



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

October 2021

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Tuesday - Friday
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Thrift Shop
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Staff

Rev. Dr. Constance Pak,
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,
Nursery School Director

Abby Preziosi,
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



Baptism Sunday September 12, 2021



Cora Peyton Balch Romano



The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

**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.



*225th Anniversary Celebration
September 19, 2021*



*Spreading "The Light Of Christ"
with one another and our community
The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*



*225th Anniversary Luncheon
September 19, 2021*



*The United Methodist Church Of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

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October 3
Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Ps 26 OR Ps 25
(UMH 756)
Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10
Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Ps 22:1-15 (UMH 752)
Heb 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17
Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c
(UMH 826)
Heb 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24
Twenty-second Sunday
after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Ps 34:1-8 (19-22)
(UMH 769)
Heb 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31
Twenty-third Sunday
after Pentecost

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



*Special thanks to George Doukas for preparing our
225th Anniversary luncheon!*

Prayer Group on Zoom led by Rev. Pak

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as we discuss the Upper Room publication reading for that date 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9019019876?pwd=Q2djNGIrcE9IRUUvb0pkMWNPTW40Zz09>

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Yes it is back!!! UMM Sauerbraten Dinner, November 13, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows: \$20 for adults, \$17 for children under 12, children under 5 free. To purchase tickets please email the number you want, your dinner choice (sauerbraten or pot roast), and if it is eat in or take out. The email is: umm792@aol.com. You can send the check to Abby at the office or bring it with you the evening of. If you do not have access to email, you can call Abby at the office, 631-588-5856 and give her your info. We are also offering free delivery the next day (Sunday, November 14th) for those who cannot get out to join us or pick up. Seats are limited; please order by November 6th so we know how much meat to purchase.

The men had a very successful food table at the auction on September 18th. We filled the people with good food and good cheer.

We are looking for men of all ages who would like to join the men's group. Please speak with Dennis Subbiondo if you are interested or if you know of someone who may just need a call from us to get them involved.

Thank you,
Dennis Subbiondo
President UMM



*Orientation meeting of the Confirmation Class
on September 15, 2021*

Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the
UMCLR opens every
Tuesday at
5:00 p.m. for a pre-
packaged take out
meal.

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

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



Please take a few moments to reflect on all the many ways Pastor Constance Pak has enriched our church family. Her weekly sermons, her dedication and visitation to the ill and elderly, her perseverance in challenging times, her leadership and outreach mission activities. Consider sending cards, e-mails, or texts as ways to show care and appreciation. Let us be vigilant in our prayers for her and her family members. So, make an extra effort in October to focus on your Pastor.

*Lovingly,
SPPRC Committee Members*



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

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

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

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Fall Apparel

Housewares - Jewelery
Keepsakes

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

Trivia Night on Zoom

Monday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the fellowship and learn some new facts.



Zoom Meeting: Trivia Night and FUN!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9019019876?pwd=Q2djNGIrcE9IRUUvb0pkMWNPTW40Zz09>

Meeting ID: 901 901 9876

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The Pumpkins
Are Coming!
Saturday
October 16th
4:00 PM



Palette Placement 10:00 AM

A cartoon illustration of a man in a blue suit and hat, holding a yellow bell and a sign that says "We Need Your Help!". The background is orange with a textured pattern. A large orange pumpkin is on the right.



We are bringing back our "Trunk or Treat!" Please save the date October 23 and join us for a fun day for our community!

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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.

October Birthdays

- 6 Samuel Corvaia*
- 7 Ryan Pearl*
- 7 River Edwards-Wilson*
- 10 Thomas Bullock*
- 12 Jacqueline Paynter*
- 12 Rich Tom*
- 15 Steven Duffy-Corvaia*
- 16 Angelique Sinclair*
- 17 Georgene Clark*
- 18 Alisa Rabbit*
- 18 Doris Coniglio*
- 19 Marilyn Almonaitis*
- 20 Beth Ann Graf*
- 20 Alaina Drisgula*
- 23 Sharon Millard*
- 24 Paul Guerrero*
- 24 Gerald June*
- 25 Joriel Guerrero*
- 25 George Doukas*
- 25 Michael Drisgula*



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 588-5856 to make arrangements.

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SAUERBRATEN DINNER

SPONSORED BY THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

6:00 PM



TICKET PRICES:

Adults & Youth	\$20.00
Children under 12	\$17.00
Children under 5	Free

For Tickets Call The Church Office At: (631) 588-5856

*Join us for our next Book Discussion
Monday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church
We will be discussing
“The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek”
by Kim M. Richardson*

Inspired by the true and historical blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* showcases a first in traditionally published literary novels— a bold and unique story and tale of fierce strength and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere — even back home.

E D U C A T I O N A L N E W S

In person learning is taking place at UMCLR! We are excited to be together again! Our Confirmation Orientation was September 15 with class beginning the following Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. All seventh and eighth graders and older are invited to join. We now have seven students with hopes of adding more to the group. The first class was full of lively discussion and good fellowship. Rich Tom and Diane Hansen are teaching this group. Please keep our class in your prayers as they study and prepare to join our church.

Youth group met for the first time this year on September 22 at 6:30. This group will meet twice a month. The meeting dates are posted on our Web page and can be found on the youth group bulletin in Hertlin hall as well. All sixth through 12th grade students are invited to participate. The lively discussion, laughter, and fun filled the hall this week under the wonderful leadership of their advisers Wendy Duffy and Jennie Olivotti.

Sunday School began September 26th. There were many smiling faces as the teachers, who taught remotely last year, were able to greet their students. There were 12 students in our pre-school to elementary age group. Sharon Corvaia, our new Sunday School Superintendent, led the group with the help of our Sunday school teachers, Karen Buckheit and Ann Schoenemann. Our secondary class led by Allyssa Schoenemann, and Rich Tom was attended by six students. This class is open to all 6th thru 12th grade students. Thank you to Andrew Sinclair, our technology chairperson, and Rich Tom for making sure our class would run smoothly. Allyssa is on skype from Germany three of our four Sundays and the fourth Sunday will be reserved for a church service.

E D U C A T I O N A L N E W S

Thank you to our dedicated leaders and teachers who made our children welcome in their programs. Thank you for their commitment to their ministry. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Please contact the church office and ask Abby, our church's administrative assistant to forward the link that will register your child or youth to all of our programs on line. There is always room for those who would like to join! We also always invite new volunteers to our ranks to help teach and guide our young ones.

I would like to express deep gratitude for Tammy Edwards-Wilson. She now has the title of past Sunday School Superintendent. She worked tirelessly for many years as her own young family grew to create a wonderful environment for our Sunday school children. We are very grateful for her service. She generously shared her time and talents with us. The Sunday school switched to remote and online registration during Covid under her leadership. She worked with Sharon so we had a smooth transition. We are all very grateful for dedication and example of faith and service.

Sue Preddice
Education Chairperson



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Remembering 9-11



Special Charge Conference

September 26, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



"A Simple Touch" by Roger & Lisa Hill



First day of Sunday School



Coffee Hour Returns

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

Opening Sunday

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

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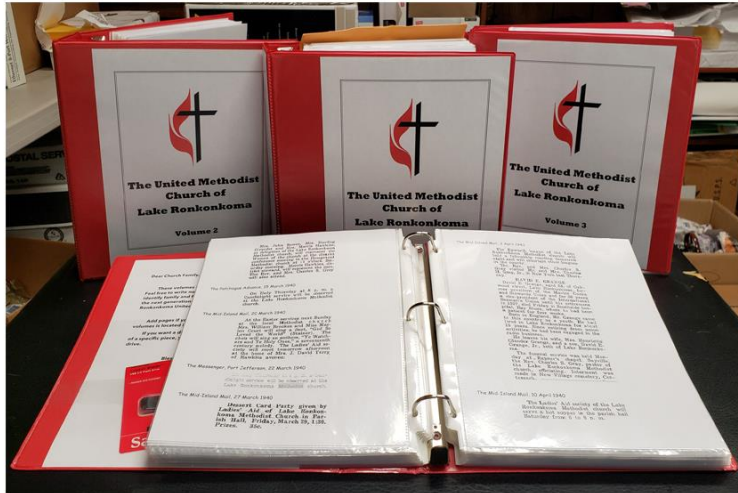
**PLEASE SUPPORT THE VENDORS LISTED BELOW
AS A THANK YOU FOR THEIR
DONATIONS TO THE UMCLR'S FALL AUCTION**

Touch of Class Car Wash
California Pizza Kitchen
Colonial Flower Shop
BLD's
Urban Air
Outback East Setauket
Stop and Shop
O Sole Mio
Maureen's Kitchen
Uncle Joe's
Smokey Bones
Red Lobster
Gateway Theater
La Grova Restaurant
Villa Olivetti
Carvel

Theatre Three
Port Jeff Ferry
Osprey's Dominion
Miller's Ale House
Prime Shine Car Wash
ShopRite of Ronkonkoma
Smithtown Performing Arts
Mayra's Bakery
Village Idiot Pub
Bloomin' Haus
AMC Theaters
Howard's
Benkert's Bakery
Villa Sorrento
Olsen's Nursery
Lake Grove Deli

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History Comes Alive
At The
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



Dear Church Family,

These volumes were created to help you tell your story. Feel free to write notes around the articles and photos, identify family and friends and share your memories. Help The next generations know the people who were the Lake Ronkonkoma United Methodist Church from its beginnings Blessings on your celebration!

Love.

Laura Jane Bender

Included in these volumes are newspaper articles concerning our church between 1874 and 2017.

Many thanks to Laura Jane Bender for compiling this massive amount of information.

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

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RESPITE VISITORS

This has been a challenging time for all members of our church family. Home, work, and school rules have all changed. Socialization has become more limited; this is all a result of the Covid virus.

There are several church families who have the added stress of not being able to leave some adults at home alone. This isolates not only the impaired adult but often their spouse or children. We are starting a “Respite Visitor Program.” The purpose is to bring relief and comfort (respite) to caregivers to enable the caregiver to leave the house for several hours for socialization, errands, or family business.

The requirements to volunteer are simple:

1. Be fully vaccinated for Covid 19
2. Ability to wear a mask inside
3. Desire to help others

The family must:

1. Be fully vaccinated for Covid 19
2. Wear masks inside
3. Have a safe place to meet in or outside the home

No physical care including toileting will be provided by the volunteers. The family must have appropriate incontinent product in place for the visit.

Appropriate training will be provided for families and volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a respite volunteer or have a family member who would benefit from this service, please contact Abby: abby@umclr.com or call the church office: 631-588-5856.

Auction Wrap-up

We did it!

We ALL did it.

We pulled off another benefit auction - the 12th annual - on Saturday, September 18th.

Auction goods and yard sale items began pouring in on Friday as tables were being set in Hertlin Hall where the auction viewing would be.

Plenty of helping hands began assembling Saturday at 7:00 AM to prepare the venue - first tables, and lots of them, for the 9:00 AM make-an-offer yard sale followed by canopies and chairs for the noon auction.

The Stein family set up their "Merchants' Alley" with dozens of discount coupons for sale.

The Methodist men fired up the grill so that all our guests would be well fed.

And the people came. A good crowd of enthusiastic auction aficionados settled in for a long afternoon of bidding and bargain hunting.

Every aspect seemed to run quite smoothly; Paula's registration table processed every attendee and transaction, Wendy's backstage crew kept the action moving, Soon's yard sale staff worked non-stop throughout the morning, Sue's Collection & Dispersal room was well organized and efficient, and the auctioneers managed to sell all but a handful of lots.

And when it was all over, the clean-up corps had the grounds spotless in no time at all. It was a remarkable performance from every aspect.

But was it all worth it?

The final monetary tally will take some time to coalesce as late payments and gifts trickle in, but at the auction podium, the gavel sang to the tune of \$3,966.00. I am certain that many more hundreds were collected at the make-an-offer tables, Merchants' Alley, and the food pavilion so that we should flirt with, if not surpass, the vaunted \$6,000.00 mark.

There are many ways to measure success. Raising money for worthy causes is but one: We learned things to use in future auctions - always important; I trust that everyone who helped received joy and satisfaction from their successful efforts; and at the podium, I could see excitement and pleasure in the sea of eager guests' eyes - perhaps the best measure of all.

Well done, faithful band!!

Rex Enderlin, auction co-ordinator



Funny things found in bulletins...

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation...

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

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Pastor	Rev. Dr. Constance Y. Pak
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Chancel Choir Director	Rex Enderlin
Organist	Heather Edwards-Wilson
Children's Choir Director	Heather Edwards-Wilson
Church Council	Debra Schild
Staff Parish Pastor Relations	Liza Wright
Lay Leader	Marilee Drisgula
	Angelique Sinclair
Lay Members to Conference	Michael Zukowski

Board of Trustees	Keith Bowes
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Finance	William Otto
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	Bernice Waleski
Stewardship	Warren Ferry
Worship	(Needed)
Lay Servant Coordinator	(Needed)
Education	Sue Preddice
Sunday School Superintendent	Tammy Edwards-Wilson
Youth Coordinator	Wendy Duffy
Missions, Evangelism & Nurture	Soon Bowes
Martha's Place Thrift Shop	Marilee Drisgula
Soup Kitchen Representative	Linda Lee
UMM Representatives	Dennis Subbiondo
UMW Representatives	(Needed)
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