINS AVENUE
LAKE GROVE, NEW YORK 11755

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF INTERNATIONAL DELIGHTS

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE UMCLR AND MISSIONS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!
\$22.00 FOR ADULTS - \$10.00 AGES 5-14 - UNDER 5 FREE

Includes: Dinner + Dessert + Beverage

For further information please call the Church Office at (631) 588-5856



Join us for our next
Book Discussion

Monday,
May 6, 2024
at 2 p.m. at the Church

We will be discussing
“The First Ladies”
by
Marie Benedict &
Victoria Christopher Murray



A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world

Ongoing Missions:

The Food Pantry is open on the 1st & 3rd 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.



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May Service Schedule

May 5th 9:30 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday

“Go and Bear Fruit”

May 12th 9:30 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

Mother’s Day

“Glorify God”

May 19th 9:30 AM

Pentecost

“Filled With the Spirit”

May 26th 9:30 AM

Trinity Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend

“A Higher Love”

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Spring Festival & Flower Sale

United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

"5 Corners"

792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(Rain Date May 18, 2024)

Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun

For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit

WWW.UMCLR.COM



G A M E
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Friday May 17, 2024

7:00 PM

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

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

Spring HAPPY Mother's Day Summer

Summer is almost here, 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 selection of housewares, keepsakes and jewelry. Come in and say hello, or browse to your hearts content Bring a friend!

We are looking forward to participating in the annual Spring Festival & Flower Sale on May 11th. 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**
- 11 **Amy Teuschler**
- 12 **Gabriella Czerw**
- 14 **Jason Doukas**
- 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 UMM had an excellent breakfast prepared by Jimmy Meehan with assistance from Mike Clanton and Warren Ferry.

We are now getting ready to feed the multitudes at our Spring Fair in May.

It is always a pleasure serving with this fine group of men and we look forward to many more years.

God Bless,
Dennis Subbiondo and George Doukas

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STOP CANCER



There are some potential causes of cancer found in many homes. By eliminating them you can reduce the risk of cancer for your families.

- **Insecticides**
- **Some types of scented candles** (some are made cheaply and when burned, the heat produced differs little from fumes of cars or the smoke from cigarettes).
- **Carpets and curtains where cigarette smoke accumulates.**
- **Some types of leather chairs and wooden sofas.** The chemicals used to dye these products are all associated with the onset of numerous forms of cancer including lung cancer.
- **PVC shower curtains are being investigated for their reaction to heat.** Nylon shower curtains are a better choice.
- **Poorly ventilated kitchens.** If you cook or BBQ on coals in a poorly ventilated area, that can increase the risk of lung cancer.

Our homes are our safe havens. Keep them clean and well ventilated. This will reduce the risks of cancer from environmental issues.

Helen Morley

E D U C A T I O N

Greetings from the Education Work area

We are grateful for the spring flowers and sunshine! The return of the warmer weather and outdoor sports season challenges our Sunday morning attendance. Please make every effort to attend our Sunday programs; they will come to an end on June 9th which will be Children and Youth Sunday. We will also honor Nettie Baker that day. Our children will take the lead in the Worship Service. We will be preparing for that during the month of May. We also look forward to hearing our children's choir as they lead us with their joyful music.

We are hopeful that next year we will be celebrating the Confirmation of our current class of nine students. They are asked to be here on Sunday and to continue their service commitments.

Please consider joining the Education team. We will need Youth advisors this fall. There is also room for more teachers and helpers. It is a blessing to work with our young people.

Sue Preddice
Education Chair

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Saint John the Apostle Quiz

1. Who was the father of John?
a. Zechariah b. Zebedee c. Joseph
2. Where did John's family live?
a. Nazareth b. Jerusalem c. Tiberias d. Galilee
3. Who was the brother of John?
a. Andrew b. Peter c. James d. Luke
4. What was John's name in Hebrew?
a. Yonan b. Yohan c. Yochanan d. Yona
5. John was considered the pillar of what?
a. the disciples b. Christianity c. The early Church
6. How does John describe Jesus in the gospel's first few words?
a. The face of God b. The Word was God c. The light of God
d. The creation of God
7. Which of the following books in the Bible were written by John?
a. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
b. James, 1-3 Peter and Revelation
c. Gospel of John, 1-3 John & Revelation
d. Revelation, 1-3 John and Acts
8. Where was Saint John the Apostle exiled?
a. Patmos b. Persia c. Jerusalem d. Galilee
9. What city did John spend the last years of his life?
a. Cannan b. Ephesus c. Athens d. Rome
10. Which is the symbol of John?
a. lion b. ox c. man d. eagle

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

H I S T O R Y

History Comes Alive At The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



A Methodist Circuit Rider

Rev. Mitchell B. Bull was born in Ireland in 1778, became a Methodist at the age of thirteen, and came to America in 1793. He was ordained a deacon in 1805 and an elder two years later. In 1807 he became a "Circuit Rider" for the Long Island District preaching wherever he could find an audience. He began his circuit on May 10, 1807, at Rockaway, preached at the home of Caleb Newton (Ronkonkoma Pond) on May 20th, and ended his mission on June 5th, preaching a total of twenty-one times in various locations. Only two of Rev. Bull's classes met in churches. The rest met in people's homes. After eight years of riding circuits and preaching, Rev. Bull, due to poor health, quit the ministry and retired to a farm in New Jersey. After recovering, he purchased a successful dry goods business in Brooklyn. He died in 1857 leaving the Methodist Church \$9000.00.

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Modern History of Mother's Day



Andrews
Methodist
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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 of the American Civil War, created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues.

She 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 of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

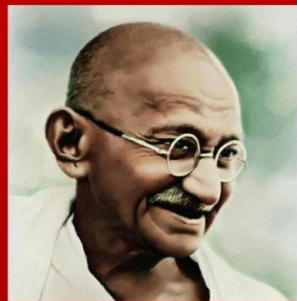
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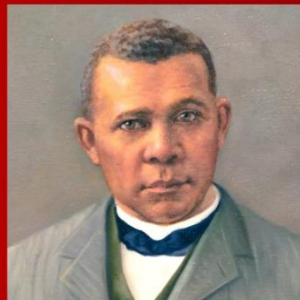
"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

George Washington



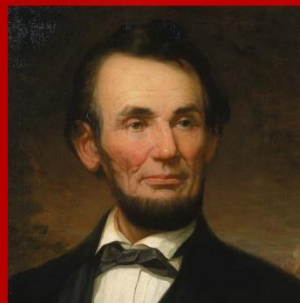
"It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful?"

Mahatma Gandhi



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

Booker T. Washington



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

Abraham Lincoln

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“Mothers can forgive anything! Tell me all, and be sure that I will never let you go, though the whole world should turn from you.”

Louisa May Alcott



“I have often felt that I cheated my children a little. I was never so totally theirs as most mothers are. I gave to audiences what belonged to my children, got back from audiences the love my children longed to give me.”

Eleanor Roosevelt



“Mother is one to whom you hurry when you are troubled.”

Emily Dickinson



“Why should we not pray to our mother who are in heaven, as well as to our father?”

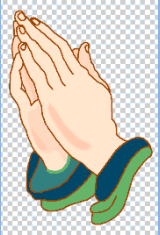
Susan B. Anthony



Dear Church Family,

Billy and I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, condolences and comforting words on the passing of our beautiful daughter, Missy. We would also like to thank those who so generously donated to the fund set up for Missy's boys, Will and Tyler. We are so grateful for our church family. Thank you all so much.

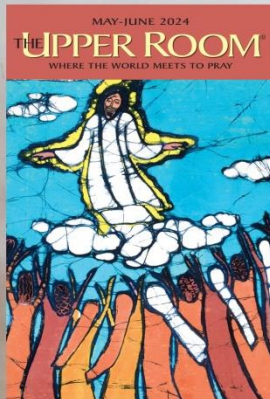
*In God's Love,
Maureen and Bill Mitchell*



Virtual Prayer Meeting

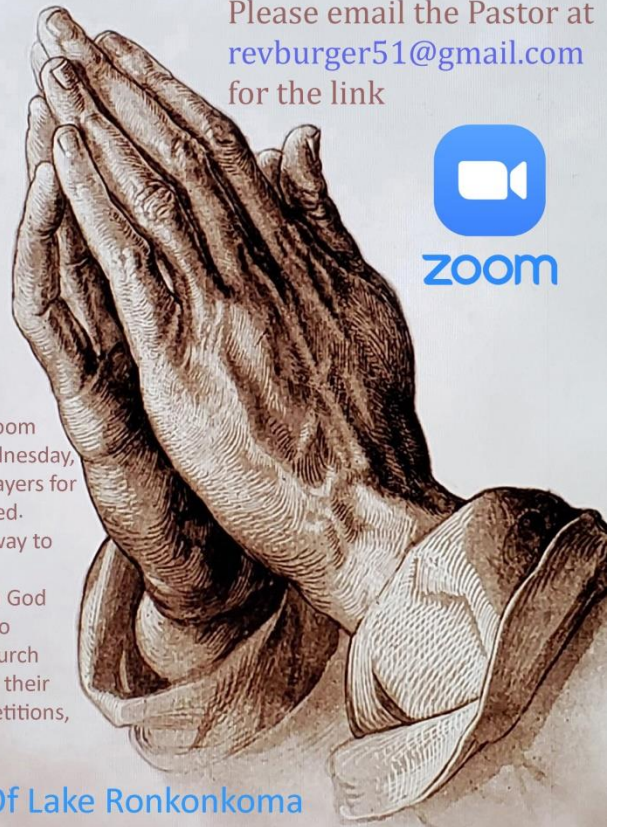
Every
Wednesday
8:00 AM

Please email the Pastor at
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



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

This is the day the Lord hath made. PS 118:24

May 20 **TESSA'S TEA PARTY** 7 PM at the church

**All things work together for good to them that love God.
Romans 8:28**

June planning meeting to be determined soon....

July meet every Sunday morning at church to provide coffee hour refreshments for our congregation.

Thank you

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**Tessa's
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**United
Women
In Faith**

**Monday
May 20, 2024
7PM**

Please bring your
own cup!

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Women's Retreat April 26-28, 2024



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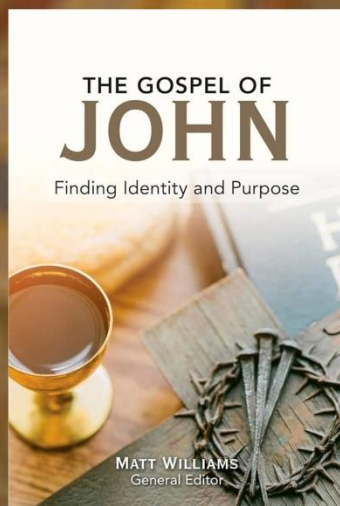


Bible Study

"The Gospel of John - Finding Identity and Purpose"

Led by:

Pastor Karen Burger Dennis Subbiondo Marilyn Becht



Thursdays

7:00 PM

At the
United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

Church Leaders

Rich Wahl



I was born at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Far Rockaway on April 13, 1946. My parents moved their young family to Uniondale and then to Oceanside in 1957, where we joined Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church. I graduated from Oceanside High School in June 1964 and enlisted in the US Air Force on November 4, 1965. After Basic Training, I was sent to Keesler AFB, Mississippi as an OJT Air Policeman. In

November 1966 I volunteered for Sentry Dog School. While training, I had two German Shepherd dogs-Fido and Hidei-and graduated with my class.

After a 30-day leave, I was sent to Vietnam where I was assigned to the 12th Air Police Squadron K9 Section. I was teamed with Rex A836, an experienced dog who kept me safe during my tour. I was in Vietnam from February 1967 until 1968, serving during the early weeks of the TET Offensive.

I was promoted to Sergeant (E4) and received the Vietnam Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the Presidential Unit Citation.

On February 20, 1968, I returned to the USA and was assigned to the 380th Security Police (SAC) K9 Section at Plattsburg New York. I served my year there as Squad Leader supervising 6 other dog teams.

On February 20, 1969, I received my Honorable Discharge from the USAF.

In 1972 I reenlisted in the Air Force Reserves at McGuire AFB, NJ, and was then transferred to 1-142 Infantry Support Company Scout Platoon, Nesconset, NY.

In 1976, I worked for the Georgia Dept. of Corrections where I served as a dormitory officer.

In 1978 I was hired by Grumman Aircraft Plant 66 in Millidgeville, Georgia where I worked on the A6A bomber and F14A Tomcat.

In 1992, I returned to Long Island and spent two years as Custodian for the Holbrook Fire Dept. After training, I became a paid professional EMT for 6 years and also volunteered at the Medford and Brookhaven Ambulance Companies.

I am a member of many Veteran service organizations. In 2022-2023 I was Post Commander of Patchogue American Legion Post # 269 and continue as a member of both 269 and VFW Post 2913 also in Patchogue.

I was introduced to the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma by my brother Bill and became a member thanks to the nurturing of Rev. Stuart Thody. Since then, I have served as chairman of Trustees, a member of SPRC, UMM, and the Missions Committee. I have also taught Adult Bible Study.

I continue to serve my church in various committees, and as an usher.

1 J O H N



Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

1 John: 5 1-6

JOHN



9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

John 15: 9-17

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1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

JOHN



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. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. 13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17: 6-19

ACTS



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?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Acts 2: 1-13

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14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!
16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

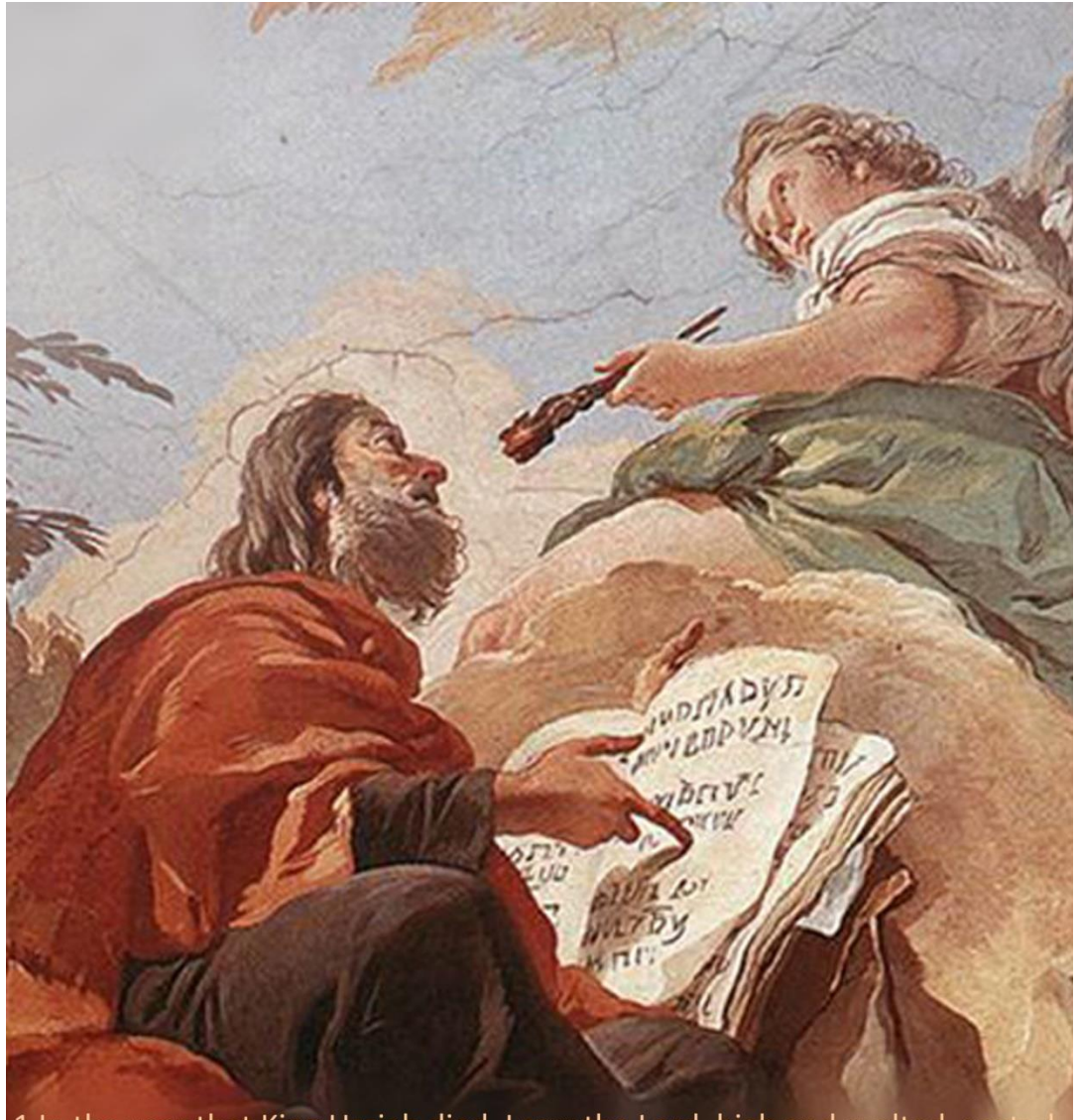
Acts 2: 14-21

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26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. 4 I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, 5 but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. 12 “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” John 15: 26-27 & 16: 4-15

I S A I A H



1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

2 Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

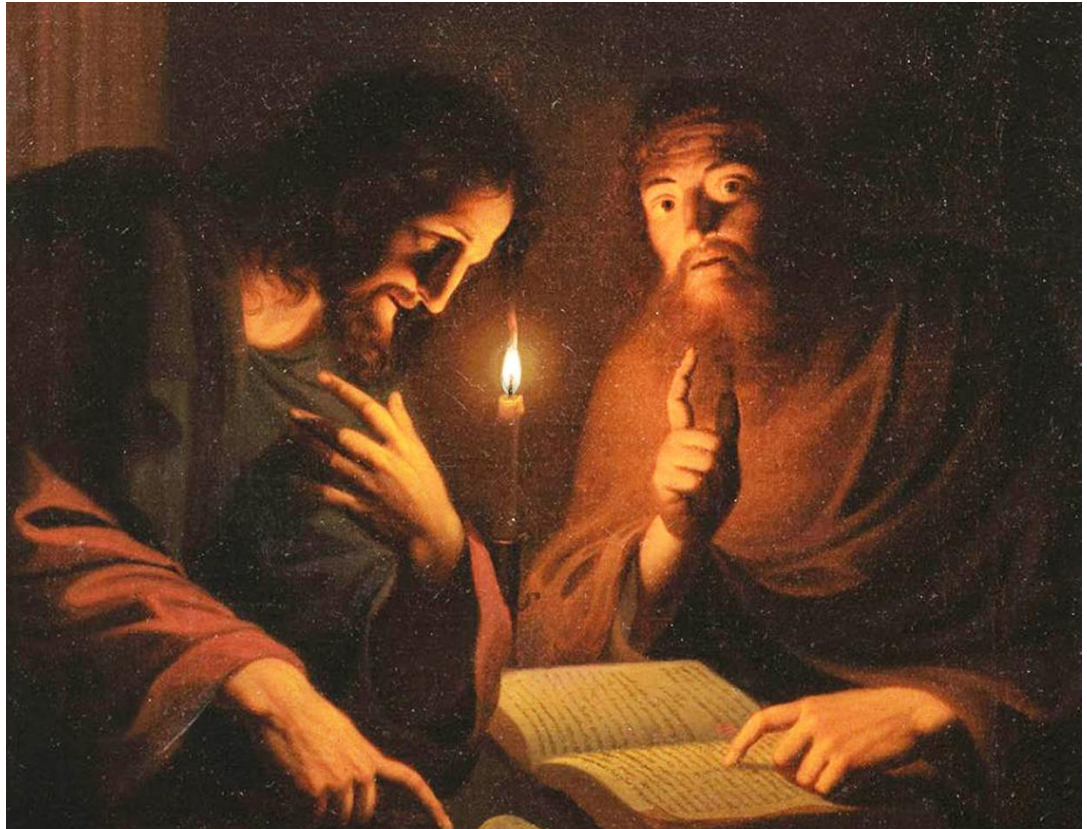
6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Isaiah 6: 1-8

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1 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

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44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."
45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.
46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,
47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things.
49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."
50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.
51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.
52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.
53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

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Long Island reSound Handbell Ensemble presents...



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Saturday, June 1st @ 2:00 pm

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792 Hawkins Ave, Lake Grove, NY 11755

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Saturday
October 12, 2024

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NOVEMBER 2, 2024
6:00 PM



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Christmas Festival & Sale

United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

"5 Corners"

792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY

Friday, November 29, 2024

Saturday, November 30, 2024

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Food - Vendors - Crafts - Fun

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Breakfast With Santa!

Saturday

November 30, 2024

9:30 AM



Pancakes - Bacon
Orange Juice - Apple Juice
Coffee (For the young at heart)



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Baptism Sunday

April 21, 2024



Scarlett Grace Cakouros



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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.

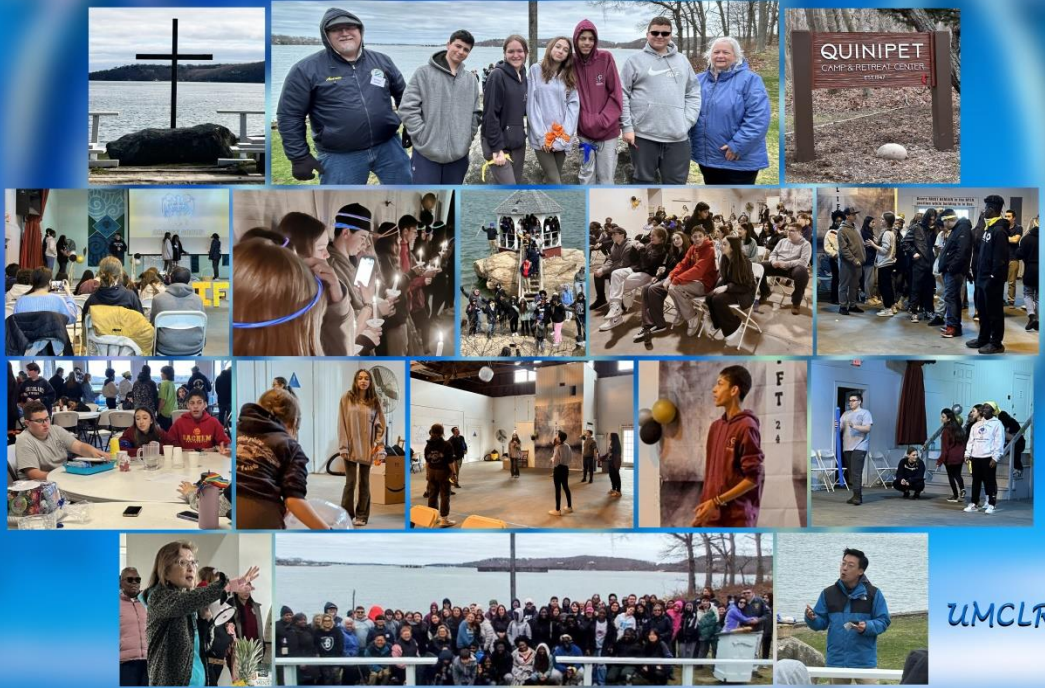


GOOD
TIMES



District Youth Retreat




April 5-7, 2024



**UMCLR
Members
Cruise
on the
"Getaway"**



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS



John Akerly Phinus Davis	 Army Army	Pvt. Pvt.	Strong' Co. NY Reg.
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Sterling C. Girardet Sr.	 Army	Lt. Cdr.	



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Wilson Caspari Sr. Charles L. Davis Sr. Sterling C. Girardet Sr. Merrett Hallock C. Russell Moll Richard B. Newton Summer Newton Charles L. Russell Evelyn S. Russell Stanley C. Smith Gustav K. Stegeman Leroy Vollgraf	 Mer. Mar Army Army Army Navy Navy Army Army Army Army Army	Pvt. Lt. Cdr. Cpl Pvt. Yoe. 1 C CMTM Pvt. Nurse Sgt Sgt	13 Co. 152 Depo Brig. 308 IC M77Div. KIA 1918-20 NYSNFF Bat D 145 Field Art. Co. D 16 INF 1st Div.
James H. Agnew William Agnew Charles Benjamin Wilson Caspari Sr. Leo Clark Charles L. Davis Jr. Lawrence Davis Vernon H. Davis Sr. Elmer Donnelly Sterling C. Girardet Sr. Manuel Grau	 Army USAF Army Mer. Mar. Navy Navy Navy Army Army Army Army	Eng. St. Sgt Sea. 1 C LL. Cdr.	1941-45 1941-51



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ARMY	
Adam Metzler	Army
Summer Newton	Mer. Mar.
Otto Pfail	AAC
William R. Miller	USAF
Thomas R. Powell	AAF
John Robinson	Army
Walter C. Schroeder	USAF
Laci Teleky	Navy
Paul Teleky	Army
Francis S. Terry	Army
Marshall Towne	USACG

Sgt	1941-44
Capt.	NY AF Res.
St. Sgt.	N.J. 318 Fighter Sq.
Sgt.	1941-45
	1942-45
	Spec. Serv.
	1941-45

NAVY	
Richard Bender	Army
Leon B. Bruckner	Army
David Burgess	Army
George Carroll	Army
Wilson Caspari Jr.	Mar Corp
Richard Falce	Navy
Charles Harrison	Army
Albert Heiserer	CG
Harry Rosen	Navy
Thomas Schiavone	Army
Vincent Torraca	USAF
Howard Wilson	Army

Cpl	1951-54
PFC	Infantry
Pvt. 1 C.	1953-55
Pvt. 1 C.	1950-53
T Sgt.	
	1951-55
E-2	1949-52
E-6	1954-62
E-6	1948-57
Pvt. 1 C.	1952-54
S. Sgt.	1951-55
Cpl	1952-54



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NAVY	
Charles Bornschein	Navy
Charles Benjamin Jr.	Marines
Keith Bowes	Army
Cheryl Bruckner-Schwab	Army
Leo Congio	Army
Ronald Drigula	Navy
George Doukas	Navy
Ralph Faber	Army
Warren Ferry	USAF
Albert Heiserer	CG
Robert McNeill	Army
Oliver Mulvihill	Army
William Otto	USANG
Robert Price	Navy
Robert Probeck	Marines

3 C	1955-58
E-5	1975-76
MP	1981-84
Sp-4	1962-64
CWO-2	1957-81
Seaman	1971
E-4	1983-86/1995-2005
E-4	1961-65
E-6	1954-62
	1946-48
Pvt. 2C	1960-62
S Sgt E-6	1969-75
	1946
CPL	1978-83

MARINES	
John Bedell	Marines
Glenn Davis	Army
Douglas Filipowich	Army
Albert Heiserer	CG
Gerald June	Army
William Mitchell	Army
Joseph Rummel	Army
Bruce Smith	Army
Richard Wahl	USAF/NG
Richard Plantamura	Army

L. Cpl	1967-69
T-5	1965-68
Sp-5	1966-69
E-6	1954-62
Sp-4	1966-68
E-5	1970-72 Purple Heart
Sp-4	1968
Sp-4	1970-71
Sgt/CPL	1965-69/1976-91
	1970-71



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James Hayward Ilona Torraca	 Navy USAF	E-6 S Sgt	1983-1993 1986-1992
Christian A. Torraca	 BOSNIA USAF	5 Sgt	1995-2000
Dennis Monahan	 USMC	5 Sgt	1969-1999



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*Edmund A. Torraca Laura Bender Peter Polsunas *Douglas Foy *Max Carroll *Kate Patton	 Army Navy Army Army USAF/NG USAF/NG	Col. Cdr. E-5 E-4 E-4	2000-13 res. 2001-2018 1990-96 1998-present 2014-present 2014-present
Cheryl A. Bruckner-Schwab	 Army	PFC	1981-1984
Samuel E. Tom	 M Corp.		Current



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Remaining Sunday School Calendar for 2023-24

- May 5: Secondary SS attends church
- May 12: Elementary SS begins in church Mother's Day Children's message
- May 19: All SS begins in the classroom
- May 26: No Sunday School Memorial Day weekend family Service
- June 3: Secondary SS attends church
- June 9: Youth and Children's Service / Nettie Baker Day last day of SS

Youth Programs Available

Sunday School

Youth Choir

United Methodist Youth

Confirmation Class

For more information on our Youth Programs call:
(631) 588-5856



Youth in 6th – 12th Grades

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30

(Twice per month)

Meeting dates:

2024

January 10th and 24th

February 7th and 28th

March 6th and 20th

April 3rd and 17th

May 8th and 22nd

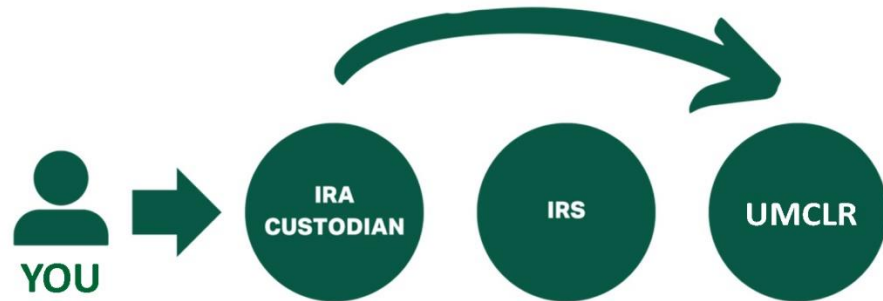
June 5th

Advisors:

Wendy Duffy and Jennie Olivotti

Save on your Taxes

Qualified Charitable Contribution



Save on your taxes with your donation to the Lake Ronkonkoma United Methodist Church with a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). You can sell shares from your mutual funds or brokerage account to donate to a qualified charity (for which our church is one).

- A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is not subject to ordinary federal income taxes – the amount is simply excluded from your taxable income. In general, QCDs must be reduced by deductible IRA contributions made for the year you reach 70½ or later. If you have made deductible IRA contributions for the year you turn 70½ or later, consult a qualified tax advisor prior to taking a QCD to determine the amount by which your QCD must be reduced.

About taking a qualified charitable distribution for your required minimum distribution (RMD)

- Your QCD counts towards satisfying your RMD once you reach RMD age.
- Up to a maximum of \$100,000 of your RMD can be donated to a qualified charity.
- If you have the RMD service, be sure to factor in these donations to avoid distributing more than your annual RMD.
- Qualified charitable distributions are counted for the tax year in which they are taken.

Example.

We are required to take an RMD each year from our IRA. We request that a QCD be made to satisfy a portion of our yearly RMD. A check for the requested amount is sent to our address with the name of the church as the payee. We then give this check to the church to satisfy a portion of our gift and tithe for the year.



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



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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Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson	UWIF Representative	Barbara Colucci
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		Comm. & Tech.	Andrew Sinclair
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