



## Good News

#### April 2022

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

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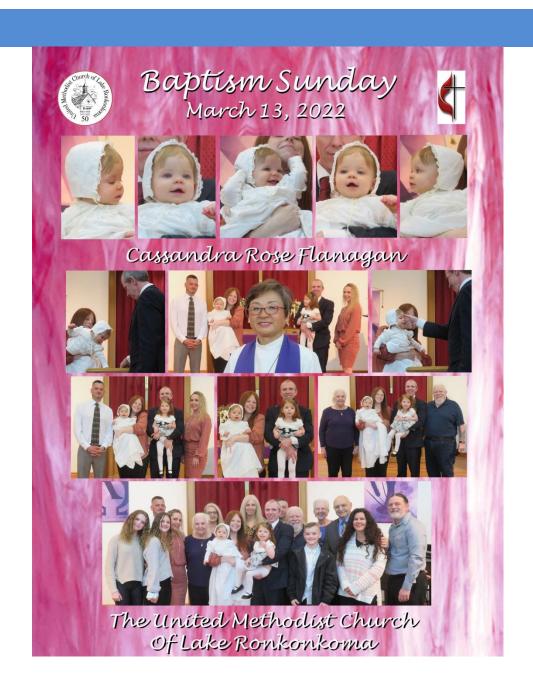
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#### VISION STATEMENT OF THE NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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.



# Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

5:30 AM

Lake Ronkonkoma County Park
(Smithtown Blvd & Lake Shore Road)

In the event of inclement weather
Please meet at the Church

#### Lections

#### April 3 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isa 43:16-21 Ps 126 (UMH 847) Phil 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

#### April 10 Passion/Palm Sunday

Palm Service
Luke 19:28-40
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
(UMH 839)
Passion Service
Isa 50:4-9a
Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764)
Phil 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or
Luke 23:1-49

#### April 17 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
(UMH 839)
1 Cor 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 or
Luke 24:1-12

#### April 24 <u>Second Sunday in</u> Easter

Acts 5:27-32 Ps 150 (UMH 862) Rev 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

## Please join us:

#### Holy Week Service Schedule



Palm Sunday Service April 10, 2022 10:00 AM

UMCLR Brass Quintet Chancel Choir + Children's Choir



Maundy Thursday Service April 14, 2022 7:30 PM

Holy Communion Chancel Choir + Organ



Good Friday Service April 15, 2022 7:30 PM

Confession of sins + Sending off the scapegoat Chancel Choir + Organ



Easter Sunday Service April 17, 2022 10:00 AM

Praise Band Chancel Choir + Children's Choir





- The UMM has had a very busy February and March with the Quinipet retreat and the start of our breakfasts again. Our next breakfast will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in Hertlin Hall.
- We have concluded our study on Peter.
- We gave monies to UMCOR for the Ukrainian people during this tumultuous time; please keep them in prayer.
- We are looking forward to more UMM activities as spring is coming!

Thank you,
Dennis Subbiondo
President, UMM

### Prayer Group on Zoom led by Rev. Pak

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 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.

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Passcode: MG6T1x

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



Greetings from the education work area. We have made it to spring! The season of hope and rebirth. As we watch the leaves turn green, the birds return, and we enjoy the warmer weather, let us rejoice this Easter season and share that joy especially with our young children and youth.

We had record attendance last week in Sunday school and I am hoping this becomes a trend now that the winter is behind us and the Covid numbers are lower.

I am including a message from our Sunday School Superintendent, Sharon Corvaia: We are happy to have all of our friends back after a long winter. The kids are having fun making their journey through Holy Week and the Lenten Season. The Easter egg hunt will be Palm Sunday 4/10 directly after the Church Service.

Our Youth Group leader Wendy Duffy reports: During our meetings in April, the UM Youth group will be taking a time travel trip to Jerusalem, 34 A.D. to partake in the Last Supper gathering. We will do an Earth day project. We will also be participating in the Long Island East District Youth retreat at Camp Quinipet.

Confirmation students should be actively participating in all of their required activities. They are also, when invited, able to assist in the various missions and work areas in the church. Classes have been well attended on Wednesday evenings. We are pleased to have eight students this year. There will not be a Confirmation ceremony this year as they all are working toward a Confirmation in 2023. Please continue to support and pray for them.

Our work area will meet after the church service April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking for volunteers in all areas of our program. We will be planning for the end of this school year and the beginning of next. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Happy Easter to all!

**Sue Preddice Education Committee Chairperson** 

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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.

Happy HDP

- 1 Liza Wright
- 3 Andrew Campbell
- **6** Michael Czerw
- 7 Brian Drisgula
- 8 Judith Pfeil
- 9 Victoria Olivotti
- 9 William Otto
- 9 Kara Pearl
- 9 Philip Preddice
- 10 Cayden Robert Otto
- 12 Doris Tschoke
- 13 Richard Wahl
- 17 Megan Schwab
- 17 Miriam Rodriguez
- 17 Keith Bowes
- 17 Charles Duffield
- 22 Diane Drisgula
- 23 Nicolas Tracey
- 24 William Mitchell
- 24 Lisa Eger
- 29 Heather Edwards-Wilson
- 30 Ileana Czerw

Join us for our next Book Discussion
Monday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church
We will be discussing
"Freedom's Ring"
by Heidi Chiavaroli

#### **Ongoing Missions:**

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the

UMCLR opens every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. for a prepackaged take out meal.

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.



#### Martha's Place Thrift Shop

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 We are now headed into Spring and Easter is around the corner!! Yeah!!

We are busy hanging spring and summer clothing; we also have some Easter and spring knick-knacks.

We are excited about our customers who are happy to receive some good sales and who keep coming back to shop here. We are blessed!!

Yours in Christ In God's service, Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

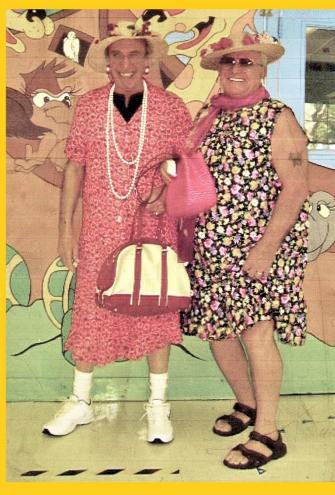


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# MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF UMW!

Who Are We?

Sporting
the latest
fashions
from our
Thrift Shop



Tom Schiavone & Charlie Bornschein

# Palm Sunday Apríl 10, 2022

#### Palm Sunday



And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you,

and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me-If any one says anything to you, you shall say,

> 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt,

and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road,

and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road-

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said,

"This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

Matthew 21: 1-11

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# Maundy Thursday Apríl 14, 2022

#### Maundy Thursday



And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him-And he said to them,

"I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said,

"Take this, and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on

I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread.

and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

And likewise the cup after supper, saying,

"This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood-But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table-

For the Son of man goes as it has been determined;

but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

And they began to question one another,

which of them it was that would do this.

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# Good Fríday Apríl 15, 2022

#### **Good Friday**

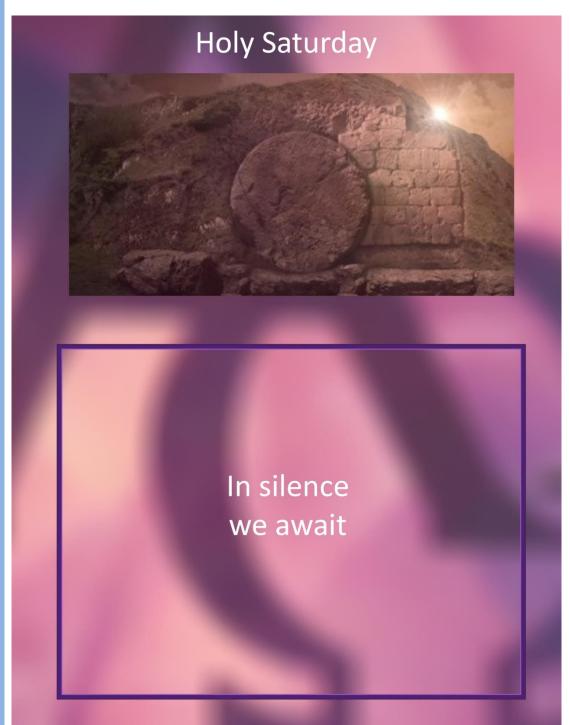


So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gol'gotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfil the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19: 1-30

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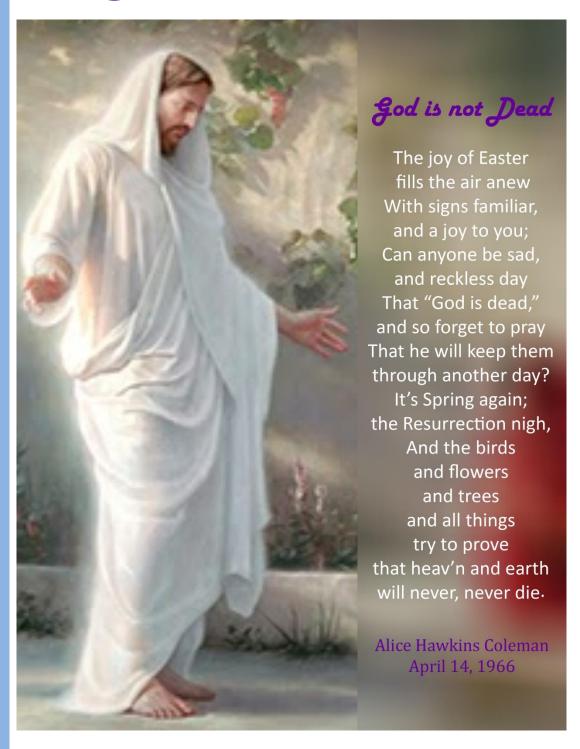
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# Holy Saturday Apríl 16, 2022



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# Easter Sunday Apríl 17, 2022

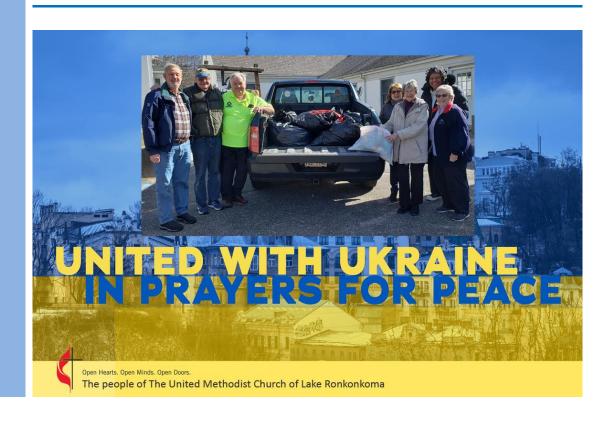


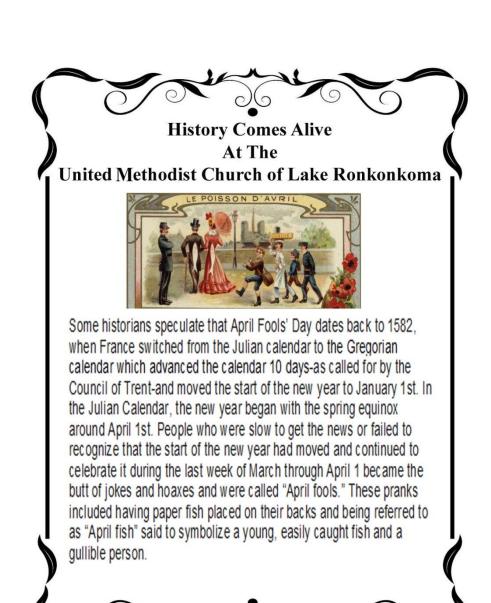
# Spring Festival & Flower Sale United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma "5 Corners" 792 Hawkins Avenue, Lake Grove, NY Saturday, May 7, 2022 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Rain Date May 14, 2022) Food - Flowers - Vendors - Fun For More Information & Flower Order Form Visit WWW.UMCLR.COM





The Tom Family, March 20, 2022







# THANKS

Dear Church Family,

I would just like to thank you for all your prayers, visits, cards, and telephone calls throughout the time I was in the hospital and beyond. All was greatly appreciated.

Yes, the power of prayer really works. It was a life-or-death surgery so I was given a second chance to live my life for which I will be forever grateful. Since then, during my daily meditation and reflection time before I fall asleep, I've discovered my new purpose of living is to help others as best I can. Whether it is through my life coaching practice, Peace Room advocacy, or my political position in the community, I always try to strive to see others with a smile on and seek out those with a positive attitude.

Thank you again for your care, love, and support.

Love & Peace,
Ilona J.Torraca



Thank you to all who attended our March meeting. All women of the church are invited to join us as we support each other on our spiritual journey. We hope to create a sense of fellowship, mission and communication as we join together in the life of our church.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. then, on Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m., we will gather together to experience a program about The Kindness Rock Project: Alyssa's Wishes led by Sue Simon.

Looking ahead: July – meet every Sunday for after church coffee hour! (We will be providing the refreshments and clean-up.) August – planning meeting and potluck dinner (date TBA).

Thank you,

Barbara Colucci, Miriam Rodrigues, Soon Bowes



#### Easter Flower Order Form

Name:		Telephone #	
In Memory of		from	
In Memory of		from	
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Offering Envelope #	<i></i>		
	Easter Plants at	t \$12.00 each = \$_	
	Donation to Flower Fund	\$	
	Amoun	at enclosed	\$

Please make checks payable to: United Methodist Church. (On memo line, put Flower Fund.) Send to the church office by the deadline of Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Heather DeSanto at 631-289-1009.

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