



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

Good News

**SEPTEMBER
2019**

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

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9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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**United
Methodist
Church**
of
Lake Ronkonkoma

**792 Hawkins Ave,
Lake Grove, NY
(Five Corners)**

**10th
Annual**

Grand Fall Auction

September 7, 2019

12:00 noon

Viewing begins at 11:00

Rain or Shine



Hundreds of exciting and diverse offerings!

View the up-to-date catalog at: www.UMCLR.com

**VISION STATEMENT
OF THE NY ANNUAL
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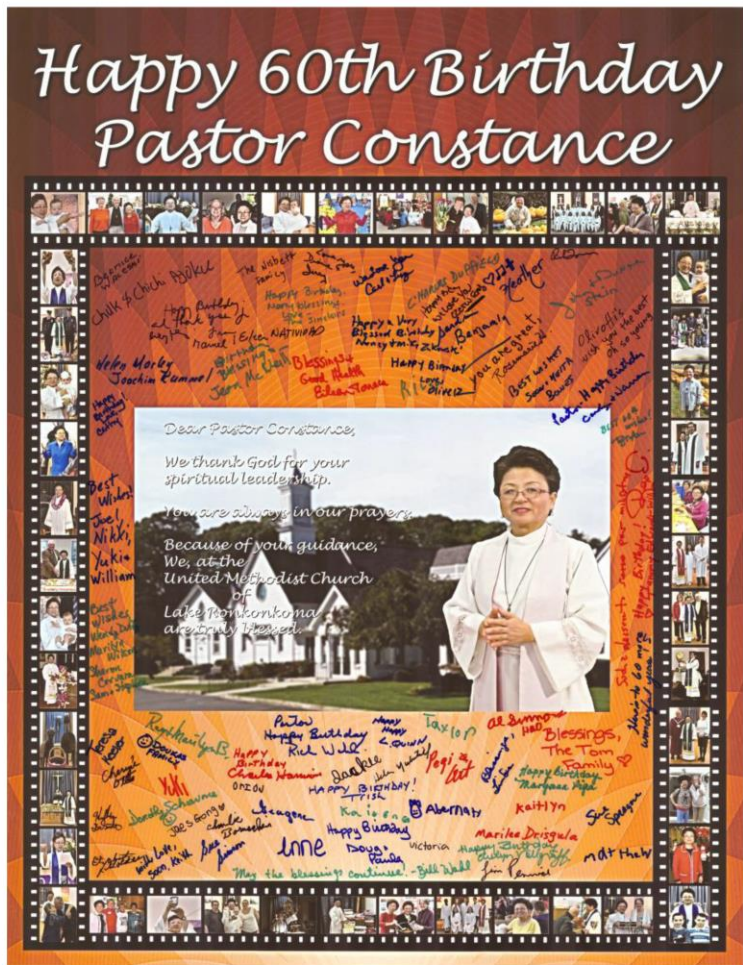
The New York Annual Conference through the grace of God embodies the beloved community of hope, building up a healthy body of Christ, with heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.

**MISSION STATEMENT
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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.



Lections

September 1
Twelfth Sunday After
Pentecost

Jer. 2:4-13
Ps. 81:1, 10-16
(UMH 803)
Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8
Thirteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
Grandparents' Day

Jer. 18:1-11
Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18
(UMH 854)
Philem. 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 15
Fourteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28
Ps. 14 (UMH 746)
1 Tim. 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 22
Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Jer. 8:18-9:1
Ps. 79:1-9 or Ps. 4
(UMH 741)
1 Tim. 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 29
Sixteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15
Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16
(UMH 810)
1 Tim. 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

Dear Families of the UMCLR:

When I was young, I was wondering and curious about where I'll be when I hit my 30, 40, 50, 60 ... 100 (?). Interestingly I celebrated my 50th and 60th birthdays at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma, the best place to be. I came to this parish just a month and a half before my 50th birthday (July 1, 2009). However, I was too busy at that time to settle down in a newly appointed church, and didn't even realize my 50th birthday was passing by so quickly. After a decade, I'm still alive and celebrating my 60th birthday here with my beloved church family. What a blessing! Thanks be to God and praise the Lord!

In Korean tradition, 60th birthday has a special name called "Hwan-Gahp." People used to celebrate (started celebrating) their 60th birthday big. It's because in the past people's survival rate was low and age 60 was a milestone accomplishment. However, nowadays people don't make a big deal because hitting 60 is not that rare any longer. In spite of that, I felt so grateful and blessed that I could celebrate this special birthday with my family and friends. Of course, I think of my congregants as my family and I'm extremely glad that all of you shared the joy and happiness with me. Especially, I thank the Lord that my aged mother is still with me and blesses me. What else can I ask? I've been feeling the amazing grace and awesome love of God ...

Additionally, I was privileged and honored to baptize my grand-niece, Andrea Hanhee Pak, an eight months old baby, on my 60th birthday celebration day. As I was holding her and was touching her forehead with the baptismal water, I literally felt the presence of the Holy Spirit via the vibration in my body. Hallelujah!!

No words can describe how much I thank each and every one of you. I can only say "Thank You!" from the bottom of my heart. I deeply appreciate not only your presence at my birthday luncheon on Aug. 11, 2019, but also your sincere prayers, beautiful cards with so much meaning, and all kinds of wonderful gifts. I had a great time to open up each gift. Some of you remembered that I was born in the year of the pig in the Asian calendar and put an additional pig mascot/toy with their gifts. On top of God's abundant blessings, I also believe that all those pigs will bring a lot of blessings, fortunes, luck, and prosperity for the rest of my life. I promise that your monetary gift will be well used for the expansion of God's realm in the world as well. THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Also, I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all those angelic hands that organized and worked hard behind the scene to make my birthday so special – sending out invitations, extra food, decorations, flowers, photo presentation, cake ... You're the greatest! THANK YOU!!!

In the Love and Grace of Christ,
Pastor Constance Pak



Baptism Sunday

August 11, 2019



Andrea Hanhee Pak



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The very popular **Little Angels Music Class** will return on Friday, September 20 at 6:15 p.m. and meet each Friday through October 25. Please consider joining us for this fun program that will promote fellowship, musicianship, play and prayer among little ones (Age 0-5) and their families/caregivers. Feel free to come weekly, just once, or whenever you can. Please contact Heather Edwards-Wilson for more details: melody8h@gmail.com

**History Comes Alive
At The
United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma**

While changing the Sanctuary air conditioning filters last month in the Worship Committee Closet, I came upon an amazing piece of our Church's History!

The Sanctuary and Chapel we now use was part of the "Little Brown Church" built in 1907, and moved to our current location in the mid 1950's.

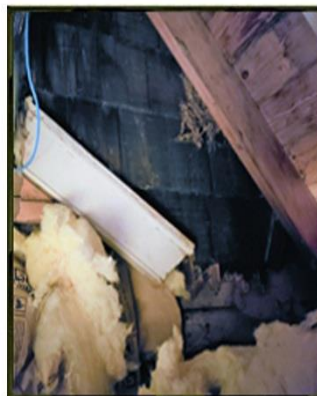
At that time, the Narthex, Apse, and Pastor's Office were added to the existing structure.

In the attic above the current Worship closet are the remains of the northernmost window molding on the west side of the building. (See photos)

Also remaining are some of the original brown shingles from the old church building.

It amazes me to know that so much of our centuries old history is still available to see.

(If we know where to look for it!)



Martha's Place Thrift Shop

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Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Mondays
10am - 2pm

Tuesdays
10am - 2pm

Fridays
10am - 2pm

Saturdays
10am - 2pm



Now summer is almost over, school begins again and the Auction is a few days away. WOW!!

The Thrift Shop is still open and helping our neighbors and church members with a never-ending array of clothing, kitchen supplies, games, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs, china, shoes, pocket books, curtains, tablecloths, quilts, blankets, sheets, jewelry, etc., etc. and etc.

We wouldn't have all these items if it were not for all of you!!!! Thank you for your continued support of your Thrift Shop.



We could use a backup person to run the front desk in case one of our volunteers may take a vacation, a sick day or for other reasons. Thank you again.

In God's service,
Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



Get ready!!
Disciple Bible Study
is returning!!

The study meetings will begin on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m. and meet each Thursday thereafter, except Thanksgiving, through December 5. Richard Wahl will lead this well-loved program.



SEPTEMBER 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.

1	Kyle Pearl
6	Christopher Otto
7	Lori Siebert
11	Matthew Brady
12	Madeleine Otto
13	Andrew Sinclair
14	Max Carroll
17	Chip Almonaitis
19	Mike McElhone
22	Paul Smith
24	Bruce Smith
29	Patrick Napolitano



Game Night!

All adults are welcome to join us for Game Night on Friday, September 20th at 7:00 PM at church. Enjoy a night out filled with fun and fellowship!



HOLD THE DATE!!!

Our pumpkins will be delivered on Saturday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Please come lend a hand if you are able!

UMW NEWS

To All Church Ladies,

I found the following snippet in my files, so I thought I'd share it here:

Acorns, Pumpkins, and God



An old poem tells the story of a woman who was walking through a meadow one day. As she strolled along meditating on nature, she came upon a field of golden pumpkins. In the corner of the field stood a majestic oak tree. The woman sat under the oak tree and began musing about the strange twists in nature. Tiny acorns hung on large branches and huge

pumpkins sat on tiny vines. She thought, *God blundered with creation! He should have put the small acorns on the tiny vines and the large pumpkins on the huge branches.*

Before long, the warmth of the late autumn sunshine lulled the woman to sleep. She was awakened by a tiny acorn bouncing off her nose. Chuckling to herself, she amended her previous thinking; *Maybe God was right after all!*

In every situation, God knows far more about the people and circumstances involved than we can ever know. He alone sees the beginning from the ending. He alone knows how to create a Master Plan that provides for the good of all those who serve Him. Only God knows what lies ahead for your life. Today, trust in Him and His plan – it may seem backwards, but He always does what is best for you.



August Meeting – We voted to give \$400 to Soon and Diane towards their mission to Guatemala and had fun playing games.

Our Autumn Meetings:

September 9 – Dorothy Schiavone will present a program based on the Lord's Prayer.

October 14 – Selling pumpkins starting at 5:30 pm and enjoying s'mores.

Yours In Christ,
Ilona Torraca
UMW President

The Nursery school is excited to start our 2019-2020 school year. We look forward to serving our community and sharing our love and guidance with our students.

We say good bye to a long time employee of our program, Sharon Grauwiler, who served our school for 18 years. Her dedication and love of our school and students are greatly appreciated and will be missed. We wish her the best of luck in her new chapter in life.



We also would like to welcome Lannie Hoomayoon our newest aide and Melissa LaRocco our newest teacher to our Nursery School family.

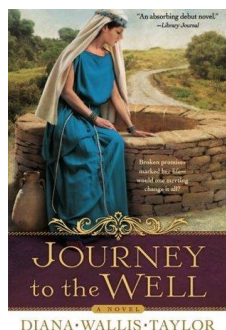
We ask for your continued prayers and guidance in helping provide a loving, nurturing, safe, and fun environment for our students.

Best Wishes,
Phyllis Thomas



**The UM Men's next
Breakfast Meeting will be
September 15th at 7:30 a.m.
All men are welcome to attend!**

*Please mark your calendars!
Our Charge Conference will be held on
Sunday, December 8th at 12:00 PM.
Venue to be determined.*



Book Discussion

We will be having a discussion about "Journey to the Well" by Diana Wallis Taylor on Monday, September 23rd at 7 PM. Come and join us, even if you haven't read the book.

Newsletter Submission: Missions, Evangelism & Nurture Committee

"A new commandment I give to you: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

One only needs to witness the dialogue and interactions of the women who are part of the Missions, Evangelism and Nurture Committee and their ability to care about our church family and the world at large becomes obvious and inspiring. There exists a beautifully diverse tapestry that is inclusive and committed to make the world a better place and serves as examples to us all.

Some upcoming events include a week-long visit to "Clinica Bethesda" in Guatemala where Soon Bowes and Diane Hatton will help set up the dental lab. What a long way the **Healing Guatemala Mission Project** has come. Amidst obstacles and setbacks, God's hand continues to move mountains.

Five members of the M.E. & N. committee, as well as members of the congregation, attended an appreciation dinner sponsored by the **Eastern Farmworkers Association** on July 28th. The following group represented the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma at the dinner: Helen Morley, Soon Bowes, Rosemarie Heiserer, Marilee Drisgula, Diane & Jerry June, and Pastor Pak. Our committee will continue to raise funds to help this local organization as their need is great.

Backpacks... a reminder that summer is coming to an end! Helen Morley let us know that our congregation will send 80 backpacks and supplies to local elementary schools and that additional backpacks have been ordered to go to the **Eastern Farmworkers Association**.

The Orphanage of Tapio in Haiti has graciously received the donation from the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma. To see the pictures of the smiling faces on the beautiful children holding a banner of our church was just incredible. There will be another fundraiser held to try to help meet the needs of the orphanage.

The Heifer Project: Coming in September, this amazing fundraiser will be run by our Sunday School children and supported by our committee and church family. Gina Duong has started us off with a generous donation in addition to selling pot scrubbers with the Craft Committee for a total of \$289.00! Piggy banks will be distributed to the children and we are excited to see how our church can change the lives of others. "It takes a village" indeed!!!!

Save the date for our Soup Sunday! This delicious and nutritious fundraiser will take place on November 3rd.

The Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, November 17th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please think about donating with the knowledge that you may just be saving a life.

The Food Pantry is fully operational and is open on the first Wednesday of each month. Donations will continue to be accepted on each Communion Sunday throughout the year.

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8

Sunday School

PICNIC/POTLUCK

- Bring a dish.
- BBQ food provided.
- ALL WELCOME!!

SEPT 8th, 2019
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**TURN IN YOUR
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
FORMS!**



United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma Registration Form – 2019/2020

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ M / F

School: _____ Entering grade level: _____ Birth date: _____

Program registering for: Sunday School (Pre-k - 12th): Y / N Chapel Choir (K - 5th): Y / N
UMYF (6th - 12th): Y / N Confirmation (8th & 9th): Y / N T-Shirt Size: _____

Student Contact Information:

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text okay: Y / N

Family Contact Information:

Mother's Name: _____

Address: *(if different from student)* _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text okay: Y / N

Email Address: _____ Email okay? Y / N

Home Phone: *(if different from student)* _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: *(if different from student)* _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text okay: Y / N

Email Address: _____ Email okay? Y / N

Home Phone: *(if different from student)* _____

Other Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text okay: Y / N

*If anyone will be picking up your child besides you please list as "Other Emergency Contact"

Does your child have any **medical condition(s), allergies, medications, etc.**, that we should be aware of? Y / N

If yes, please list:

Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone Number: _____

The undersigned gives permission to his or her child to participate in the above named programs and releases United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma (UMCLR), its officers, employees, and agents from any liability whatsoever for any injury or death to person or loss or damage to property sustained by the undersigned for any member of his family, in attendance, and the undersigned agrees to defend and indemnify United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma (UMCLR), its officers, employees, and agents from any liability or loss they might sustain by reason thereof. In the event I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the director of children's ministry to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as named above.

By signing this registration form you agree that any photographs and/or videos taken of your child at or during this/these event(s) are the property of United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma (UMCLR) and may be used in future publications, website and social media as deemed appropriate.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Sue Simon crafted beautiful cakes for the celebration of Ray and Marilyn Becht's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

Mission Sunday
July 7, 2019
Eastern Farm Workers Association

Joel Biddle, Director, Eastern Farm Workers Association
To Donate Call: (631) 286-8004

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



*A memorial gift has been given in memory of
 Ron Drisgula from Richard Wahl.*

*A memorial gift has been given in memory of
 Lois A. Wilson from Rosemarie Heisgerer.*

Katie Pfeil is "RUNNING FOR A REASON"

I am excited to be participating in the SEAMAAC 5K again this year! Last year we raised over \$27,000 so we've increased our goal to \$30,000. All the funds go to SEAMAAC'S mission of supporting refugees, immigrants, and other marginalized communities in Philadelphia. A big focus for us within the next year is our civic engagement program. With the 2020 census fast approaching we are doing a lot of work to ensure our communities are not being under counted. As I am sure you have heard about the Mississippi ICE raids, we are working closely with our national partners to ensure people know their rights in order to best protect themselves. While this administration is constantly trying to tear our communities apart, we are working even harder to band together.

I was hoping you might be interested in supporting me in this year's run. The race will take place the first weekend in October so hopefully the heat dies down so I can get training!

Here is my link to my personal page:

<https://seamaac5k.greatfeats.com/katie-pfeil>

Thanks in advance for all the support!

Katie Pfeil, Special Projects Coordinator
 SEAMAAC, Inc.

Ongoing Missions:

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

The Food Pantry
is open on the
1st Wednesday
of the month
(*except holidays*)
from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays at 7:00 pm in
Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
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
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further information.



September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed Thrift Shop Closed NA 7	3 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Trustees 7 Emmaus 7:30 SPPRC 7:30	4 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Food Pantry 3-5	5 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Sunday School Meeting 7 Disciple Bible Study 7:30 Rabbit Assoc. 8	6 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Auction Item Drop-off after 2 AA 8	7 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Grand Fall Auction: Viewing - 11 AM Bidding - 12 PM
8 Sunday School Picnic after service	9 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7 UMW 7	10 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Finance 7:30	11 Morning Prayer 7 AM Loaves & Fishes 9 Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation & UMYF 7 - 8 pm Chancel Choir 7:30	12 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Disciple Bible Study 7:30	13 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 AA 8	14 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
15 UMM 7:30 AM Baptism Sunday Leadership Training after service	16 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7	17 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Church Council 7:30	18 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	19 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Disciple Bible Study 7:30	20 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Little Angels 6:15 Game Night 7 AA 8	21 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
22 Baptism Sunday	23 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 NA 7 Book Discussion 7	24 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Soup Kitchen 4:45 AA 6:30 & 8:30	25 Morning Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Chapel Choir 6:30 UMYF 6:30 Confirmation 7:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	26 Soup Kitchen 4:45 Wedding Rehearsal 7 PM Disciple Bible Study 7:30	27 Thrift Shop 10 - 2 Wedding 3 Little Angels 6:16 COPE 7 AA 8	28 Thrift Shop 10 - 2
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