



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

## NOVEMBER 2018

United Methodist Church  
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue  
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

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

Church Office Hours –  
Monday – Thursday  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Nursery School –  
631-467-9601

Thrift Shop –  
631-981-9749

### Staff

Rev. Dr. Constance Pak,  
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,  
Nursery School Director

Cathy Mitchell,  
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,  
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,  
Youth Choir Director &  
Organist

## *Thanksgiving Baskets*

We will again be giving goody baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving. We have been able to be very generous in the past thanks to our church family. Please bring something for the baskets on Sundays in November. Fresh vegetables, fruit, pies and turkeys should be brought on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This year we have a special need for stuffing, sweet potatoes, pies and cake mixes, coffee, juice, tea, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats and spaghetti sauce. Please leave them in the narthex. Thanks so much.



## **Veterans Day**

**This year we will celebrate Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> with a special service. At 11:11 we will ring our outside bell as many churches in the country will be doing. We will again be putting small flags out on our front lawn. We will put out any purchased and left from previous years. New ones can be bought to honor your veterans for \$2 and afterwards you can leave them for next year or take them home. After the service, we will again be having our luncheon and all veterans and their families are invited. We need food for the luncheon. Please call Diane June at 631 585-1481 or sign up in Hertlin Hall to let us know what to expect. Thanks.**



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.

Join us for the **UM Men's  
Annual Sauerbraten Dinner**

on

**Saturday, November 10 at 6:00 PM**

<b>Ticket Prices:</b>	Adult & Youth (13 – 64)	\$15.00
	Senior Citizens (65 and older)	\$12.00
	Children (6 – 12)	\$12.00
	Children (5 or under)	Free

**Bring your family and friends!**

*Please contact Ray Becht at 631-585-3111 for tickets  
or call the church office at 631-588-5856.*



On Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> we will join together with the congregations of St. Joseph's Parish and St. Mary's Episcopal Church to celebrate a Pre-Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 315 Lake Shore Road, Lake Ronkonkoma. Let us gather together and give thanks for our many blessings. Please be sure to mark your calendars and attend this special service.

## Lections

November 4  
Twenty-fourth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday

Ruth 1:1-18  
Ps. 146 (UMH 858)  
Heb. 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

November 11  
Twenty-fifth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
Organ & Tissue  
Donor Sunday  
Veterans Day

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Ps. 127 (UMH 777)  
Heb. 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

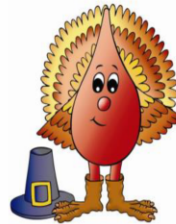
November 18  
Twenty-sixth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
Thanksgiving Sunday

1 Sam. 1:4-20  
1 Sam. 2:1-10 or  
Ps. 113 (UMH 834)  
Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18)  
19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

November 25  
Christ the King/Reign  
of Christ (Last Sunday  
After Pentecost)  
UM Student Day

2 Sam. 23:1-7  
Ps. 132:1-12 (UMH 849)  
Rev. 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

# United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma **BLOOD DRIVE**



**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove**

Your donation will help to **save up to THREE lives.**

Our community hospitals need your help.

Please share this lifesaving gift

Every donor will receive a coupon for a free large McDonald's sandwich,  
with any purchase

**Thank You for Caring!**

### ♥ Eligibility Criteria ♥

Bring **Donor Card or ID**. Minimum Weight: 110lbs. No New Tattoos  
for past 12 months. Ages 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission)

**For questions concerning medical eligibility:**

[www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org) | 1-800-933-2566

**For more information or to schedule an appointment:**

**Debra Schild (631)921-9366**

 **Long Island** Blood Services

Martha's Place  
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Mondays  
10am - 2pm

Tuesdays  
10am - 2pm

Fridays  
10am - 2pm

Saturdays  
10am - 2pm

# MARTHA'S PLACE THRIFT SHOP

Halloween is now over and all the left over costumes are going to Big Brothers and Sisters, as we can't keep them for another year. We know other costumes will take their place for 2019.



Now we are concentrating on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We should have hundreds of Christmas items to choose from as we are blessed with boxes full of many great gifts. Give us a week to get our shop ready for the season.

Thank you for your continued giving to your Thrift Shop as we couldn't be open without your donations. However, we could still use 1 or 2 volunteers to help out in a pinch to walk around and be of help where needed.



Remember we take NO donations in December as the bin will be locked until we reopen after New Year's.

Once again, thank you for your continued donations and shopping for needed items because we do have new items as well as lightly used items.

In GOD'S service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers.

## Coming soon...



*Christmas greeting cards will be available for purchase to wish our congregation members a Merry Christmas. Proceeds will benefit the Pastor's discretionary fund.*

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

These names are offered each month as 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, call the church office at (631) 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

3	Troy Drisgula
3	Sara Pearl
6	William Wahl
9	Joyce Guerrero
10	Scott Schild
10	Susan Kohout
11	Tristin Kohout
13	Ray Becht
13	Carol Kandias
13	Ginger Schild
17	Charles Bornschein
18	Shawn Beery
23	Christina Otto
29	Carol Doukas



Don't forget to attend our  
*Annual Charge Conference*  
on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
at the UMC of Patchogue  
*(10 Church Street, Patchogue)*



# LAKE RONKONKOMA

## UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesdays 6:15 – 7:30**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>

Collecting food donations from congregation for  
Thanksgiving food baskets.



NEEDED: canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, gravy, canned hams, stuffing, muffin/cake mix, etc.

**Sunday –  
December 2nd**



# Toy Drive

This year the United Methodist Church is partnering with local Fire Departments to serve children in need or crisis. The Holbrook, Lake Ronkonkoma and St. James Fire Departments will be our conduit to these children. These valiant volunteers respond year round to families in medical crisis and environment emergencies. They are fully committed to serve all the residents in their districts. They visit group homes, shelters, schools, places of business and houses of worship. The trauma of sudden family illness or loss of housing and safety effects children in a significant and unique fashion.



We will be donating new, unwrapped toys on Sunday, November 18, 2018 during our worship service.

The Fire Departments will distribute them as they deem best over the coming year.

This is a mission activity that has multiple benefits for our community. Our church community is encouraged to involve their children in selecting, contributing some saved allowance and presenting the gifts on November 18.



This drive is taking the place of the Good Samaritan Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box drive done each year.



A gift of a toy delivered by a Fireman will bring smiles and warmth to our children in this community who have experienced difficult times.

God bless you and all the children.

*Helen Morley*

## HELP WANTED

- 1- Trustee for a 1 year term
- 2- SPPR - oversees the staff
- 3- Member-at-large for Church Council
- 4- Alternate to Annual Conference at Hofstra in June
- 5- Committee members (2) for Nominating/Leadership
- 6- Chairman for Communications and Technology



---

### *Wish List*

Thank you to an angel for paying for all the new lights throughout the church, basement, Thrift Shop and Nursery School. "And there shall be light".

In addition to the nursery school toilet and floor boards (\$500), railing and cement repair outside (\$1000), we are now starting a Parsonage Renovation Fund. The parsonage needs: bedroom ceiling painted, rebuild deck, renovate kitchen, upgrade downstairs bathroom and add a shower, remove wall between kitchen and dining room, and 1/2 wall between living room and family room, power wash house, recaulk tub, repair rear screen door.

---

### *Lay Leader*

The Lay Leader links the local church and community. He/She must be a professing member of the local church and is voted on at the annual Charge Conference. This is the person that any member of the church can go to with concerns or questions about the minister or another congregant. Our Lay Leaders are: Marilyn Becht and Angel Sinclair.

They also are participating members of council and other committees. Do not hesitate to speak to either of them with your suggestions, ideas for a new or ongoing project or especially to volunteer. They are your connection.



# UMW NEWS



To All Church Ladies,

Once again here we are at the beginning of the holiday season. Always a great time to reconnect with old friends, make social plans with new friends and call upon our family members to reassure we are there for them in times of need.

These are the little things that really matter the most in life and especially in this time of thanksgiving. We also give thanks to God that He has given us life in order to share our strengths with others towards the betterment of our communities. In return, we praise His name and keep it holy in our hearts. We spread His love around the world!



Our mission organization is The Malala Fund. We will be having fundraisers during the next several months to support their mission. After speaking out on behalf of girls and our right to learn, Malala Yousafzai from Pakistan, was shot in the head on her school bus by masked men. As a result of this, Malala and her father started this foundation to help give every girl the opportunity to have a future in any way she chooses. Most of their work is in the Middle East, Africa and South America. In 2014, Malala became the youngest ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. To learn more about the Malala Fund, please go to [malala.org](http://malala.org). Anyone in the church community is welcome to donate to her fund on their own.

In October, we'd like to thank Barbara Colucci and her husband, Doug, for setting up a wonderful BBQ station under the stars with hot dogs, salads, and s'mores. It was great fun for all! For most of the evening we sold pumpkins, before coming inside for a quick meeting. Yes, it was a bit chilly.

Yours in Christ,  
Ilona Torraca  
UMW President

---

## ***Looking Ahead***

November 12 – Book discussion led by Lisa Larsen Hill. We will be discussing, [Pearl in the Sand](#) by Tessa Afshar. All are welcome, regardless of whether you read the book or not.

December 1 – Cookie Walk to comingle with the flute concert. This is a fundraiser. Everyone in the church is welcome to bake cookies and be a part of this event. Please bring 6 dozen of each type of cookie.

December 10 – Holiday Party at Barbara Colucci's home. Potluck and all are welcome!

# Christmas Party Open House

Joy to the World



O Come All  
Ye Faithful

To: All Women of the Church

For: UMW Christmas Party

When: Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Where: Barbara Colucci's – 631-675-6101  
65 Barker Drive, Stony Brook



Fun & Fellowship



Come any time after 6:30 p.m. for appetizers and desserts!

## EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

Happy November everyone. Our Pumpkin Posse has done it again. What a great month October was for pumpkins and events. Thank you so much

Beth Ann, Ileana, Bernice, Stacey, Tessa, Barb and all their family members who helped out.

Our next big events are:



VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

on Sunday, Nov. 11th.

Talk to Diane and Jerry June if you would like to help with this event.

BLOOD DRIVE!!

Please check out the flyer. It is on Nov. 18th.



TOY DRIVE

We are changing our Mission for the holidays from Operation Christmas Child to a TOY DRIVE. Please see announcement in Good News.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

**Anyone interested in organizing it?**

Wednesday, December 19th. I will be away Dec.7-16th so I will not be able to do the job.

Serving God,

Debra Schild, [sonevole1@optimum.net](mailto:sonevole1@optimum.net), 631-921-9366





# *Soup Sunday II*

*September 30, 2018*



*The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma*



## *Game Night*

Game night will be held on  
Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.  
All adults are welcome to attend.  
Bring your favorite game!

# Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 1

Get in the holiday spirit by attending the



*Sounds  
of the  
Season*

Long Island Flute Club's

Holiday Concert

in our Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m.

*Enjoy beautiful holiday songs!*

*Purchase delicious cookies at the  
UM Women's Cookie Walk  
before and after the concert!*



And don't miss the

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

after the concert at 5:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a special evening of music and fellowship as we decorate the church for the Christmas season. A potluck dinner will be served.



*The Long Island Flute Club*

*presents*

*“Silvery Sounds of the Season”*



*A recital of seasonal favorites,  
performed by the*

*Long Island Flute Club  
Holiday Flute Choir*

*Saturday, December 1, 2018 3:00 pm  
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma  
792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove  
Freewill contribution to benefit ALS*

Ongoing Mission:

Loaves & Fishes  
 Soup Kitchen of the  
 UMCLR is open  
 Tuesdays and  
 Thursdays at 4:45 pm  
 in Fellowship Hall

Support Groups:

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

*Alcoholics Anonymous*  
 Tuesdays at 6:30pm  
 and 8:30 pm, and  
 Fridays at 8:00 pm in  
 Fellowship Hall

*COPE*  
*Connecting Our Paths Eternally*  
*(A grief and healing organization dedicated to helping parents and families living with the loss of a child.)*  
 Fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Library

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



November 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> All Saints Day Soup Kitchen 4:45 Disp. Bible Study 7:30 Rabbit Assoc. 8	<b>2</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 The June's Renewal of Vows 5 AA 8	<b>3</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2
<b>4</b> All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time ends Worship Committee after service	<b>5</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7	<b>6</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Trustees 7	<b>7</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Memorial Committee 1 UMYF 6:15 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation Covenant Service 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>8</b> Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 6 – 8:30 Disp. Bible Study 7:30	<b>9</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Little Angels 6:15 AA 8	<b>10</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 UMM Sauerbraten Dinner 6
<b>11</b> Veterans Day Veterans Sunday Evangelism & Missions 7	<b>12</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7 UMW 7	<b>13</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Church Council 7:30	<b>14</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 UMYF 6:15 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>15</b> Soup Kitchen 4:45 Disp. Bible Study 7:30	<b>16</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Little Angels 6:15 Game Night 7 AA 8	<b>17</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Good Samaritan Ministries – Hertlin Hall 10 – 2 Charge Conference at UMC Patchogue 10 AM
<b>18</b> Thanksgiving Sunday Toy Drive Blood Drive 8:30 - 1	<b>19</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7	<b>20</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Pre-Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Episcopal Church 7:30	<b>21</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 No Wednesday Evening Programs	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	<b>23</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 COPE 7 AA 8	<b>24</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2
<b>25</b> Baptism Sunday Nurture Committee after service	<b>26</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7	<b>27</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Finance 7:30	<b>28</b> Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 UMYF 6:15 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	<b>29</b> Soup Kitchen 4:45 Girl Scouts 6 – 8:30 Disp. Bible Study 7:30	<b>30</b> Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Little Angels 6:15 AA 8	

G

O

O

D

N

E

W

S

Church Office (631) 588-5856  
 Church FAX (631) 588-0753  
 Nursery School (631) 467-9601  
 Martha's Place Thrift Shop (631) 981-9749  
 Parsonage (631) 585-4968  
 Church Email [umclr@verizon.net](mailto:umclr@verizon.net)  
 Church Website [umclr.com](http://umclr.com)

**Resident Bishop** Rev. Thomas Bickerton

**District Superintendent** Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim

**Pastor** Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Administrative Assistant Cathy Mitchell  
 Nursery School Director Filomena Thomas  
 Chancel Choir Director Rex Enderlin  
 Organist Heather Edwards-Wilson  
 Children's Choir Director Heather Edwards-Wilson

Church Council Dennis Subbiondo  
 Staff Parish Pastor Relations Bill Otto  
 Lay Leader Marilyn Becht  
 Angelique Sinclair  
 Lay Member to Conference Diane Hatton

**Board of Trustees** Keith Bowes  
 Beth Ann Graf  
 Sharon Millard  
 Janet Baumann  
**Endowment** Rich Tom  
**Memorials** Holly Ghosio  
**Finance** Angelique Sinclair  
**Financial Secretaries** Warren Ferry  
 Heather DeSanto  
**Stewardship** Heather DeSanto  
**Worship** Allyssa Schoenemann  
**Lay Servant Coordinator** Tammy Edwards-Wilson  
**Education** Wendy Duffy  
**Sunday School Superintendent** Debra Schild  
**Youth Coordinator** Marilee Drisgula  
**Evangelism & Missions** Diane Hatton  
**Martha's Place Thrift Shop** Soon Bowes  
**Soup Kitchen Representative** Keith Bowes  
**Nurture/Care Ministry** Dennis Subbiondo  
**UMM Representatives** Ilona Torraca  
**UMW Representatives** Leslie Ann Alessi  
 Walter Schroeder  
**Church Historian** Jon Ghosio  
**Comm. & Tech.** Warren Ferry  
**Disaster Prep. & Response** Cathy Mitchell  
**Good News Editor** Leslie Ann Alessi  
**Circulation**

The United Methodist Church  
 of Lake Ronkonkoma  
 792 Hawkins Avenue  
 Lake Grove, NY 11755