



*United Methodist Church
of
Lake Ronkonkoma*

GOOD NEWS

September 2020

United Methodist Church
of Lake Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

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

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Thrift Shop –
631-981-9749

Staff

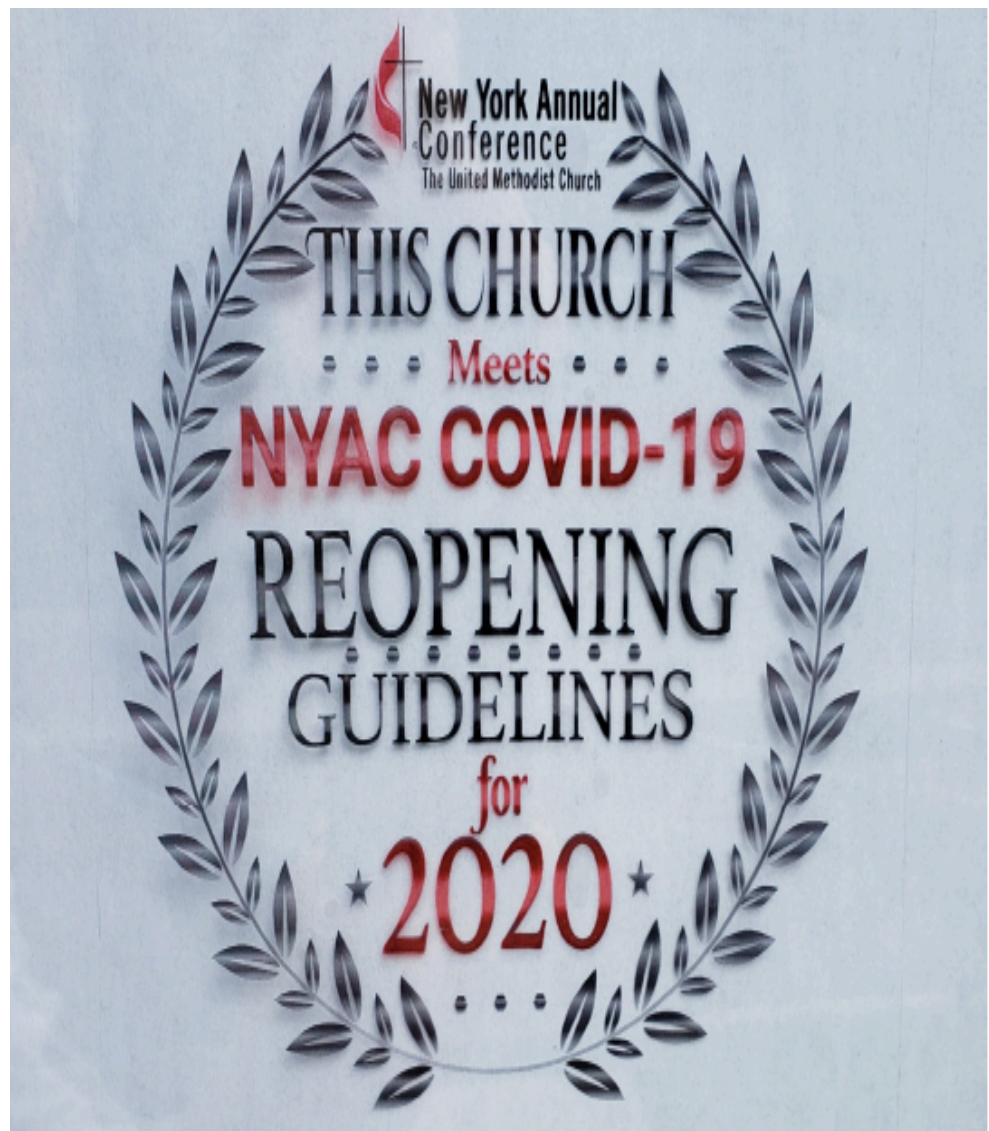
Rev. Dr. Constance Pak,
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,
Nursery School Director

Cathy Mitchell,
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



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.



Pastor Pak and Council Chairperson Debra Schild affix our Compliance Certificate to the front door.

Hello Church Friends,

Well the past 5 months have been enlightening and tiresome. Now onward! Our Certificate of Compliance now let's us move forward to Praising God together in our sanctuary. Your patience and prayers are needed as everyone learns the COVID-19 rules and procedures that our conference has set up for us, which includes the New York State and CDC guidelines.

The hard work of the Task Force is paying off. Our Sanctuary has a beautiful new oak wood floor. Thank you Charlie Bornschein, Rex Enderlin, Walter Schroeder, Jerry June, Ray Becht, Quinn Vollgraff, Henry Tom, Travis Kenehan and one of Travis's friends. Thanks to everyone's generosity so we could install a new floor. We still need to select a carpet and have it installed. It will be a "runner" from the narthex to the altar. The wood paneling has been cleaned and polished. Thanks to Rich and Sue Campbell, and Henry and Kyle Finnegan. Our chairs have been cleaned. Self-stick pads have been installed to the bottom of the legs to protect the floor. The Hertlin Hall rug has been deep cleaned. Signage is going up to remind us of how to keep ourselves, fellow worshipers, and our community groups that meet at the church, safe and healthy.

Committees may start using Hertlin Hall for meetings. Since it will be the only room available, chair people please call the church office to request a meeting day and time.

Sept. 1 - Trustees
Sept. 8 - SPPRC
Sept. 15 - Church Council

Community groups that use our basement meeting room will be starting, at the earliest, in October. The Soup Kitchen will be opening soon too. Only making bag dinners to handout. No dining in.

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September 6
Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Exod 12:1-14
Ps 149 or Ps 148
(UMH 861)
Rom 13:8-14
Matt 18:15-20

September 13
Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Exod 14:19-31
Exod 15:1b-11, 20-21
(UMH 135)
Rom 14:1-12
Matt 18:21-35

September 20
Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Exod 16:2-15
Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 or
Ps 78 (UMH 799)
Phil 1:21-30
Matt 20:1-16

September 27
Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Exod 17:1-7
Ps 78:1-4, 12-16
(UMH 799)
Phil 2:1-13
Matt 21:23-32

Auction News - see Rex's announcement.

The Pumpkin Posse has signed on for another year. They are moving forward with enthusiasm to make the Pumpkin Patch a great success in 2020. Please see their article.

Most of all I need to thank our sexton Phil Armstrong. Without his knowledge and expertise we would not have been ready to reopen. Thanks Phil!!

Both the Cyber service and the sanctuary service will be available until further notice.

See you live soon.

God Bless you all,

Debra Schild
Council Chairperson



07/14/20 Church Council meeting with social distancing observed



United
Methodist
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of
Lake Ronkonkoma

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

11th

Annual

Grand Fall Auction

(Weather & Virus permitting)

& Yard Sale

September 12, 2020

Yard Sale opens at 9:00 a.m.

Auction viewing opens at 11:00 - Auction starts at 12:00 noon



Hundreds of exciting and diverse offerings!

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

Grand Fall Benefit Auction & Yard Sale

Greetings friends,

Expectations remain high that our 11th annual Grand Fall Benefit Auction will indeed take place on September 12th. Long, intense discussions began in early March when I reached out to the pastor, the trustees, and the church council to determine whether this event could be held safely. Uncertainties still abound, yet New York State, including Long Island, has achieved one of the lowest COVID transmission rates in the country which bodes well for the auction with but one month to go. My approach was, and remains, cautiously optimistic.

In previous years, inclement weather would force the auction indoors. It has been decided that an indoor auction would not be prudent at this time, so foul weather, if it should come, will necessitate a postponement to a later weekend.

Social distancing rules require that the "footprint" be greatly expanded. Therefore we cannot reasonably supply adequate shade should our attendance approach typical numbers. Guests should consider bringing their own sun protection. Likewise, even though we can supply enough sanitized folding chairs, guests would do well to bring their own personal seating. A medical professional will be on hand to screen every attendee, and masks and gloves will be required by all who enter the church building to view the auction lots or visit the restrooms. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be available to all. Only pre-packaged food and drinks will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, and a designated "picnic" area will be set aside with socially distanced tables for the enjoyment of refreshments.

Our call for donations was met with surprising enthusiasm, and the catalog "runneth over" a full month before the auction. Visit the website and peruse the catalog. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at the variety and quality of this year's offerings.

I have alluded earlier to our impending needs. If you are able and willing to supply any of the following items, please let the church know by phone (631-588-5856) or email (cathy@umclr.com):

Tables (well marked as to ownership)
Canopies (ditto)
Large cardboard boxes

It is never too early to promote our auction and yard sale. Talk it up with your family, friends, and neighbors. Print some flyers from the website and distribute them liberally in your neighborhood.

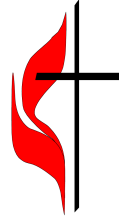
If at all possible, try not to schedule personal business on auction day. We will need all hands on deck this year given the uncertainties of the situation. Plan to spend a day of excitement and laughter.

Blessings to all. Stay well. See you soon.

Rex Enderlin, Auction Coordinator



T R U S T E E N E W S



Dear fellow congregants,

Our Church complex has been closed for more than 5 months due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. During this time, your Re-opening Task Force, which includes Pastor Pak and the Chairs of the Church Council and Trustees, has been preparing our buildings for the return of our Nursery School teachers and students, our Congregation, and all the special groups that call the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma home.

We have directed our new custodian to continue “deep cleaning” all buildings so that when we reopen, everything will be completely sanitized and disinfected. During the closure, the floors in Baker Hall, Fellowship Hall and the Parish Hall have been polished.

In order to save money, all air conditioning is set to 75 degrees. Please do not lower the temperature.

The Parish Hall (Nursery School building) has been completely sanitized.

The old carpet in the Sanctuary has been removed and a new oak floor has been installed. Thank you to all who helped make this project a smashing success! Next is deep cleaning the chairs and putting them back in the Sanctuary and Chapel. Then the carpets in Hertlin Hall, Narthex, Hallway, and Offices will be deep cleaned. This will all be completed before the official reopening on September 6th.

The Trustees must remind all church members that all our rental monies and Nursery School donations have stopped. 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 would like to ask for volunteers to help paint arrows in our parking lot. If you can help, please contact us at the email address below.

We are planning on holding our first in-person meeting, Tuesday, September 1st at 7:00 PM in the Church parking lot (weather permitting). If not, the meeting will be held in Hertlin Hall.

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

God will see us through this difficult time. Pray, and this too will pass.

Walter Schroeder, Keith Bowes
and Your Board of Trustees

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Taking up the old carpet



Original 1906 floor under carpet



Original 1906 floor under carpet



The Floor Crew



Hard at work



Rex Enderlin replacing door molding in the Chapel



Richard Campbell cleaning Sanctuary paneling



Sue Campbell cleaning the paneling

E D U C A T I O N



Greetings from the Education Work Area!

This August 30th we celebrated our first confirmation cyber service. We welcome our newest members, Aidan Drisgula, Kailey Golden and Julia R. Polsunas. We are proud of them and grateful to all who helped them accomplish their goal.

This continues to be a challenging time for our delivery of instruction and ability to connect with each other. If you have a student in your home that is from preschool through high school that has not been previously registered for our programs, please contact the church office to give us your contact information. We would like to invite all to participate and be informed of our plans.

Though we are looking forward to being together again, we will begin Confirmation and Sunday School this fall remotely. Rich Tom will be leading the first year confirmation class into second year and confirmation. He will be contacting his students to arrange how this will work. The Sunday school will have a delayed beginning to allow everyone to adjust to the new school year in all its many forms. A survey will be sent out to help us plan how to best proceed with engaging the children most effectively. The secondary children were meeting on zoom but this may be more difficult for our younger students. Please fill out the survey promptly when it arrives. It will most likely be in an email. We look forward to connecting with all of our students in a meaningful way, even if it is in cyber form. Meanwhile we pray for all of our children that they will have a safe beginning in this new school year and that we will be able to be together safely soon.

Sue Preddice
Education Committee Chairperson

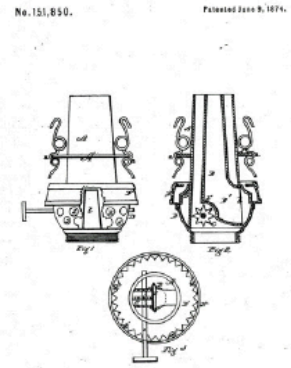
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We welcome new members
Aidan Drisgula
Kailey Golden
Julia R. Polsunas



OUR HISTORY

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



**This oil lamp was found in the attic
of the Parish Hall
It is made of steel with a brass plate
and patent dates of
June 9, 1874-June 29, 1880-September 25, 1883**

Our History MUST be preserved!

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*Martha's Place
Thrift Shop
Open
Friday & Saturday
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Welcome Home!*

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Martha's Place
Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Friday & Saturday
10 AM - 2 PM



It has been quite some time that I have sat down to let you know what the Thrift Shop has been up to.

As you all may know, we opened the shop on Friday and Saturday from 10 am – 2 pm on August 14th and 15th, 21st and 22nd, and the 28th and 29th.

We will be open only on Fridays and Saturdays for now. We will open again on Monday and Tuesday in the future, as we feel comfortable with our protocol.

In the meantime, we are keeping track of all our customers with their phone number in case we need to contact them.

We are wearing our masks and gloves, as are our guests.

Please bring clean donations by 1 P.M. on Fridays and Saturdays. No pet hair please!!

We need time to re-sanitize every time before we leave the shop. Thank you!

In GOD'S service,

Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

B I R T H D A Y S



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

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Summer Greetings Congregation!

Hope you all have been enjoying this crazy Summer and are getting ready to think about PUMPKINS!

October is only a month away and now that the church has reopened, we plan to sell pumpkins. They arrive on Saturday, October 3 @ 10AM! Selling pumpkins is one of our biggest fundraisers that financially helps support the church and is a mission to help the Navaho Indians, so we hope you will help support us this year.

Our community knows us for doing this fundraiser and we think it would help bring some normalcy and joy to our customers especially those with children.

We have been putting a lot of thought into this and we thought it would be best to cut the load in half so it is more manageable to unload and sell. We will have safety procedures in place to make our un-loaders, sellers and buyers comfortable.

We hope we can count on you to help unload and sell!

P.S. We welcome anyone who wants to be a part of the Pumpkin Posse team!

Sincerely,
The Pumpkin Posse

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