



*United Methodist Church  
of  
Lake Ronkonkoma*

# Good News

September 2022

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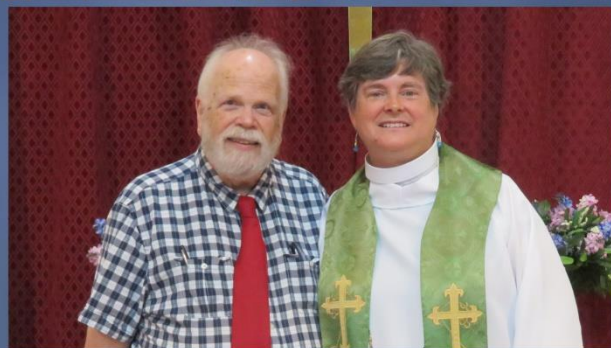
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## Welcome Pastor Karen & Ron Burger



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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  
OF THE NY ANNUAL  
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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.



Dear Friends at UMCLR:

Ron and I want to thank you all for the very warm welcome you have given us upon our arrival here! The beautiful welcome service with special music, installation and gifts; the preparation of the parsonage and welcome flowers, food, practical items and gift card awaiting us there; the photo collage with member signatures that is now hanging in my office, and many more kindnesses, including a dinner out at La Grova, that showed us that you really meant the words you spoke: "Welcome to our family!" Playing dominoes at a Game Night, enjoying a welcome barbecue and picnic with the Methodist Women at the home of Doug and Barbara Colucci; member bios that were written by some of you and sent to us, introducing us to your families; drop by visits at the office with leaders to share about programming and ideas, and warm greetings on Sundays, and great logistical and audio-visual support from George, Dennis, and the AV crew to help all unfold smoothly...these are just some of the ways you have helped us begin to settle in and learn more about this church, this congregation and the local community. Huge thanks to Abby for her great work in the office and to Phil and to our Music Staff, Rex and Heather, who do a superb job!

I am on the 8 a.m. Wednesday morning Prayer Zoom each week and invite more of you who have not experienced this ministry to jump on and join in our sharing. As you share your joys and prayer concerns, it helps me to know you more deeply. Thank you to Sue Campbell and Liza Wright who have led sessions and brought their prayerfulness to the group. I will continue to utilize a team approach where I lead some weeks and others take a turn so that those in attendance get the benefit of a variety of perspectives on the Upper Room passages and to give our laity a chance to exercise their gifts.

Getting to know names and faces takes time, so thank you for your patience as we get acquainted. I look forward to our programs together this Fall and the ways we will reach out to the community together.

With gratitude,

Pastor Karen Burger

## Lections

September 4  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

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

September 11  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

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

September 18  
15<sup>th</sup> 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 25  
16<sup>th</sup> 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



The UMM had a summer Bible study on the second Sundays of July and August; we revisited the Nooma series by Rob Bell, inspirational speaker and ex pastor.

The men wore their shirts proudly during the welcoming of our new pastor, Karen Burger.

We will be restarting our breakfasts and studies every month beginning this month.

Blessings,  
Dennis Subbiondo  
President, UMM

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## NEW BOOK STUDY

As the new school year begins, and we begin our church programs, I'd like to let everyone know that we are planning to have a daytime study on a wonderful book that I have worked with and gotten much new insight from. It is called Aging as a Spiritual Practice by Lewis Richmond. Don't let the title fool you, it is for anyone getting older and wiser in this world and that is all of us. We will explore topics like "I Like Growing Old," "I Don't Like Growing Old," and "The Science of Healthy Aging" as well as other topics on the subject. The book generates some great sharing and discussion. This is not just a women's study so please consider joining us.

We are going to meet on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be ordering the books soon and need to have some kind of count as to who is interested in participating. Please call the church office at 588-5856 to put your name on a list. I will also post a list on the bulletin board at church.

Marilyn Becht

GOOD NEWS



# Baptism Sunday

August 7, 2022



*Sienna Rae D'Onofrio*



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## Come join us for Game Night!

Join us for game nights on September 23, October 14, and November 18!! Enjoy a game of your choice or play one of ours. Come, laugh, have fun and enjoy.

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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.

- 1 *Kyle Pearl*
- 6 *Christopher Otto*
- 12 *Madeline Otto*
- 13 *Andrew Sinclair*
- 14 *Max Carroll*
- 17 *Chip Almonaitis*
- 22 *Paul Smith*
- 24 *Bruce Smith*



**Youth In 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30**

**(Twice per month)**

**Meeting dates:**

**2022**

September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

**2023**

January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

June 7<sup>th</sup>

Advisors: Wendy Duffy and Jennie Olivotti



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Greetings from the Education work area!

September is a busy and exciting time for our children and youth; it is a new year for classes and schedules! Please be sure to keep room on your calendar for a new year of Sunday School, Youth Group, Confirmation, and Children's Choir. We are looking forward to seeing all of you, and we are also looking forward to working with our new Pastor.

Sunday School registration and classes will begin September 11. Please note that our starting time for Worship service and Sunday School is now 9:30; please come by 9:15 to register children so you will be on time for the Worship Service.

Youth Group and Confirmation Class, year 2, will resume on September 14. The Youth Group meets twice a month at 6:30. A calendar for the meetings is posted. Confirmation class meets every Wednesday at 7:30. We follow Sachem school closings as a rule.

Children's Choir information will be shared by Heather Edwards Wilson. A calendar will be forthcoming.

As always, we appreciate our teachers and leaders for making these programs happen. All of our parents are a great part of the team as well. We depend on them to get their children here! We are always looking for new volunteers and helpers. Please let any of us know if you can join us.

We pray as we start our new school year that we can spread the love of Jesus among our children, youth and their families.

Sue Preddice,  
Education Committee Chairperson

GOOD

NEWS



# Solar Installation

August 15-26, 2022



*The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*



# Parking Lot Paving Project

August 23-27, 2022



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## 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

Our shop has been busy all summer! We are looking forward to school opening and the auction on the agenda for September 10<sup>th</sup>!!

During the summer, we helped three ladies from a women's shelter who needed summer clothing; they were so happy! So, thank you for your ongoing donations; you know it is a good cause.

Also this past month, we provided coffee hour at church. We have three volunteers who do not attend our church but helped offer goodies. We are definitely blessed!!

In God's service,

Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

## Martha's Place Thrift Shop

### Fall Apparel

Housewares - Jewelery  
Keepsakes

Open

Monday - Tuesday

Friday - Saturday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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**"The Pumpkins Are Coming!"**  
**Saturday, October 15, 2022**  
**Time: TBA**

Please help us unload the truck  
To volunteer call: (631) 588-5856



**Invite all your friends and "groups" to help, sign up sheets will be available.**

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**Saturday, October 29th**  
**1:00 - 3:00**

**Come Join In The Fun!**  
**UMCLR at 5 Corners**



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**WOMEN IN FAITH MINISTRY  
“UMW”**

*“All women are invited to our meetings! Please share the experiences and bring friends . . .”*

We had a successful August planning meeting. It was nice to gather together and meet Pastor Karen; thank you to all!

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Guest speaker: Nancy Schafer, Hostesses: Dorothy S. and Miriam R.

Our retreat will be September 30, October 1 & 2. Please let Tessa T. know if you can attend the whole weekend or just Saturday - \$20 for Saturday, \$100 for the weekend.

Next Up: October 17 – program: Patricia H.  
November 14 – TBD

Barb Colucci

**Pot Luck Dinner**  
August 15, 2022

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 - 6:00 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.



# Back to School Please Donate:

Single subject spiral notebooks  
Marble notebooks - Crayons - Markers  
Dry-erase markers - Pencils - Erasers

Please place donations  
on table outside office!

Collecting through  
September 4th

Sponsored by:  
The Craft Group



# Food Pantry Open Tuesday

September 6 & 20, 2022

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

# Grand Fall Auction

## September 10, 2022

**12 Noon**

**Viewing At 11:00 AM**

**Make An Offer At 10:30 AM**

**Hundreds of interesting items!**

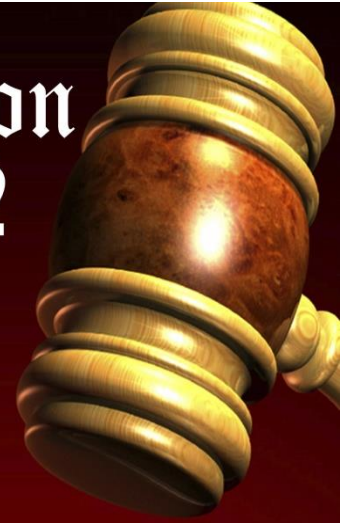
**Rain or Shine!**

**Bring a chair & a sense of adventure**

**Food & Beverages Available**

**United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma**

**792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove (At 5 Corners)**



**Soup Sunday VI**

**September 25th**

**(After Worship Service)**

**Choose Your Favorites**

**From Many**

**Delicious Varieties**

**On Sale**

**Pre-order & Take Home**

**Enjoy!**

Sponsored by: The Missions, Evangelization and Nurture Committee

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# Moravian Love Feast July 3, 2022



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# Christmas In July July 10, 2022



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Beginning Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** 

**MON. CLOSED - TO -**

**TUES. 9:00 AM - TO - 3:00 PM**

**WED. 9:00 AM - TO - 3:00 PM**

**THUR. 9:00 AM - TO - 3:00 PM**

**FRI. 9:00 AM - TO - 3:00 PM**

**SAT. CLOSED - TO -**

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**—◆ THANK YOU ◆—**

Prayer Group on Zoom

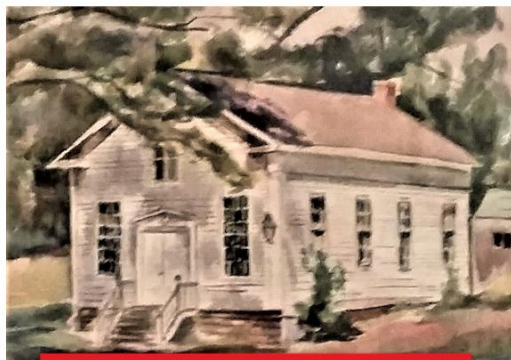
Come and join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as we discuss the Upper Room publication reading for that date, and continue our prayers for those who are in need. This is a wonderful way to focus on your communication with God and become closer to members of your church family, as they share their thoughts, praises, petitions, prayers and faith.

Meeting ID: 858 8602 0997 and Passcode: 011880



# H I S T O R Y

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



# AUCTION

When plans were approved to build the “Little Brown Church”, the Official Board decided to auction off the Parish Hall on September 7, 1906, at 2:00 PM. Notices were published in the local newspapers and handbills were posted advertising the sale. When the day of the auction arrived, only a few people were in attendance. The starting price was \$625 and no one bid higher. Since the auction did not work, the Parish Hall may be seen in present location to this day.

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*Happy  
Anniversary*

*Keith & Soon Bowes*



*47 Years - August 26, 2022*



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# Illumination Service

July 24, 2022



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# UMCLR AT METS

July 26, 2022



*The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma*



Hello Church Family,

We hope you had a relaxed, fun, and safe summer. The members of SPPRC were busy coordinating the transition of pastors. We said a fond farewell to Pastor Constance Y. Pak and have welcomed Pastor Karen A. Burger. Thank you to all who assisted at the farewell luncheon, the parsonage cleaning, and for those who brought food to welcome the new pastor and her husband, Ron.

If you have not been able to come and meet Pastor Karen, then please join us for worship on Sunday at **9:30 a.m.** Pastor Karen will be in the office Tuesday-Friday in the morning hours. Please contact the church office or email her at **revburger51@gmail.com** to meet with her. Pastor Karen's day off is Monday. So please try to be supportive of her day off. The church office will resume normal hours Tuesday-Friday from 9:00a.m.- 3:00p.m. after Labor Day.

Sincerely,

Liza Wright, Keith Bowes, Walter Schroeder, Diane June, Cheryl Otto, Jennie Olivotti, Susan Campbell, and Mike Zukowski (Conference Rep.)

*Join us for our next Book Discussion  
Monday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church  
We will be discussing  
"The Atonement Child"  
by Francine Rivers*

*A heart-wrenching but uplifting story about a highly controversial topic. Dynah Carey knew where her life was headed. Engaged to a wonderful man, the daughter of doting parents, a faithful child of God—she has it all. Then the unthinkable happens: Dynah's perfect life is irrevocably changed by a rape that results in an unwanted pregnancy.*

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# SAUERBRATEN DINNER

SPONSORED BY THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

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

## Veterans Luncheon Sunday, November 6, 2022

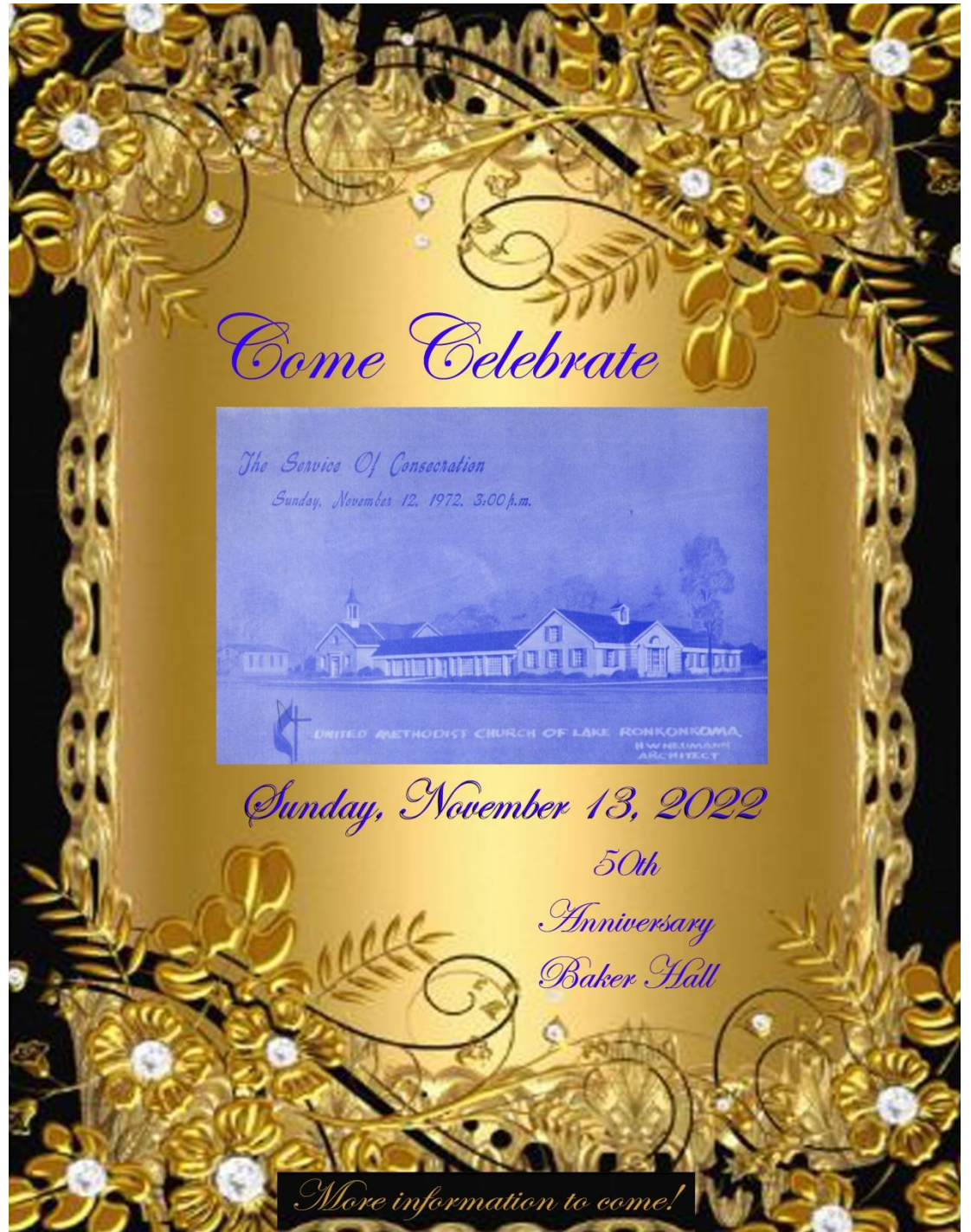
After Worship Service

# God Bless Our Veterans!

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*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 631-588-5856 to make arrangements.*

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# Christmas Festival & Sale

United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

"5 Corners"

792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY

Friday, November 25, 2022

Saturday, November 26, 2022

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Food - Vendors - Crafts - Fun

For More Information & Vendor Forms, Please Visit

[WWW.UACLR.COM](http://WWW.UACLR.COM)

## Breakfast With Santa!

Saturday

November 26th

9:30 AM

\$10.00

Per Guest

Pancakes - Bacon  
Orange Juice - Apple Juice  
Coffee (For the young at heart)

Sponsored by:  
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**Cookie Walk**  
**Saturday, December 10, 2022**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Sponsored By**  
**The United Methodist Women**



**The Long Island Flute Club**  
**Concert**  
**Saturday, December 10, 2022**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Performed By**  
**The LIFC Holiday Flute Choir**  
**Bring the Family!**  
**The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma**

# Christmas Cantata

## Sunday, December 4, 2022



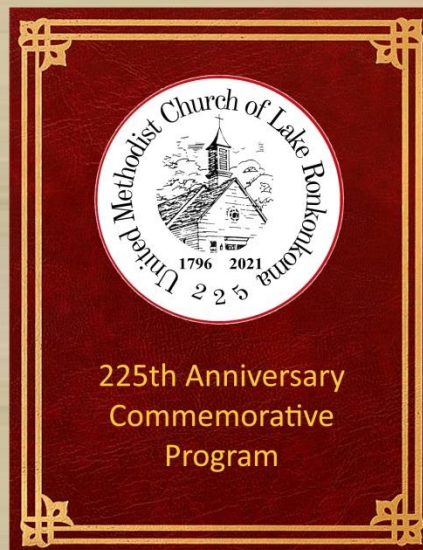
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**\$125.00**

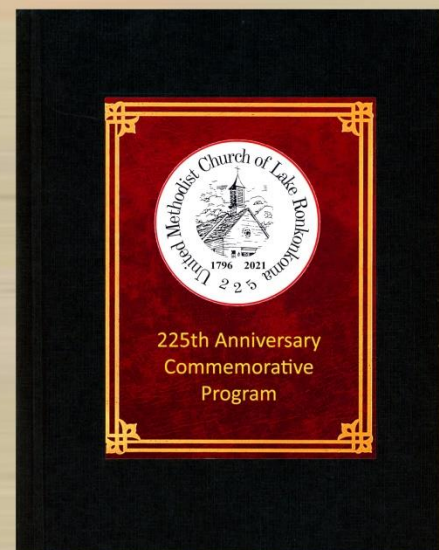
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