



The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

Good News

November 2023

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United Methodist
Church of Lake
Ronkonkoma

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Tuesday - Friday
9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Nursery School
631-467-9601

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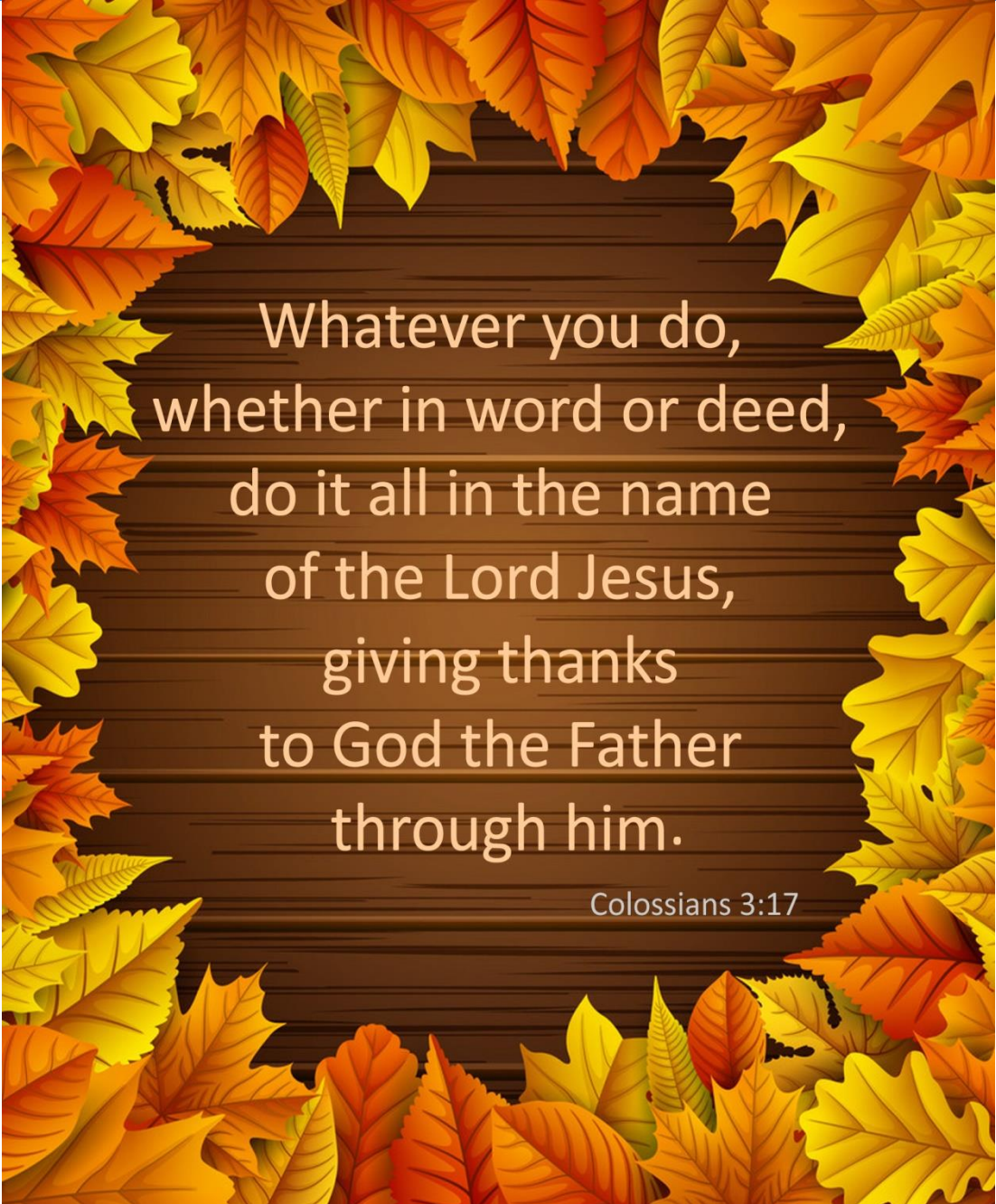
Rev. Karen A. Burger,
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,
Nursery School Director

Abby Preziosi,
Administrative
Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-
Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



Whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name
of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.

Colossians 3:17

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 UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma:

November is a month in which we begin moving into the holiday season. Veteran's Day and our Luncheon, our Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic and St. Mary's Episcopal church, and finally the Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Sale on Thanksgiving Weekend that kicks off our Advent and Christmas Season. Our Advent worship includes preaching, the annual Cantata and Pageant, our two Christmas Eve Candle lighting Services in the evening, and Christmas caroling! None of this happens without the hard work of our staff and volunteers, so I want to take this opportunity to thank our staff and everyone who devotes their prayers, time and energy to the ministries of UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma! This is a very active congregation with a wonderful spirit of fun as well as devotion to the Lord. You all make a difference!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Pumpkin Posse and all pumpkin patch volunteers for their work to make this ministry to families in our community possible. Each encounter at the Pumpkin Patch connects people to our church and is a way to show hospitality to the greater community. We had a good crew for the unload and for selling pumpkins, so thank you to each and every one of you. It also raises money that is vital to our church's operation and helps the Navajo growers too.

I want to thank Debra Schild for bringing one of her flute groups to perform at our church in a benefit concert for our Food Pantry. We raised money through donations as well as gathering in numerous bags of non-perishable food items that have stocked our Pantry as we enter November. How wonderful! It was also a lovely concert with Debra directing and giving background on each musical piece. I also want to thank Soon Bowes for inviting Pastors Duya and Jargal of Transformation Mongolia church to speak in worship, with my blessing. It was such a treat for me to meet them and hear their witness to God's healing power in their lives and how God is using them to share the faith with the people of their country.

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November 5
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 12
24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

November 19
25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

November 26
Christ the King

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

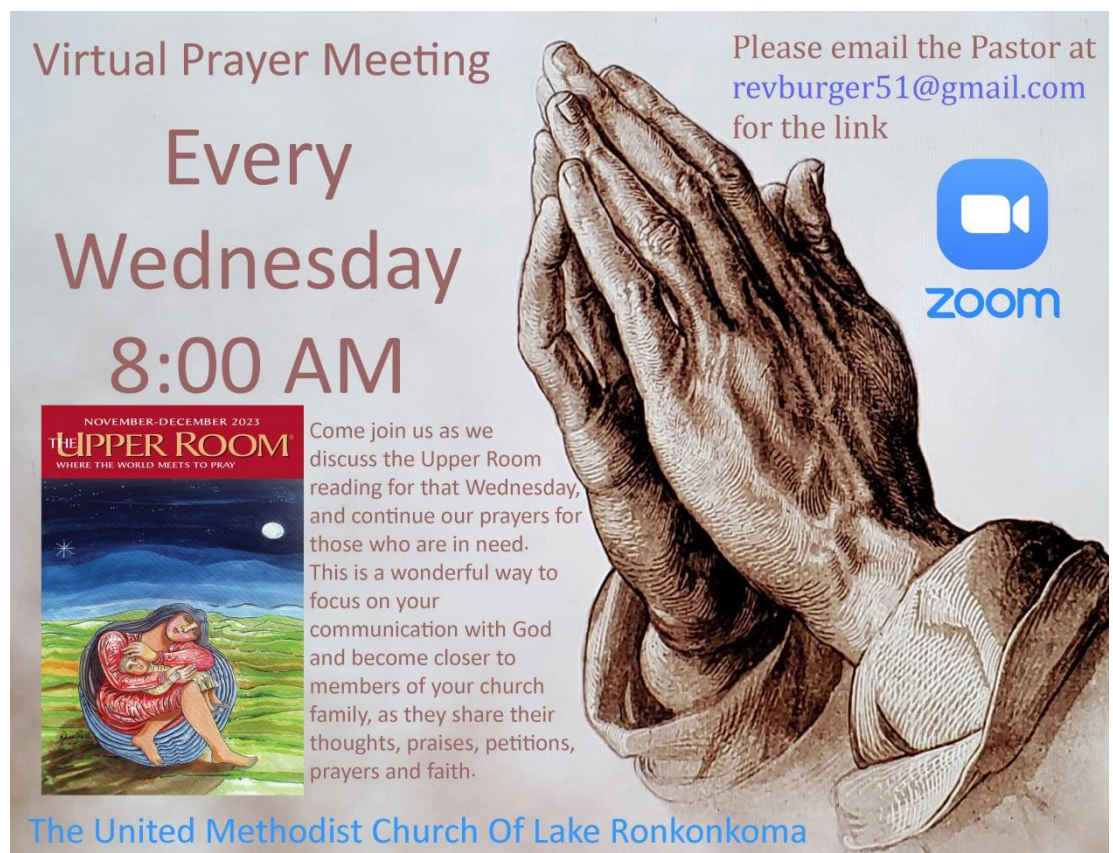
Our Education volunteers are hard at work leading Sunday School, Youth Group and Confirmation Class. We had a covenant service with Confirmation parents and sponsors, and I thank Sue Preddice for her leadership with me for this service as well as Dennis Subbiondo and George Doukas, who played guitar for our singing.

Thank you also to all of our Committee and Board Chairs and members and all who help out behind the scenes in so many ways at UMCLR! Finance, building management, set-up, clean-up, coffee hour hosting...to name just a few areas that take place because of all of you. I can't thank you enough for what you do simply for the love of God and of the church and community. In this month of giving thanks, I want to say a huge "Thank you!" I am also touched by the cards I received during Pastor Appreciation Month (October) and the lovely recognition which took place from both congregations at the Trinity UMC of Coram Pot Roast Dinner on October 29th. Thank you to Liza Wright and the SPPRC Committee for planning this church's participation and to those who attended.

With blessings and gratitude,

Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor


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Virtual Prayer Meeting

Every  
Wednesday  
8:00 AM

Please email the Pastor at [revburger51@gmail.com](mailto:revburger51@gmail.com) for the link



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023  
**THE UPPER ROOM**  
WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO PRAY

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

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.

# Flag Placement

Saturday  
November 4th  
11 AM

Please come help  
us put them out



Flags cost \$2. When we remove them,  
you can take it home, or leave it for next year.



GOOD

NEWS



We need people to bring food of all types, main courses, desserts, salads and drinks. Please sign up in Hertlin Hall. We can also use help serving. Thank you.



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

HAPPY  
*Thanksgiving*

We hope you enjoyed the Pumpkin Patch as much as we did, and that your Halloween was full of little ghosts and goblins! Now it is time to look forward to Thanksgiving with family and friends. We have been busy displaying the amazing assortment of sweaters, jackets, shoes, boots, purses, and jewelry we have, along with Christmas clothing and decorative items. Also, remember we are having a two-day Christmas Festival sale on Friday and Saturday, November 24th and 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hertlin Hall. Thank you for all the clean clothing you donate to your Thrift Shop. We are so thankful for your care!!

Also, please remember that we will not be accepting any donations during the month of December.

In God's service,  
Marilee Drisgula and all our exceptional volunteers.



Martha's Place

Winter Clothing  
Housewares  
Jewelery - Keepsakes  
&  
Christmas Merchandise

Open  
Monday - Tuesday - Friday - Saturday  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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The men of the UMM had a good October breakfast with Pastor Karen as a guest along with Pastors Jargal and Duya of the Transformation Mongolia Church. They shared some of their lifestyle from Mongolia with us as well as pictures from their homeland.

We finalized our Sauerbraten dinner preparations as well as our Christmas dinner at Uncle Joe's in Lake Grove. We are also committing to keeping in touch with one of our group members who needs some connectional phone calls and visits.

Looking forward to our next breakfast with cook, Bill Otto assisted by Bill and Rich Wahl.

Dennis Subbiondo  
President UMM

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A graphic advertisement for a breakfast event. On the left, a black plate contains scrambled yellow eggs, a piece of fried bacon, and a portion of a pancake. The background is a dark, textured wood. Text on the right side of the graphic includes:

Sunday  
November 19, 2023

**UMM**  
UNITED METHODIST MEN

**FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST**

**7:30 AM**

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



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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*
- 9 *Frankie Teuschler*
- 9 *Scott Schild*
- 11 *Tristin Kohout*
- 13 *Ray Becht*
- 13 *Ginger Schild*

- 17 *Helen Morley*
- 17 *John Stein*
- 17 *Charles Bornschein*
- 18 *Shawn Beery*
- 23 *Christina Otto*
- 29 *Carol Doukas*



*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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United  
Women  
in Faith



Please join us  
November 13, 2023

7:00 PM

for a very special  
Program & Fellowship

The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

WOMEN IN FAITH MINISTRY!

We will meet on November 21 for the Thanksgiving Service  
here at the church.

(Please bring refreshments to share after the service.)

Dec. 9 - Cookie Walk fundraiser - PLEASE help by baking cookies!

Dec. 11 - Christmas Gathering !! At the church 7:00 p.m.

Please bring a wrapped gift (joke gift, knick -knack from the Thrift Shop or white elephant type gift). We will play BINGO and use those for prizes. (We will have a sign up for food)

Jan. and Feb. -- no meetings planned at this time.....

SPRING RETREAT WILL BE APRIL 26, 27, 28!!!!

Please turn in a \$75 deposit now to save your spot for a weekend on Shelter Island - Camp Quinipet.

Thanks,

Tessa Tom and Barb C.



# E D U C A T I O N

Greetings from the Education Work Area,

November is the month we highlight gratitude. We have many things to be thankful for in the education mission of our church. We are grateful that we have a loving God who has given us so many blessings. Among them is our church family, our volunteers, our devoted staff and our wonderful Pastor.

We are grateful that we have the opportunity to work with our young members and share our faith. As a church we have the opportunity to welcome, nurture and encourage our young people as they learn about the Gospel and put their faith into action.

This month I would like to highlight the members of our Confirmation class. We had a wonderful Covenant Service on October 11th led by Pastor Karen. Parents, sponsors and students prayed together and committed themselves to our two year program of study and service. We ask you to pray for them as well and get to know them as they participate in the many activities we all partake in.

Our Confirmands are: Maddie Otto and her sponsor is Heather Edwards-Wilson, Maddie Bivona and her sponsor is George Doukas, Troy Drisgula and his sponsor is Soon Bowes, and Jillian Rabbitt and her sponsor is Debra Schild. All of our confirmands this year are grandchildren of active members in our church.

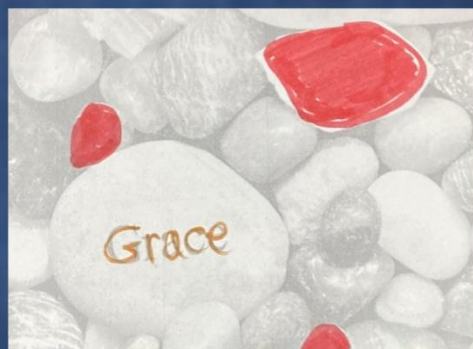
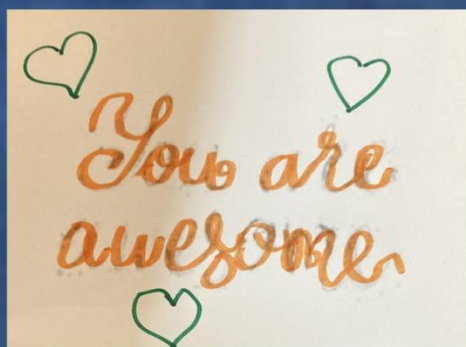
In addition to study, our class members have been asked to participate in the many missions of our church. Our sponsors, parents and grandparents will help to facilitate their service activities. It is our hope that our young people will find a mission that they are interested in pursuing in our church.

We pray that they have a meaningful and inspiring journey as they explore their faith and participate in the life of the church. We are grateful for them as we count our many blessings!

Sue Preddice  
Education Chair

# Y O U T H

Youth Group placed these Cards  
in the  
Sanctuary



October 1,  
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## Confirmation Covenant Service October 11, 2023



"I am no longer my own,  
but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt,  
rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing,  
put me to suffering."



"Let me be employed by thee  
or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee  
or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full,  
let me be empty."



"Let me have all things,  
let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily  
yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now,  
O glorious and blessed God,"



"Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which  
I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen."

John Wesley

*The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*



## Mission Sunday October 15, 2023



*Pastors Jargal & Duya of Transformation Mongolia Church*



*The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*





# Baptism Sunday

October 22, 2023



*Owen Lucas Parchuri*



*The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*



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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# Charge Conference

Saturday  
November 11, 2023  
10:00 AM

## Christ UMC

545 Old Town Road  
Port Jefferson Station  
11776



# G A M E N I G H T

*Friday, November 17, 2023*  
*7:00 PM*

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





# G I V E

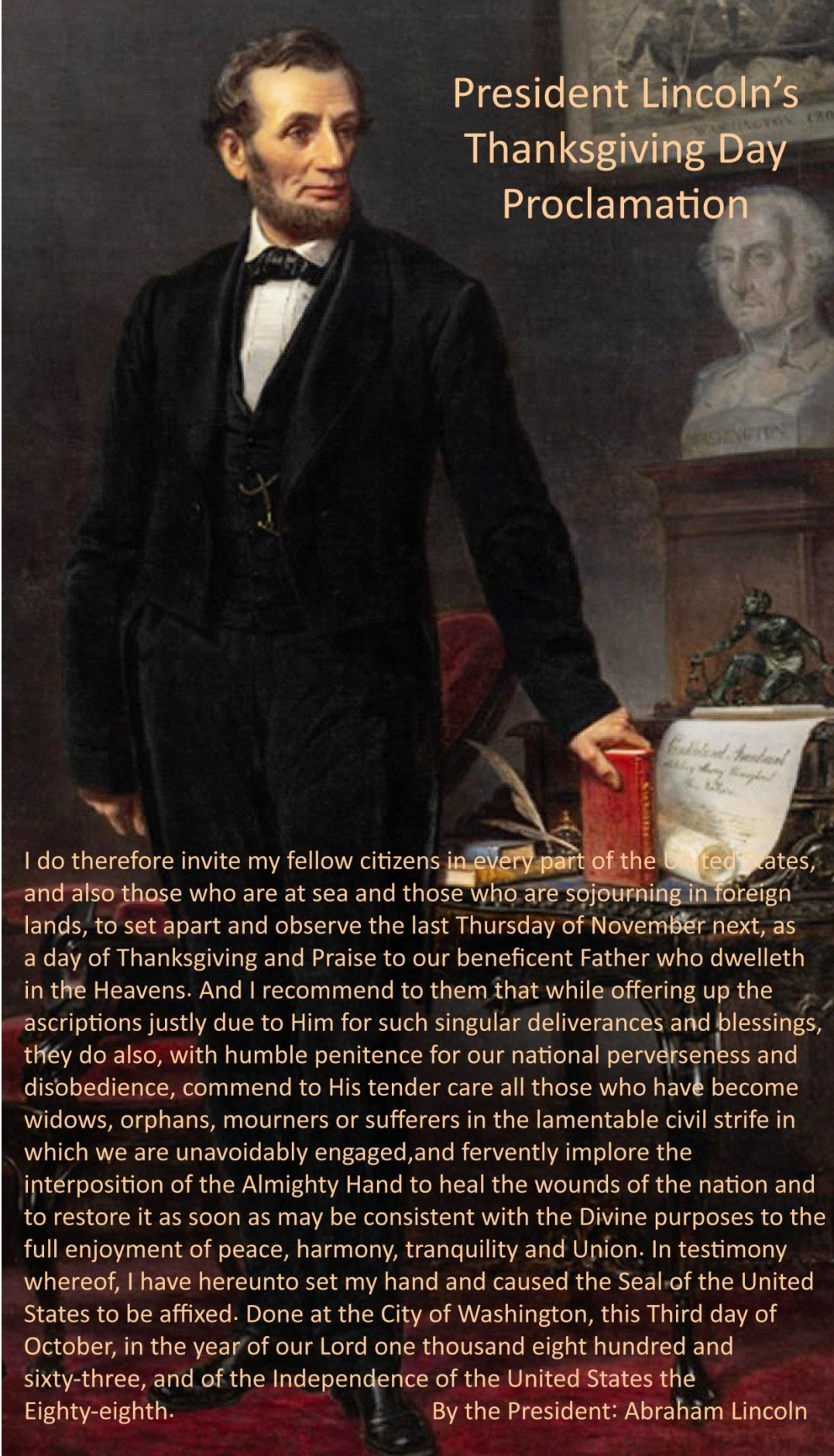


The Thanksgiving Feast dates back  
To November 1621,  
when the newly arrived  
Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians  
gathered At Plymouth  
for an autumn harvest celebration,  
An event regarded as  
America's "First Thanksgiving"



# T H A N K S

## President Lincoln's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation



I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln



# R. N. N O T E S



## Thanksgiving for Health Care



I started as a Registered Nurse in 1969. I have trained and worked in some of the best hospitals in our area. When I started, there were no respirators, only iron lungs. There were no disposable needles, IV supplies or O<sub>2</sub> equipment.

There were smart, dedicated practitioners who never settled in their quest for improved health services. As a result, the following are now routinely available in our health systems and for these I am so very thankful:

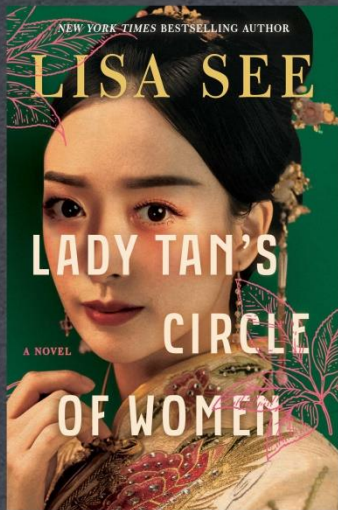
- Preventative vaccines for children and adults.
- Routine screening for deadly diseases, e.g. breast, cervical, colon, and prostate cancers.
- Equipment that is one-time use only, e.g. needles, tubing, O<sub>2</sub> masks, surgical gowns and masks.
- Testing that identifies cardiac conditions early, e.g. atrial fib and treatments to prevent premature death.

These are just a few of our current health care interventions. Most of all, there is a new army of practitioners. From the EMT's, Therapists, Nurses and Doctors, they work daily for the best outcome for their individual patients.

For this I will be forever thankful!

Helen Morley





Join us for our next  
Book Discussion  
Monday, Nov. 20th  
at 2 p.m.  
at the Church

We will be discussing  
"Lady Tan's Circle of Women"  
by  
Lisa See

An immersive historical novel inspired by the true story of a woman physician in 15th-century China. Perfect for fans of Lisa See's classics Snow Flower and the Secret Fan and Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane.

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Christmas Festival & Sale

United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

"5 Corners"

792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY

Friday, November 24, 2023

Saturday, November 25, 2023

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

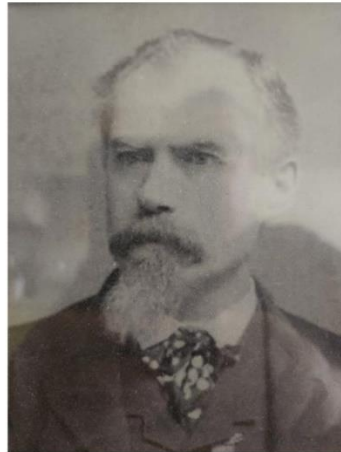
Food - Vendors - Crafts - Fun

For More Information & Vendor Forms, Please Visit

WWW.UACLR.COM

H I S T O R Y

History Comes Alive At The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



Louis Hofferburth, a Civil War Veteran was the Great Grandfather of both Richard and William Wahl . Louis was born in Baden Germany trained as a wood carver. He came to America in the 1840s after the German revolutions of 1848. He was a prominent member of the German American Community in Manhattan. He originally joined the 5th German Rifles NY V Militia Regiment. He was elected Corporal of Company K. The 5th German Rifles became the 45th NYV Inf. Regiment when mustered into Federal Service. He was commissioned 2nd LT by NY Governor Morgan. He was promoted to 1st LT and took command of Company B 45th NY V Inf. He served with the regiment during the Port Royal, Crossed Keyes Campaign. After Battle of Cross Keys, he received a medical discharge for rheumatoid arthritis. He returned to his former occupation of wood carver in Manhattan. He joined the local post of the GAR. He lived his last years with his daughter Betty Hofferburth and her husband in Inwood , NY until his death in 1920. He is buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery Queens NY.

Church Leaders

Bill Otto



I was raised in East New York, Brooklyn and was baptized Presbyterian. My Mom was very active in church and Sunday School and my parent's stressed prayer, commitment, responsibility and principles. We moved to long island when I was 13 and it was vastly different from city life.

I got my first real job at 19 working for a defense contractor. The job was easy as all I did was deliver the mail, but I did take advantage of the paid tuition benefit, earned degrees through my MBA and continued to progress to more challenges. The best part of this life's phase and my entire life was I met and married Cheryle, in 1975, at the Smithtown UMC.

Cheryle and I were blessed with Christina in 1977. Then, in 1987, along came Chris and in 1991 Billy. As in Revelations 3:8 "I have opened a door for you no one can close." Cheryle found that door at UMCLR and Rev. Baker. Now, I had my very personal challenge of balancing family responsibilities, work commitments and supporting the open door at our UMCLR.

Our family led a typical Long Island lifestyle of home, enjoyed our yearly vacations in Maine, Walt Disney World and winter ski trips. Then, off to college for Christina, Chris, and Billy and Cheryle went back to work after 20 years of focusing on our kids and family.

At work I was a Program Director responsible for a USAF B-1B Bomber Program. Time was a major issue as work required that I make over 275 trips all over the country. I then became Director of Programs responsible for over 30 different programs and \$150 - 175M a year in revenue.

I have been a UMM member for 35 years with 14 as President, been a member of the Church Council for 31 years with 7 as Chair, had 2 stints with Finance over 14 years with 12 as Chair, spent 3 years each on Endowment and Vision with all as Chair, spent 6 years on SPPRC with 4 as Chair and additionally helped Stewardship and worked Pastoral special assignments

Over the years, as church came back into my life, I walked back through the open door. I have been so richly blessed to be part of my immediate and UMCLR families. Now, currently I am blessed with two grandchildren, Maddie and Cayden" I am proof positive that everyone who reads this short bio can balance their life and "walk through the open door."

GOOD TIMES



Pumpkins Arrive

October 14, 2023



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



Trunk Or Treat

October 28, 2023



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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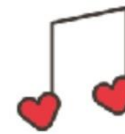
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Sing! Dance!
Pray! Play!



Once Per Month
Fridays 6:15 UMCLR



Little Angels Music Class

Parents, grandparents, siblings, and our little angels will enjoy making music and sharing God's message in a laid-back, supportive, loving community once each month. After class we hang out and share a snack (bringing a snack to share is optional). Our first class of the '23-'24 school year is October 6th. Text Heather for info on future classes. There is no fee and no commitment. Come once, come every time, or come when you can!

Taught by Heather- certified music teacher, organist at UMCLR and mom of 4.

Text 631-807-3156 for more info.



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Cooperative Parish Council Meeting



September
30, 2023



Hosted by
Trinity UMC
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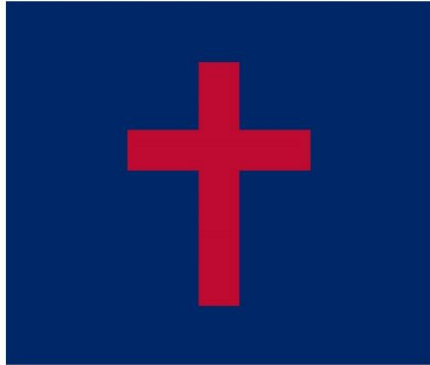
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Trinity United Methodist Church Of Coram
The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Ecumenical Service



Tuesday
November 21st
7:30 PM

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

Featuring
Love feast and joint Choir

Message by:

Rev. Diane Neuls DeBlasio,
of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Monetary offering or non perishable food items
will be divided between the pantries of
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church,
St. Mary's Episcopal Church,
and UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma

"There is only one Christ, Jesus, one faith.
All else is a dispute over trifles"

Elizabeth I

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Sign Up Now!

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Guests: Children: _____ Adults: _____

\$10.00 Per Person

MONEY TO BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR. CASH & CHECKS ACCEPTED

Please mail completed form to:

UMCLR Attn. Breakfast with Santa 792 Hawkins Ave. Lake Grove, NY 11755

Or Email to:

abby@umclr.com Attn. Breakfast With Santa

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COAT DRIVE

November 5 - December 17

**Please place coats in the bin in
Hertlin Hall**

Sponsored by:
The Missions Committee

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**

GOOD NEWS

UMCLR FOOD DRIVE



L'Amour Flute Concert

October 22, 2023



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

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All Saints Day

November 1st is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history.

John's brother Charles Wesley, in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

"Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one".

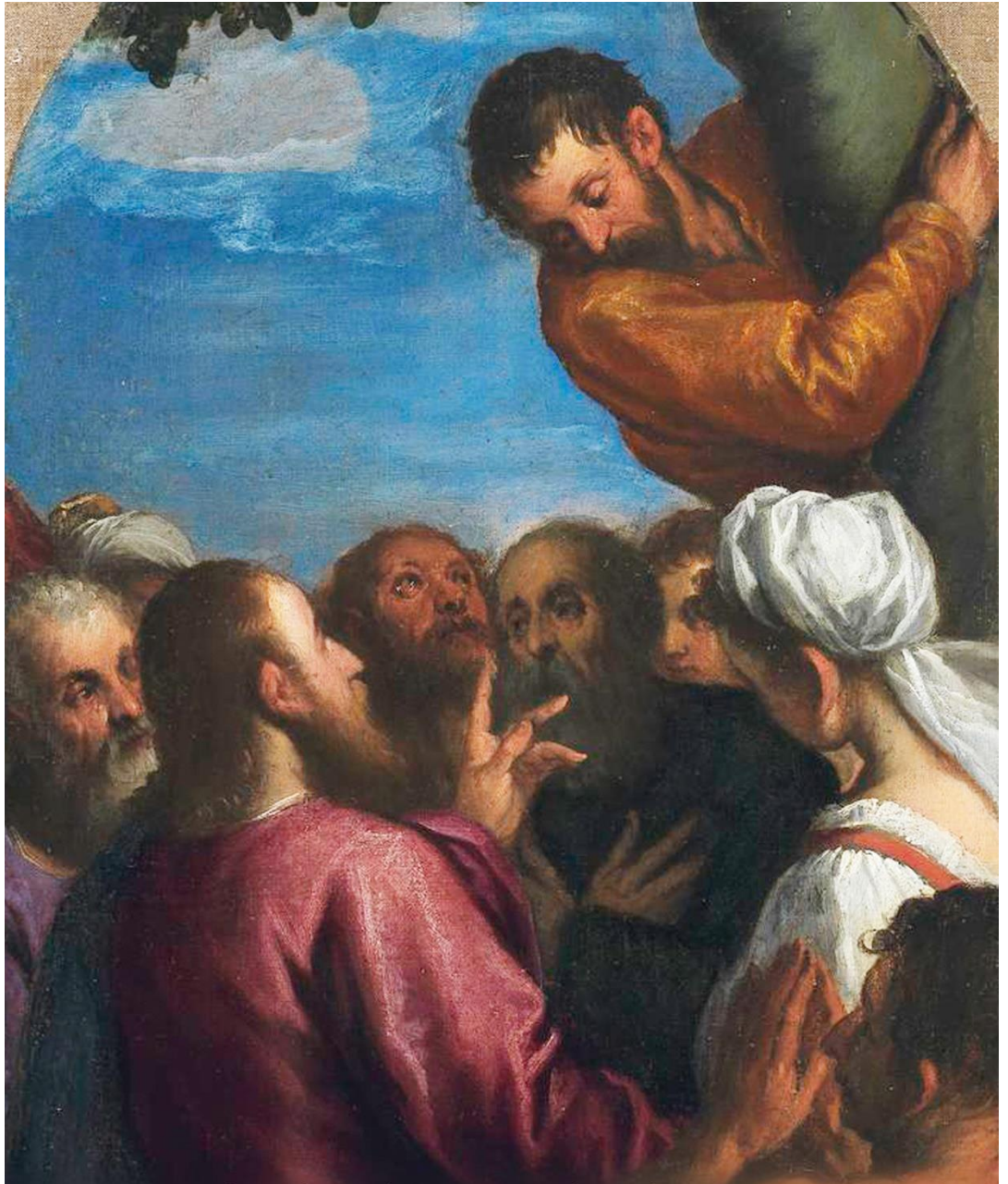
Additionally, we remember and pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ who faithfully follow Jesus in places where being labeled a Christian puts them in harm's way.

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for the lives of his saints!

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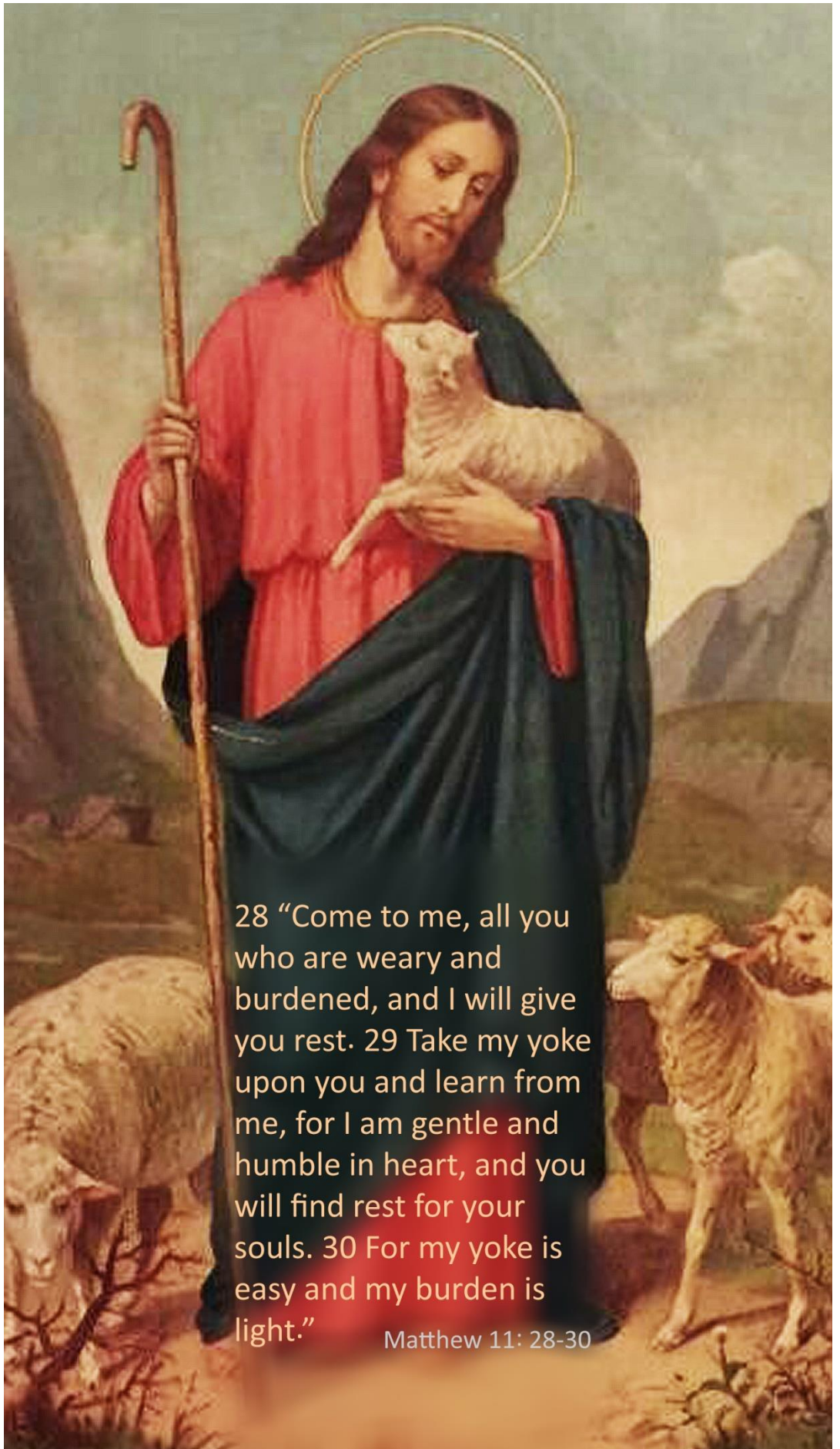


19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19: 1-10

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28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11: 28-30

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14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' 21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew 25: 14-30

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31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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Saturday,

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1:00 PM

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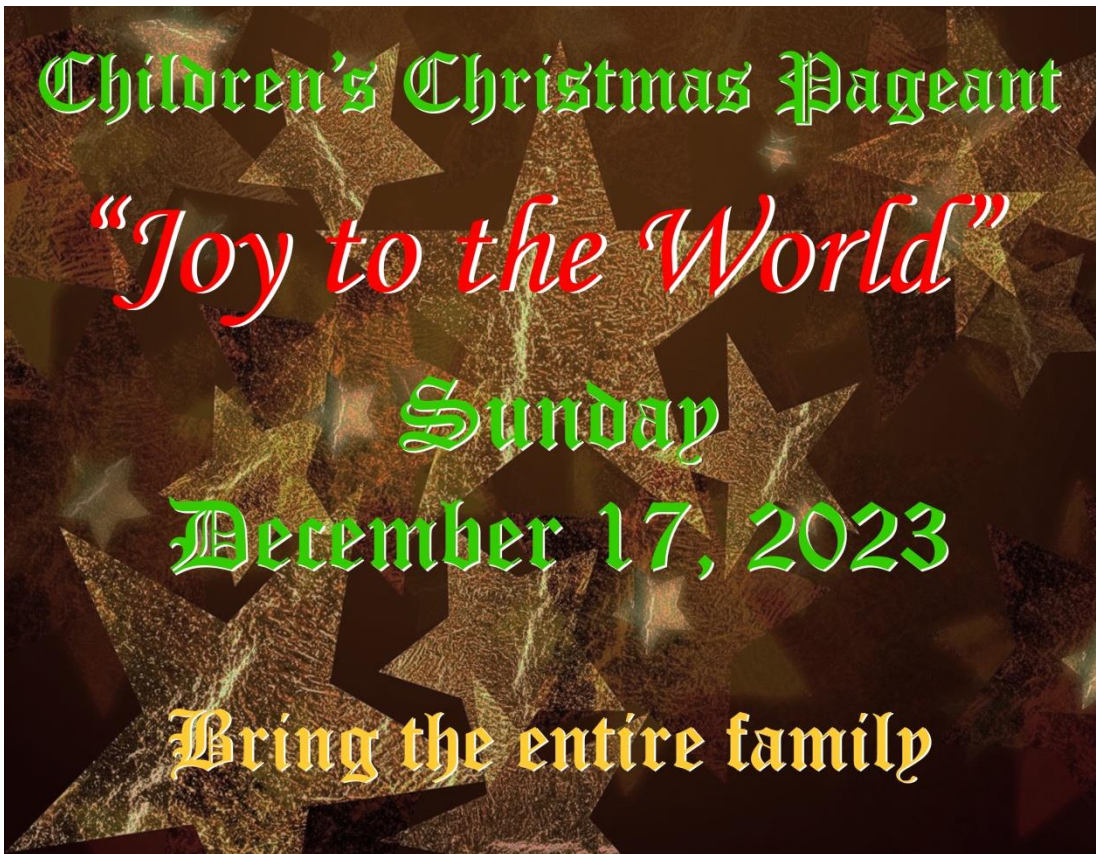
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# December Schedule

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday

December 10<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent  
Cantata

December 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent  
Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Day Service

9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Family Service

7:30 PM

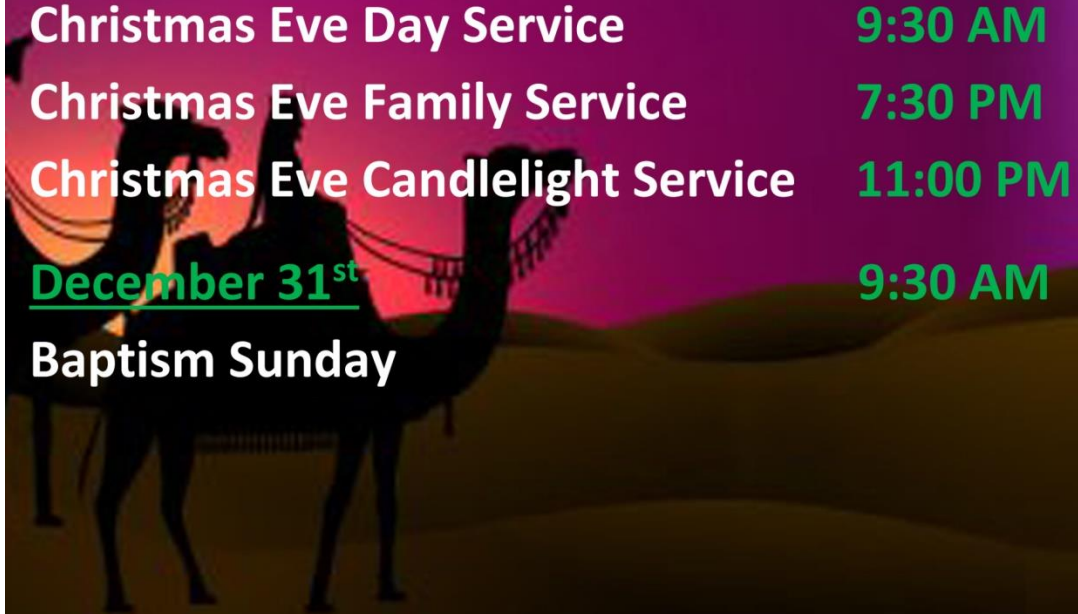
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

11:00 PM

December 31<sup>st</sup>




9:30 AM

Baptism Sunday





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| John Akerly<br>Phinus Davis                                                                                                                   | <br>Army<br>Army                                         | Pvt.<br>Pvt.                           | Strong' Co. NY Reg.                                                                                                     |
| Edward Carmick<br>Edward L. Ford<br>William Ford<br>Edwin C. Hammond<br>George Mc Cormick<br>Calvin Pike<br>Christopher Pike<br>William Price | <br>Army<br>Army<br>Army<br>Army<br>Army<br>Army<br>Army | Capt.<br>Pvt.<br>Capt.<br>Lt.<br>Major | 4-9-1865 KIA<br>99th Pa. Cav.<br>5th Pa. Cav.<br>12/13/1862 KIA<br>7 Mich. Calvary<br>7th Ct. r<br>5th; r<br>Mass. Vol. |
| Sterling C. Girardet Sr.                                                                                                                      | <br>Army                                                 | Lt. Cdr.                               |                                                                                                                         |



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



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| Adam Metzler        | Army      |          |                      |
| Sunner Newton       | Mer. Mar. |          |                      |
| Otto Pfeil          | AAC       | Sgt      | 1941-44              |
| William R. Miller   | USAF      | Capt.    | NY AF Res.           |
| Thomas R. Powell    | AAF       | St. Sgt. | N.J. 318 Fighter Sq. |
| John Robinson       | Army      |          | 1941-45              |
| Walter C. Schroeder | USAF      | Sgt.     | 1942-45              |
| Lacl Teley          | Navy      |          | Spec. Serv.          |
| Paul Teley          | Army      |          |                      |
| Francis S. Terry    | Army      |          | 1941-45              |
| Marshall Towne      | USACG     |          |                      |



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| Richard Bender     | Army     | Cpl      | 1951-54  |
| Leon B. Bruckner   | Army     | PFC      | Infantry |
| David Burgess      | Army     | Pvt. I C | 1953-55  |
| George Carroll     | Army     | Pvt. I C | 1950-53  |
| Wilson Caspari Jr. | Mar Corp | T Sgt.   |          |
| Richard Falce      | Navy     |          | 1951-55  |
| Charles Harrison   | Army     | E-2      | 1949-52  |
| Albert Heiserer    | CG       | E-6      | 1954-62  |
| Harry Rosen        | Navy     | E-6      | 1948-57  |
| Thomas Schiavone   | Army     | Pvt. I C | 1952-54  |
| Vincent Torraca    | USAF     | S. Sgt.  | 1951-55  |
| Howard Wilson      | Army     | Cpl      | 1952-54  |



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| Charles Bornschein     | Navy    | 3 C     | 1955-58            |
| Charles Benjamin Jr.   | Marines |         | 1975-76            |
| Keith Bowes            | Army    | E-5     | 1973-76            |
| Cheryl Bruckner-Schwab | Army    | MP      | 1981-84            |
| Leo Coniglio           | Army    | Sp-4    | 1962-64            |
| Ronald Drisgula        | Navy    | CWO-2   | 1957-81            |
| George Doukas          | Navy    | Seaman  | 1971               |
| Ralph Faber            | Army    | E-4     | 1983-86/ 1995-2005 |
| Warren Ferry           | USAF    | E-4     | 1961-65            |
| Albert Heiserer        | CG      | E-6     | 1954-62            |
| Robert Mc Neill        | Army    |         | 1946-48            |
| Oliver Muhwill         | Army    | Pvt. 2C | 1960-62            |
| William Otto           | USANG   | 5 Sgt   | 1969-75            |
| Robert Price           | Navy    |         | 1946               |
| Robert Probeck         | Marines | CPL     | 1978-83            |



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| John Bedell        | Marines | L. Cpl  | 1967-69              |
| Glenn Davis        | Army    | T-5     | 1965-68              |
| Douglas Filipowich | Army    | Sp-5    | 1966-69              |
| Albert Heiserer    | CG      | E-6     | 1954-62              |
| Gerald June        | Army    | Sp-4    | 1966-68              |
| William Mitchell   | Army    | E-5     | 1970-72 Purple Heart |
| Joseph Rummel      | Army    | Sp-4    | 1968                 |
| Bruce Smith        | Army    | Sp-4    | 1970-71              |
| Richard Wahl       | USAF/NG | Sgt/CPL | 1965-69/1976-91      |
| Richard Plantamura | Army    |         | 1970-71              |




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



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| *Edmund A. Torraca<br>Laura Bender<br>Peter Polsunas<br>*Douglas Foy<br>*Max Carroll<br>*Kate Patton | <br>Army<br>Navy<br>Army<br>Army<br>USAF/NG<br>USAF/NG | Col.<br>Cdr.<br>E-5<br>E-4<br>E-4 | 2000-13 res.<br>2001-2018<br>1990-96<br>1998-present<br>2014-present<br>2014-present |
| Cheryl A. Bruckner-Schwab                                                                            | <br>Army                                               | PFC                               | 1981-1984                                                                            |
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# Thanksgiving Quiz

1. Despite competing historical claims, the story most people associate with the first American Thanksgiving took place in a colony in this modern-day state?  
a. Pennsylvania b. New Jersey c. Massachusetts d. Delaware
2. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on which day of the week in Canada?  
a. Monday b. Tuesday c. Wednesday d. Thursday
3. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on which day of the week in the United States?  
a. Monday b. Tuesday c. Wednesday d. Thursday
4. Pilgrims from Europe associated with Thanksgiving are purported to have sailed across the Atlantic to reach North America on which ship?  
a. Daisy b. Mayflower c. Santa Maria d. Roseflower
5. Which tribe of Native Americans taught Pilgrims how to cultivate the land, contributing to the first Thanksgiving?  
a. Algonquin b. Lenape c. Shoshone d. Wampanoag
6. In what year did Congress make Thanksgiving an official national holiday in the United States?  
a. 1932 b. 1939 c. 1941 d. 1946
7. Twenty percent of the overall consumption of this type of fruit is done on Thanksgiving.  
a. Apples b. Cranberries c. Cherries d. Grapes
8. How long was the first Thanksgiving Feast?  
a. 1 day b. 2 days c. 3 days d. One week
9. Which Native American functioned as interpreter for the first settlers?  
a. Sacagawea b. Pocahontas c. Squanto d. Massasoit
10. Which President refused to recognize Thanksgiving as a national holiday because he believed deeply in the separation of Church and state?  
a. G. Washington b. T. Jefferson b. A. Jackson c. A. Johnson

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

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