



The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

Good News

September 2023

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United Methodist
Church of Lake
Ronkonkoma

792 Hawkins Avenue
Lake Grove, NY 11755

631-588-5856

www.umclr.com

Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Nursery School
631-467-9601

Thrift Shop
631-981-9749

Staff

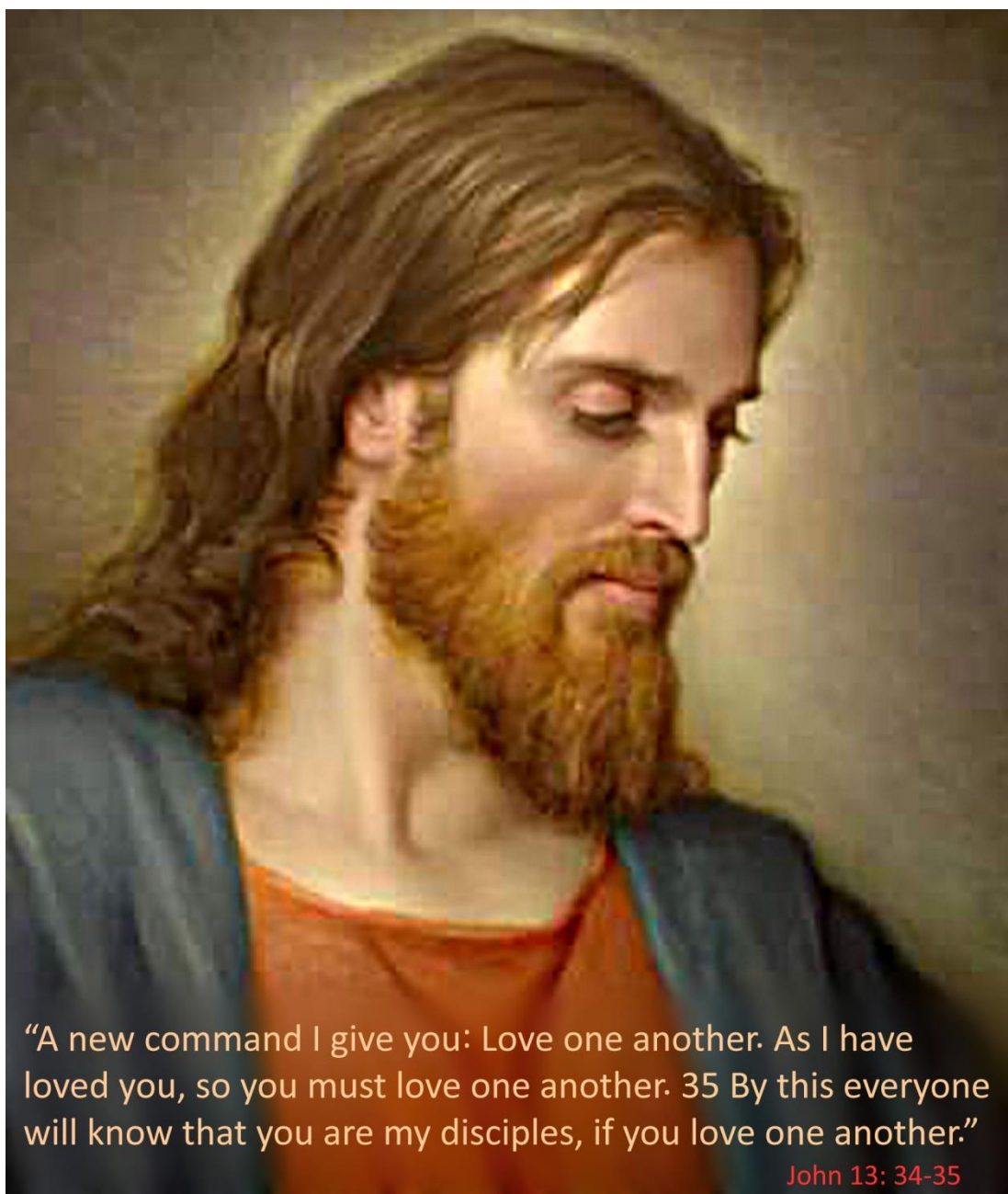
Rev. Karen A. Burger,
Pastor

Filomena Thomas,
Nursery School Director

Abby Preziosi,
Administrative
Assistant

Dr. Rex Enderlin,
Choir Director

Heather Edwards-
Wilson,
Youth Choir Director &
Organist



“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13: 34-35

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 UMCLR,

It's Auction Time, and we are excited about this year's offerings. You can read about all of the items for auction on our website under 2023 Grand Fall Auction! Share with your friends on social media and let's bring out some new bidders to enjoy the day with us. Volunteers to help out are also needed, particularly those who can lift comfortably.

As the season changes to Fall, get ready for comfortable walking, leaf viewing, pumpkin lattes if that is your thing, apple pies, pumpkin pies, and more seasonal enjoyments. Here at church, we will offer many opportunities for fellowship together, and we hope that you will invite friends who may feel a need for more connection with others: there is a truly beautiful spirit of love and care that our congregation would love to extend to more people. It is a fruit of our love for God, the author of love and the ultimate creator of community.

A fun way to greet people in the community is also to sign up to help out with the sale of pumpkins in October. Soon there will be signup sheets available; watch for them.

In a world where there is much division, let us be a sign of unity and working together. In a world that doesn't appreciate everyone, let us be a place where everyone is valued and appreciated and many different spiritual gifts and skills are celebrated and utilized for the benefit of all. Together, we are the Body of Christ in this place. Are you the eyes? The ears? The feet? The hands? What are your gifts for service?

I look forward to seeing you at our worship services and events and study.

In God's Service,

Pastor Karen Burger

Lections

September 3
14th Sunday
after Pentecost

Exod 3:1-15
Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45
(UMH 828)
Rom 12:9-21
Matt 16:21-28

September 10
15th Sunday after
Pentecost

Exod 12:1-14
Ps 149 or Ps 148
(UMH 861)
Rom 13:8014
Matt 18:15-20

September 17
16th Sunday after
Pentecost

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

September 24
17th 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

We need your help!

Set Up + Yard Sale + Vannas + Registration
Collection + Distribution + Tear Down



United
Methodist
Church

of
Lake Ronkonkoma

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

14th

Annual

Grand Fall Auction

Rain or Shine & Yard Sale

September 9, 2023

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

Ongoing Missions:

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 - 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.



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

BACK TO SCHOOL

It seems like I was just writing about the beginning of summer and now I am writing about the end of summer. It seemed to come and go so quickly this year!!! We are now in the process of hanging the fall clothing we set aside this spring and summer. Our volunteers are also preparing to set out Halloween costumes, autumn and Thanksgiving décor. Please come in to see what treasures we have for sale! We are looking forward to school opening and the auction on the agenda for September 9th! 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!! We are so thankful that you continue to supply your thrift shop with clean and useful clothing and other household items!!
In God's service, Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



Martha's Place Thrift Shop

Fall Apparel
Housewares - Jewelry
Keepsakes

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

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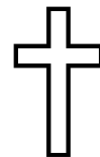
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In Loving Memory of Gerald M. June - July 29, 2023



'Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness!'
Matthew 25:23

Thanks to our church family



We want to thank everyone who reached out to us while Jerry was alive and after his passing. We really are a church family and we cannot be more thankful for everyone.

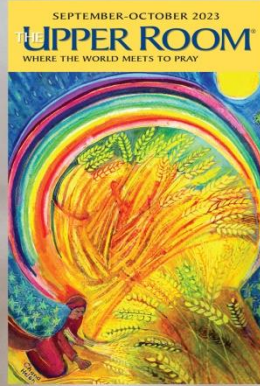
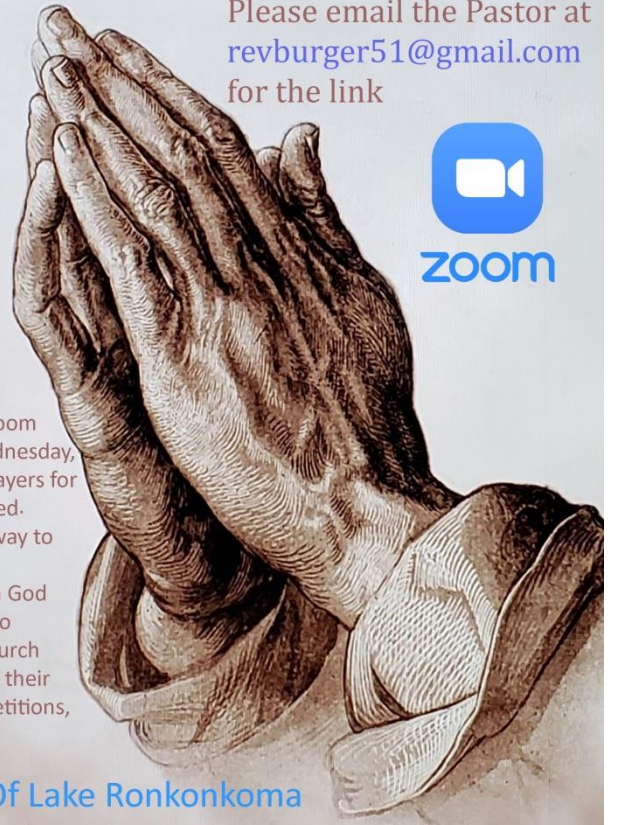
Diane, David and Scott June

GOOD

Virtual Prayer Meeting

Every
Wednesday
8:00 AM

Please email the Pastor at
revburger51@gmail.com
for the link



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

NEWS



Christmas in July
July 23, 2023



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.

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



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.

E D U C A T I O N

Greetings from the Education Work Area,

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our children and youth to register for our fall programs on Sunday September 10th. This will be the first day of Sunday School. There will be a registration table set up to register for all of our Sunday and Wednesday programs. One form will be available to register all of the children in each family. Please stop by and sign up that day!

We are teaching our children using themes from the scriptures and lessons shared in our Worship Service in their classroom. We have created a calendar that includes church attendance for some of the Worship Service for our younger students. We will present bibles to our third graders on September 24 during the service.

Our Secondary Class will join us for the entire service on the first of the month for Communion. It is our hope that our children will feel comfortable and welcome attending church. We encourage family worship as well. You will receive the calendar when you register and can refer to it on our website.

Our Wednesday programs will begin on September 13. Children in K-5th grade are invited to join our Children's Choir. It meets from 5:45-6:25. All students 6-12th grade are invited to join the Youth Group. It will meet twice a month from 6:30 to 7:30. The schedule is posted on the website. We will begin a revised Confirmation program this year. Students will attend Youth Group and stay for Confirmation instruction from 7:30-8:30 twice a month. Emphasis will be placed on participation in church service areas during the first year of the program. We will be looking for sponsors who can take an active role during the year and participate in some of the service activities with their confirmand. We welcome our Eighth grade students to sign up.

Thank you to all of our volunteers. We are excited to begin a new school year and greet all of you!

Sue Preddice
Education Chairperson

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 10, 2023



Register in person September 10th
Register Online at www.umclr.com

Click on "Children and Youth" at the top of the page
Click on "Sunday School" for Registration Form and the 2023-2024 Schedule

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## Youth Programs Available

Sunday School  
Youth Choir  
United Methodist Youth  
Confirmation Class

For more information on our Youth Programs call:  
(631) 588-5856



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**Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30**

(Twice per month)

**Meeting dates:**

**2023**

September 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

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

December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

**2024**

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

February 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

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

June 5<sup>th</sup>

**Advisors: Wendy Duffy & Jennie Olivotti**

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## Sunday School Calendar for 2023-24

- September 10:** First Day of Sunday School and registration
- September 17:** All SS classes begin in their classroom
- September 24:** Elementary SS begins in church. **Children's choir**, Children's Message. Bible Sunday
- October 1:** Secondary SS class attends church
- October 8:** Indigenous People's/Columbus day holiday. No Sunday School. Families attend church
- October 15:** Elementary SS begins in church **Children's choir**, Children's message
- October 22:** SS begins in their classroom
- October 29:** SS begins in church. **Children's choir**
- November 5:** Secondary SS goes to church Daylight savings begins
- November 12:** Elementary SS begins in church. **Children's choir**
- November 19:** SS begins in the classrooms
- November 26:** No Sunday School Family Worship
- December 3:** Secondary SS goes to church
- December 10:** SS begins in the classroom
- December 17:** SS Christmas Pageant family Service
- December 24:** Christmas Eve No Sunday School family service Children's message
- December 31:** New Year's Eve No Sunday School family service



- January 7: All SS classes begin in church **Children's choir**
- January 14: **Martin Luther King holiday Family Service No Sunday School**
- January 21: SS begins in the classroom
- January 28: Elementary SS begins in church Children's message
- February 4: Secondary SS goes to church
- February 11: Elementary SS begins in church **Children's Choir**, Children's message
- February 18: **No Sunday School Family Service beginning of February break**
- February 25: SS begins in the classroom
- March 3: All SS begin in church **Children's Choir**
- March 10: All SS begin in the classroom
- March 17: Elementary SS begin in church, Children's message
- March 24: Palm Sunday Children's procession in church
- March 31: **No Sunday School Family Service Happy Easter Children's message**
- April 7: Secondary SS goes to church
- April 14: All SS classes begin in the classroom
- April 21: **No Sunday School beginning of spring break Family Service**
- April 28: All SS begins in the classroom
- May 5: Secondary SS attends church
- May 12: Elementary SS begins in church Mother's Day Children's message
- May 19: All SS begins in the classroom
- May 26: **No Sunday School Memorial Day weekend family Service**
- June 3: Secondary SS attends church
- June 9: Youth and Children's Service / Nettie Baker Day last day of SS



The United Methodist Men took a break during July and August but will resume our breakfasts in September.

We voted to approve a gift of \$100 to “Fiercely Leading Youth, Inc.” to assist a young lady with finances for her college needs. We received info from a church congregant about this group which has been helping the youth of Long Island for a while now.

Dennis Subbiondo  
President UMM

Please join us!



**Sunday**  
**September 17, 2023**

**UMM**  
UNITED METHODIST MEN

**FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST**

**7:30 AM**

**The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma**

The complex block features a background image of a breakfast plate with scrambled eggs, bacon, and pancakes. Overlaid on the right side is a black box containing the event details in white and red text. The text includes the day and date, the UMM logo, the event name "FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST", the time "7:30 AM", and the location "The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma".



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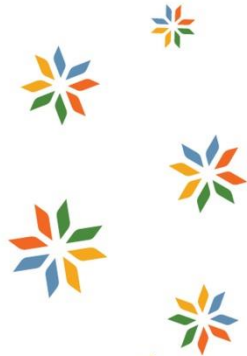
United  
Women  
in Faith



Please join us  
September 18, 2023

7:00 PM

for a very special  
Program & Fellowship



The United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

Thank you to everyone who helped with July Coffee Hour!

For our next meeting – Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Baker Hall, Rev. Noelle Koestline will present a program on providing assistance to our global community. Thank you Eileen T. for contacting Rev. Koestline!

October 16 – selling pumpkins 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

November 13 – to be announced

December 11 – Christmas gathering

If anyone would like to plan a meeting for November 2023 or next year, 2024, please let us know!

Thank you,  
Tessa T and Barb C

Also, please sign up on our hallway bulletin board to bring refreshments to our Fall meetings!

## Church Leaders

### Heather Edwards-Wilson



My fondest childhood memories include music, such as sitting on my mom's lap as she played Christmas carols on the piano, or sitting with my dad as he played cassette tapes repeatedly to figure out the chords of popular songs on his guitar. In 2nd grade I began taking piano lessons and in 3rd grade had my first

experience singing in a mixed-age folk group at St. Joseph's RCC in Babylon. As my piano playing improved in 4th and 5th grade, I enjoyed having friends over my house for sing-alongs. We practiced a variety of folk songs and put on performances at *The Long Island State Veterans Home* and *The Open Gate*, a home for elderly Christian Scientists. One of the ladies at *The Open Gate* loved to organize hymn-sings using the United Methodist Hymnal, and asked us kids to join in leading the songs. It was my first experience with the hymns I now play regularly.

Though I was confirmed at St. Joseph's in 7th grade, I had an intense desire to learn more about religion so in 8th grade I snuck into my friends' confirmation class at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Islip. It was such a large class, the nuns never even noticed I was there! I attended weekly until my friends were confirmed. Soon after I signed up with music director Phil Ambrosino and organist Rex Muro to be in the choir and to be a cantor. I loved participating in OLL's annual Christmas play called *St. Francis Tells the Christmas Story*, usually as a shepherd/percussionist and pianist, and use many of the ideas, storylines, and songs I did back then in our Christmas pageants now. When I was in 11th grade OLL decided to create a Sunday evening service for youth with a band led by Carol Goetze so of course I joined! During my senior year in high school, I was asked to play piano for Saturday mass at St. Patrick's RCC in Bay Shore. I can still remember how nervous I was playing "Gather Us In" as the opening hymn on my first day! Later that year I found out that someone was donating an organ and was asked to learn to play it by Easter. My dad found a me a home organ on Craigslist and I practiced for hours and hours without a single lesson to be ready for my organ debut.

I attended college at NYU and was able to take 3 semesters of organ lessons with the talented Dr. Entriken. I commuted home on weekends to play 5 services at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Deer Park, then commuted back into the city to attend Sunday night services at the NYU Catholic center because I loved being a regular (non-employed) member of the congregation. I met Tammy at NYU and we decided upon graduation that we should find a church that was more welcoming to our LGBTQ lifestyle. I had just taken a job at Wenonah Elementary school so we decided to look up organist jobs in the area. I found an opening at the Smithtown UMC, so I took the interview and landed the position. I worked at SUMC for 7 years as the music director AND organist. I enjoyed my time there, especially collaborating with Pastor Albert Hahn, premiering my cantata *Betrayed with a Kiss*, writing many Christmas pageants with my sister, and founding the Illumination Praise Band.

In 2013 I felt I needed a change, and after praying about it I saw a sign- a literal SIGN in front of UMCLR- it read: Organist Needed. A church within walking distance of my home in a denomination I was comfortable with needed an organist? It was meant to be! Since then, I have thrived at UMCLR and enjoy collaborating with Rex Enderlin and Debra Schild on many aspects of our congregation's weekly music, leading the children in pageants, plays, and choirs, creating and teaching the Little Angels program, continuing the Illumination Band, and most recently co-directing *Godspell* with Wendy Duffy. I'm so grateful that my four children- Orion, River, Azalea and Zephyr are able to grow in God's love at the church where I work. I hope my love of God, music, children, and the church are all evident each week in my musicianship and teaching style.

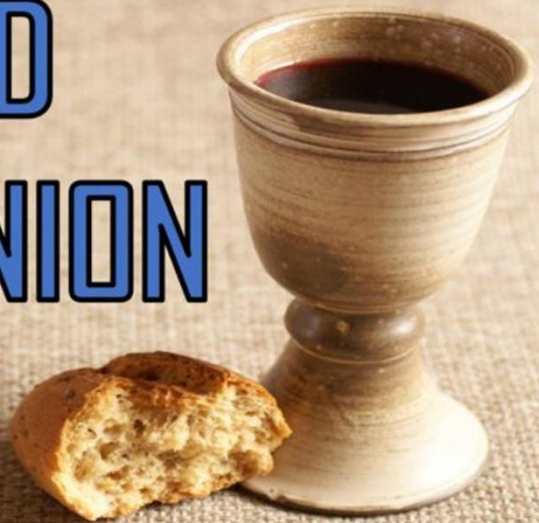
"The one who sings prays twice."

St. Augustine



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# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



On Sunday October 1st, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday began as World-Wide Communion Sunday at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination.

In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church, adopted World-Wide Communion Sunday. The global celebration occurs on the first Sunday in October.

Today, The United Methodist Church celebrates World Communion Sunday with congregations all over the globe. Followers of Jesus Christ in large churches and small, on farms and in cities, in ornate buildings and under tents, gather to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion.

Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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# REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

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MON. **CLOSED** -TO-

TUES. **9:00 AM** -TO- **2:00 PM**

WED. **9:00 AM** -TO- **2:00 PM**

THUR. **9:00 AM** -TO- **2:00 PM**

FRI. **9:00 AM** -TO- **2:00 PM**

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# Soup Sunday VIII

October 1, 2023

(After Worship Service)

**Choose Your Favorites  
From Many  
Delicious Varieties  
On Sale**

Pre-order & Take Home  
**Enjoy!**

Sponsored by: The Missions, Evangelization & Nurture Committee

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“The Pumpkins Are Coming!”
Saturday,
October 14, 2023

For more information
call:
(631) 588-5856



The United Methodist Church of Lake Konkoma
792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove “At 5 Corners”

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Saturday,
October 28th
1:00 - 3:00

Check back for more details

Come Join In
The Fun!
UMCLR at 5 Corners



SAUERBRATEN DINNER

SPONSORED BY THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

6:00 PM

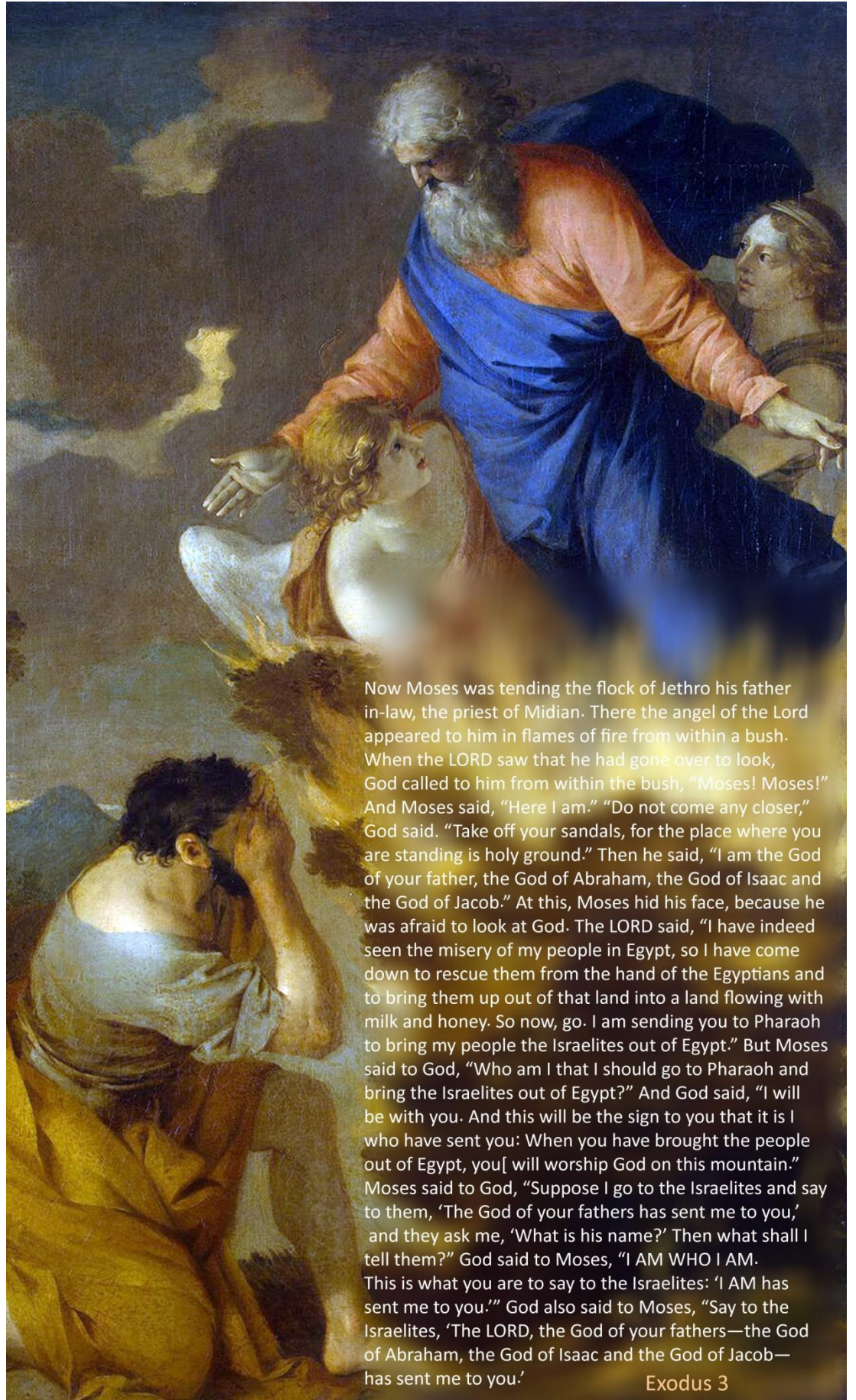


TICKET PRICES:

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

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

T H E W O R D



Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt, so I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a land flowing with milk and honey. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

Exodus 3

OFF GOOD



15 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 18 "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18: 15-20

F O R T H E



19 Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, 20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. 24 During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. 25 He jammed[b] the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." 26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward[c] it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. 28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. 29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 30 That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. 31 And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Exodus 14: 19-31

PEOPLE



21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. 23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ 27 The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. 28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. 29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ 30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Matthew 18: 21-35

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20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ 5 So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ 7 “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ 8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ 9 “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ 13 “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20: 1-16

R. N. NOTES

Vaccines have prevented disabilities and deaths in children for decades. Below is the CDC recommended vaccine schedule for newborns to age 6. That is the time when most children start school and are exposed to multiple aggressive germs. Several decades ago, there was chatter from some politicians and parents that vaccines cause autism. Multiple studies and research have proven that this is completely false. Vaccines save lives! For more information, please consult your family physician.

Helen Morley

2023 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old

VACCINE	Birth	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	4 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	15 MONTHS	18 MONTHS	19-23 MONTHS	2-3 YEARS	4-6 YEARS
HepB Hepatitis B	HepB	HepB			HepB						
RV* Rotavirus			RV	RV	RV*						
DTaP Diphtheria, Pertussis, & Tetanus			DTaP	DTaP	DTaP			DTaP			DTaP
Hib* Haemophilus influenzae type b			Hib	Hib	Hib*		Hib				
PCV13, PCV15 Pneumococcal disease			PCV	PCV	PCV		PCV				
IPV Polio			IPV	IPV		IPV					IPV
COVID-19** Coronavirus disease 2019									COVID-19**		
Flu* Influenza									Flu (One or Two Doses Yearly)*		
MMR Measles, Mumps, & Rubella						MMR					MMR
Varicella Chickenpox						Varicella					Varicella
HepA* Hepatitis A						HepA*		HepA*			

FOOTNOTES

RV* **Hib***
Administering a third dose at age 6 months depends on the brand of Hib or rotavirus vaccine used for previous dose.

COVID-19** Number of doses recommended depends on your child's age and type of COVID-19 vaccine used.

Flu* Two doses given at least 4 weeks apart are recommended for children age 6 months through 8 years of age who are getting an influenza (flu) vaccine for the first time and for some other children in this age group.

HepA* Two doses of Hep A vaccine are needed for lasting protection. The 2 doses should be given between age 12 and 23 months. Both doses should be separated by at least 6 months. Children 2 years and older who have not received 2 doses of Hep A should complete the series.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. If your child misses a shot recommended for their age, talk to your child's doctor as soon as possible to see when the missed shot can be given.

2. If your child has any medical conditions that put them at risk for infection (e.g., sickle cell, HIV infection, cochlear implants) or is traveling outside the United States, talk to your child's doctor about additional vaccines that they may need.

Talk with your child's doctor if you have questions about any shot recommended for your child.



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Diseases and the Vaccines that Prevent Them

BIRTH-6 YEARS OLD

DISEASE	VACCINE	DISEASE SPREAD BY	DISEASE SYMPTOMS	DISEASE COMPLICATIONS
Hepatitis B	HepB vaccine protects against hepatitis B.	Contact with blood or body fluids	May be no symptoms, fever, headache, weakness, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), joint pain	Chronic liver infection, liver failure, liver cancer, death
Rotavirus	RV vaccine protects against rotavirus.	Through the mouth	Diarrhea, fever, vomiting	Severe diarrhea, dehydration, death
Diphtheria	DTaP* vaccine protects against diphtheria.	Air, direct contact	Sore throat, mild fever, weakness, swollen glands in neck	Swelling of the heart muscle, heart failure, coma, paralysis, death
Pertussis (whooping cough)	DTaP* vaccine protects against pertussis (whooping cough).	Air, direct contact	Severe cough, runny nose, apnea (a pause in breathing in infants)	Pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death
Tetanus	DTaP* vaccine protects against tetanus.	Exposure through cuts in skin	Stiffness in neck and abdominal muscles, difficulty swallowing, muscle spasms, fever	Broken bones, breathing difficulty, death
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Hib vaccine protects against Haemophilus influenzae type b.	Air, direct contact	May be no symptoms unless bacteria enter the blood	Meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), intellectual disability, epiglottitis (life-threatening infection that can block the windpipe and lead to serious breathing problems), pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death
Pneumococcal disease (PCV13, PCV15)	PCV vaccine protects against pneumococcal disease.	Air, direct contact	May be no symptoms, pneumonia (infection in the lungs)	Bacteremia (blood infection), meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), death
Polio	IPV vaccine protects against polio.	Air, direct contact, through the mouth	May be no symptoms, sore throat, fever, nausea, headache	Paralysis, death
Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	COVID-19 vaccine protects against severe complications from coronavirus disease 2019.	Air, direct contact	May be no symptoms, fever, muscle aches, sore throat, cough, runny nose, diarrhea, vomiting, new loss of taste or smell	Pneumonia (infection in the lungs), respiratory failure, blood clots, bleeding disorder, injury to liver, heart or kidney, multi-system inflammatory syndrome, post-COVID syndrome, death
Influenza (Flu)	Flu vaccine protects against influenza.	Air, direct contact	Fever, muscle pain, sore throat, cough, extreme fatigue	Pneumonia (infection in the lungs), bronchitis, sinus infections, ear infections, death
Measles	MMR** vaccine protects against measles.	Air, direct contact	Rash, fever, cough, runny nose, pink eye	Encephalitis (brain swelling), pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death
Mumps	MMR** vaccine protects against mumps.	Air, direct contact	Swollen salivary glands (under the jaw), fever, headache, tiredness, muscle pain	Meningitis (infection of the covering around the brain and spinal cord), encephalitis (brain swelling), inflammation of testicles or ovaries, deafness, death
Rubella	MMR** vaccine protects against rubella.	Air, direct contact	Sometimes rash, fever, swollen lymph nodes	Very serious in pregnant women—can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth, premature delivery, birth defects
Chickenpox	Varicella vaccine protects against chickenpox.	Air, direct contact	Rash, tiredness, headache, fever	Infected blisters, bleeding disorders, encephalitis (brain swelling), pneumonia (infection in the lungs), death
Hepatitis A	HepA vaccine protects against hepatitis A.	Direct contact, contaminated food or water	May be no symptoms, fever, stomach pain, loss of appetite, fatigue, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine	Liver failure, arthralgia (joint pain), kidney, pancreatic and blood disorders, death

DTaP* DTaP combines protection against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis.

MMR** MMR combines protection against measles, mumps, and rubella.

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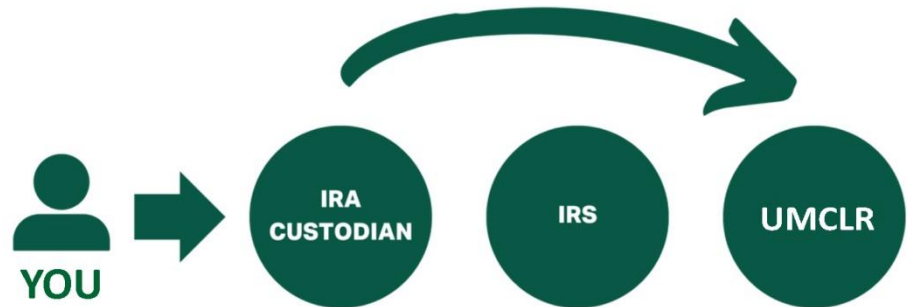
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Exodus Quiz

1. What did Pharaoh command to be done to all Hebrew baby boys?
 - a. sell them
 - b. throw them into the Nile
 - c. circumcise them
2. To protect Moses, where did his mother hide him?
 - a. in a cave
 - b. in a closet
 - c. in a field
 - d. in a basket
3. Who found baby Moses hidden in the Nile?
 - a. Pharaoh's daughter
 - b. Pharaoh's servant
 - c. Potiphar
 - d. Pharaoh himself
4. Who was Moses' father-in-law?
 - a. Jethre
 - b. Jethro (aka Reuel)
 - c. Jetheth
 - d. Josiah
5. What incredible sight did Moses see when he was on Mount Horeb?
 - a. water coming from a rock
 - b. a burning bush
 - c. the face of God
6. What was Moses instructed to do because he was standing on holy ground?
 - a. remove his sandals
 - b. bow down
 - c. build an altar
 - d. don't look
7. God promised to give the Israelites a land flowing with what?
 - a. fruits and vegetables
 - b. meat and cheese
 - c. milk and honey
8. Who was Moses instructed to speak to on behalf of the Israelites?
 - a. Pharaoh's wife
 - b. the Egyptian Governor
 - c. Pharaoh
9. Who did God send with Moses to talk to Pharaoh?
 - a. Aaron
 - b. Nathan
 - c. Hiram
 - d. his mother
10. How did God lead the Israelites during the Exodus?
 - a. as a star
 - b. a pillar of fire/cloud
 - c. an angel

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- A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is not subject to ordinary federal income taxes – the amount is simply excluded from your taxable income. In general, QCDs must be reduced by deductible IRA contributions made for the year you reach age 70½ or later. If you have made deductible IRA contributions for the year you turn 70½ or later, consult a qualified tax advisor prior to taking a QCD to determine the amount by which your QCD must be reduced.

About taking a qualified charitable distribution for your required minimum distribution (RMD)

- Your QCD counts towards satisfying your RMD once you reach RMD age.
- Up to a maximum of \$100,000 of your RMD can be donated to a qualified charity.
- If you have the RMD service, be sure to factor in these donations to avoid distributing more than your annual RMD.
- Qualified charitable distributions are counted for the tax year in which they are taken.

Example.

We are required to take an RMD each year from our IRA. We request that a QCD be made to satisfy a portion of our yearly RMD. A check for the requested amount is sent to our address with the name of the church as the payee. We then give this check to the church to satisfy a portion of our gift and tithe for the year.

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History Comes Alive

At The

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma



The original two room schoolhouse located on the north-east corner of Hawkins Avenue and Smith Street (five corners) was built in 1800 to serve the Lake Ronkonkoma & Lake Grove communities. In 1834 the Methodist congregation raised money to build an extension on the schoolhouse for their meetings. In 1853 the worshipers moved across the street into what we now call the Parish Hall. In 1912 a new 2- story school was constructed at the corner of Hawkins Avenue and School Street. For a time, the old building was taken over by the Lake Grove Athletic Club. Eventually the building was divided into two sections and moved off the property. One was moved to Terry Court where it burned on November 7, 1937. The other section was moved with the addition of a second floor just east to 147 Smith Street. This portion of the old schoolhouse can still be seen there today.



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Little Angels Music
Coming Fall 2023

A background image of a library with several rows of bookshelves filled with books of various colors.

Join us for our next
Book Discussion

Monday, October 9th
at 2 p.m. at the Church

We will be discussing
“The Great Alone”
by
Kristin Hannah

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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

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Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



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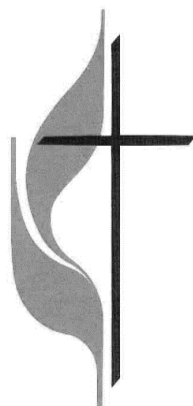
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