



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

NOVEMBER 2020

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

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

The Pumpkins Arrive!
October 13, 2020
Our Pumpkin Posse

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



*A big thank you to everyone who helped
with the Pumpkin Patch this year!*

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.

Thanksgiving Baskets



We will again be giving food baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving. We have been able to be very generous in the past, thanks to our church family. Please bring your items and put them in the box in the library. Fresh vegetables, fruit, pies and turkeys should be brought on Monday, November 23rd at 10 AM if possible. Call Diane June at 631 585-1481 to arrange another time. This year we have a special need for stuffing, sweet potatoes, coffee, tea, juice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and spaghetti sauce. Thanks so much!

Veterans Day Flags

As you know, we put flags on our front lawn for Veterans Day. We have more than 300 flags to put out this year. If you would like to buy a flag to honor a specific veteran or vets in general, they are \$2 each. Put the money in an envelope marked Veterans Day. You may take your flags home after we take them down later in the month or leave them for future years. If you would like to be a part of the flags placing, we will do it after the church meeting on November 8th.



Lections

November 1
All Saints Sunday

Josh 3:7-17
Ps 107:1-7, 33-37
(UMH 830)
1 Thess 2:9-13
Matt 23:1-12

November 8
Twenty-Third Sunday
after Pentecost
Organ & Tissue
Donor Sunday

Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25
Ps 78:1-7 (UMH 799)
1 Thess 4:13-18
Matt 25:1-13

November 15
Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost

Judg 4:1-7
Ps 123 or Ps 76
(UMH 797)
1 Thess 5:1-11
Matt 25:14-30

November 22
Christ the King/
Reign of Christ
Thanksgiving Sunday

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24
Ps 100 (UMH 821)
Eph 1:15-23
Matt 25:31-46

November 29
First Sunday
of Advent
UM Student Day

Beginning Lectionary
Year B
Isa 64:1-9
Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
(UMH 801)
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



Baptism Sunday

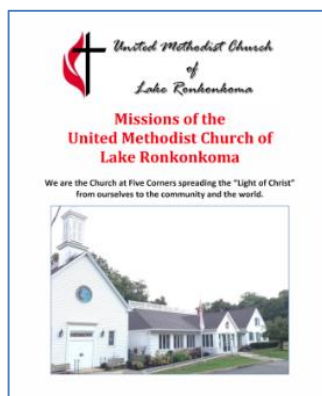
October 18, 2020



Brandon James Kaloustian



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



The Mission Book has been updated!
Please call the church office at
631-588-5856 to request a copy.
Emailed or hard copies are available.

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Martha's Place
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Fridays
10am - 2pm

Saturdays
10am - 2pm

Our Thrift Shop is doing fine with our customers who understand the Covid-19 rules. We have only turned away 3 or 4 people who for whatever reason didn't want to leave their phone number with us since opening in September on Fridays and Saturdays only.



Thank you for holding back your donations when we requested you to! Keep them coming when we are open.

Remember no books. The library should take them.

When Halloween is over, we will put out Christmas items. The Thanksgiving items are out now.



Thank you again for following our requests at times, and remember – no donations in December.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



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Please Help

Our Nursery School Needs:

- * *Lysol Disinfecting Spray*
- * *Sanitizing Wipes*
- * *Paper Towels*
- * *Liquid Hand Soap*

*Please Bring Your Donations To The Church Office
Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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.



- 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 Ginger Schild
- 17 Charles Bornschein
- 18 Shawn Beery
- 23 Christina Otto
- 29 Carol Doukas



**History Comes Alive
At The
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma
Current Church Members - Who are they?**



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A. Debra Schild B. Ray Becht C. Helen Mulvihill D. Bobbie Clark E. Charlie Bornschein F. Wendy Duffy G. Eileen Torrace H. George Doukas I. Jean McNeill



Join the Book Discussion! We will be meeting on Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. The next title that will be read is "Saving Amelie" by Cathy Gohlke. All are welcome.



Dear fellow congregants,

Our Church complex has been open since September 6th and we are trying to return to normal as best we can. Our Sexton continues to clean and disinfect our buildings. Our Nursery School teachers and students have returned. Our Congregation is returning, and so are the special groups that call the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma home.

All areas being used are sanitized daily.

The Nursery School donation to the Church has resumed. With the recommencement of some outside meetings in October, the group donations have begun to return. Please, if -at all possible- continue to support your Church by donating as much as you can to offset the shortfall which will be sizeable this year due to the Covid-19 forced closure.

The Trustees have increased our insurance deductible to \$2,500 which will save us close to \$700 in insurance costs this year.

We are currently working on our report for the Charge Conference which is scheduled for November 21 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Thank you, Quinn Vollgraff, for repairing the fence behind the homes on Lido Blvd.
Thank you, Soon & Keith Bowes, for overseeing the removal of the Lido Blvd. trees.
Thank you, John Stein, for representing the Trustees at the Nursery School meeting.
Thank you, Jim Pennise, for repairing the hole in the south driveway exit.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us in person, or email us at trustees@umclr.com.

Walter Schroeder – Keith Bowes
&
Your Board of Trustees

Our Food Pantry is now open
3:00 – 5:00 pm on the
First and Third Tuesdays
of each month!!



*Donations of local supermarket gift cards
in the amount of \$10 or \$20 dollars would
also be appreciated.*

The following gifts have been received:



*In memory of Ron Drisgula
from Richard Wahl.*

*In honor of George Doukas
from Rosemarie Heiserer.*



Many challenges have come upon us with the closures and precautions taken during the pandemic. The education programs were halted for about six weeks during the closure when we were all still hoping to re-open and resume our in person instruction. At that point, we began making sure that the Children's message was in the Cyber Service each week. Our wonderful children's choir director, Heather Edwards-Wilson, was also able to continue in cyber rehearsals and prepared her choir to deliver anthems during our online services. Our secondary Sunday school resumed classes on zoom with Alyssa Schoenemann. Our second year Confirmation classes resumed online with their teacher Dennis Subbiondo and we were able to confirm three new members in August. During the spring it was thought to be difficult to ask the elementary children to spend any more time on the computer. Their Sunday school teachers reached out to them by writing letters. Plans were made to start on line instruction in the fall after Tammy Edwards-Wilson, our Sunday School Superintendent, called all of the families involved. They are meeting on zoom on Sundays. Our secondary Sunday school is presently being held on Sunday afternoons via skype from Germany. Alyssa moved there to take a teaching job but continued her commitment to teach her students here in Lake Ronkonkoma. Rich Tom is instructing our second year confirmation class and Diane Hansen will coordinate the program with the goal of receiving them as members when they complete all of their requirements sometime this spring. We will evaluate our efforts in January and decide whether or not it will be safe to invite everyone back to in person learning based on our ability to provide a safe environment and the status of the pandemic in our community. Meanwhile we continue to reach out and invite children to participate in our classes online whenever they can. I am grateful to our steadfast leaders as we try to navigate through these uncertain times. We are committed to leading our youngest to embrace their faith and know that God is there to help them through. We pray that we will make the right decisions that will keep us moving forward as we reach out in new ways to teach our children.

Sue Preddice
Chair, Education Committee



**FOR SAFETY SAKE
PLEASE FOLLOW THE ARROWS
IN OUR PARKING LOT
THANK YOU**

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED...
...FOR DONORS LIKE YOU.



Donate Blood

*To schedule an
appointment
go to.....*

WWW.NYBC.ORG

Or call...

(800) 933-2566

♥♥ 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 | 1-800-933-2566

**URGENT CALL FOR HEALTHY DONORS AS BLOOD SUPPLY
DROPS TO DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVELS**

Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the
UMCLR is open on
Tuesdays
5:00 - 5:30 pm
for meal pick-up

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 at 7:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

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



NOVEMBER



November 1	All Saints Day Daylight Saving Time Ends	
November 2	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
November 3	Food Pantry Soup Kitchen	3:00 – 5:00 PM 5:00 – 5:30 PM
November 8	Pre-Charge Conference Meeting	11:30 AM
November 9	Narcotics Anonymous Book Discussion	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
November 10	Soup Kitchen Board of Trustees	5:00 – 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
November 11	Veterans Day	
November 16	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
November 17	Food Pantry Soup Kitchen Church Council	3:00 – 5:00 PM 5:00 – 5:30 PM 7:30 PM
November 21	Charge Conference via Zoom	2:00 – 4:30 PM
November 22	Thanksgiving Sunday Baptism Sunday	
November 23	Narcotics Anonymous Nursery School Committee	7:00 PM 7:30 PM
November 24	Soup Kitchen	5:00 – 5:30 PM
November 26	Thanksgiving Day	
November 29	First Sunday of Advent	
November 30	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

GOOD

NEWS

Church Office	(631) 588-5856	Board of Trustees	Walter Schroeder
Church FAX	(631) 588-0753		Keith Bowes
Nursery School	(631) 467-9601	Endowment	Sharon Millard
Martha's Place Thrift Shop	(631) 981-9749	Memorials	Janet Baumann
Parsonage	(631) 585-4968	Finance	(Needed)
Church Email	Cathy@umclr.com	Financial Secretaries	Angelique Sinclair
Church Website	umclr.com		Bernice Waleski
Resident Bishop	Rev. Thomas Bickerton	Stewardship	Warren Ferry
District Superintendent	Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim	Worship	Heather DeSanto
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak	Lay Servant Coordinator	Heather DeSanto
CHURCH STAFF:		Education	Sue Preddice
Administrative Assistant	Cathy Mitchell	Sunday School Superintendent	Tammy Edwards-Wilson
Nursery School Director	Filomena Thomas	Youth Coordinator	Wendy Duffy
Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin	Missions, Evangelism & Nurture	Soon Bowes
Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Martha's Place Thrift Shop	Marilee Drisgula
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson	Soup Kitchen Representative	Diane Hatton
		UMM Representatives	Keith Bowes
			Dennis Subbiondo
Church Council	Debra Schild	UMW Representatives	(Needed)
Staff Parish Pastor Relations	Liza Wright	Church Historian	Walter Schroeder
Lay Leader	Marilyn Becht	Comm. & Tech.	(Needed)
	Angelique Sinclair	Disaster Prep. & Response	Warren Ferry
Lay Members to Conference	Diane Hatton	Good News Editor	Cathy Mitchell
	Bill Wahl	Circulation	Leslie Ann Alessi

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