



Good News

July/August 2022

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

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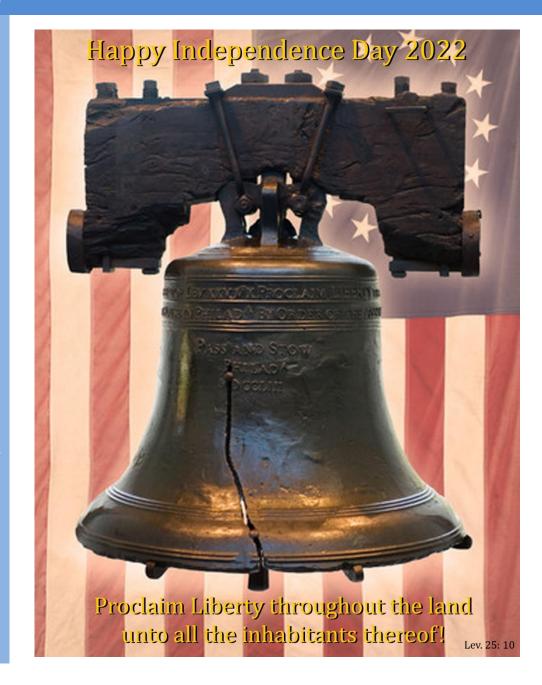
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VISION STATEMENT OF THE NY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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.



Dear Congregants and Staff at UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma,

It won't be long before Ron and I are in your midst, getting to know all of you! This is an exciting time of new beginnings, and we look forward to what God has planned for all of us together. We have been praying for you and for Rev. Constance Pak as she begins her new chapter in ministry as well.

It is apparent to us already that you are a vital, engaged church with an emphasis on mentoring children and youth in faith development and discipleship and sharing God's love with the greater community. We have some experience with Thrift Shop ministry, Pumpkin Patches (from our time at UMC of Mt. Kisco), and there are some other common strands of our experience, such as a love for a robust music ministry!

I shared with the SPPRC Committee during our meet and greet that Ron and I also have a connection with Rev. Laura Bender, one of your own! When I was serving as an Associate Pastor at Community UMC in Poughkeepsie, my first appointment, back in the early 1990's, Rev. Laura was serving at Wappingers Falls UMC, creatively ministering with some unusual skills she mastered, including tight rope walking and fire eating! I will never forget a retreat we shared at Camp Epworth where she combined the text "Don't hide your light under a bushel" with hiding fire in her mouth from a flaming torch, then taking it out again so it could beam brightly! With a word of caution, of course: "Don't try this at home!" I knew I had made a very interesting friend, and Rev. Laura was in the wedding party for my marriage to Ron! How wonderful that now she continues her ministry by serving those in our armed forces.

Lections

July 3 4th Sunday after <u>Pentecost</u>

2 Kings 5:1-14 Ps 30 (UMH 762) Gal 6:(1-6) 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 5th Sunday after <u>Pentecost</u>

Amos 7:7-17 Ps 82 (UMH 804) Col 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

July 17 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12 Ps 52 or Ps 82 (UMH 808) Col 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

July 24 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Hos 1:2-10 Ps 85 (UMH 806) Col 2:6-15 (16-19)

July 31 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Hos 11:1-11
Ps 107:1-9, 43
(UMH 830)
Col 3:1-11

During our time in Mamaroneck, my most recent appointment of 7 years, we have become fond of being near the Long Island Sound. It is a blessing that we will continue to be able to enjoy the other shore, the North Shore on Long Island, and take in those salty breezes! We look forward to getting to know the lovely spots with all of you.

I pray that we will have a fruitful beginning in our ministry together, and I want to thank the SPPRC Committee and Trustees and the staff for their work toward this transition. May God bless you all.

In Christ's Service,

Keverend Laven Burger

Rev. Karen Burger, Pastor



The UMM had their June breakfast where 10 men enjoyed a fulfilling meal at the Airport Diner in Bohemia. We had a quick meeting where we agreed on purchasing collared shirts with the men's logo on them. This will be good for when we are doing activities where the public is involved so they will be able to recognize our fine organization.

We will be having a once-a-month informal Bible study; we will be watching a short video and discussing it. This will take place on the second Sundays of July and August from 8:15 - 9:30 a.m., before the Sunday service. Everybody is invited.

Have a great summer!

Blessings, Dennis Subbiondo President, UMM

Lections

August 7 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 1:1, 10-20 Ps 50:1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783) Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

August 14 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801) Heb 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

August 21

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6 (UMH 794) Heb 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

August 28 12th Sunday after <u>Pentecost</u>

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

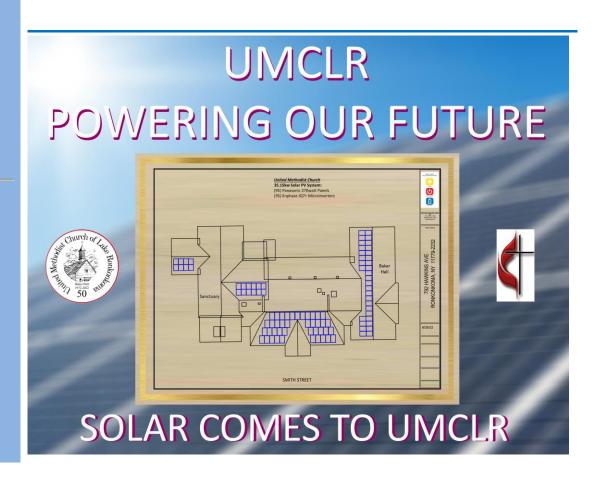
"All women are invited to our meetings! Please share the experiences and bring friends . . ."

At our June meeting, we had a thoughtful time sharing expressive phrases with colorful rocks! Thank you Sue Simon for the presentation about the KINDNESS PROJECT! Check out alyssawishes.org for more information.

On Monday, August 15, please join us for a Potluck Supper at Barb Colucci's house at 6:00 p.m. (or 5:00 if you would like to help set up and eat more). All women of the church are invited!

Next Up: September 12 - 7:00 p.m. meeting at church September 30 - weekend retreat on Shelter Island

Barb Colucci



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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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

- 6 Susan Campbell
- 7 Gregory Olivotti, Sr.
- 7 Joan Schmidt
- 8 Maureen Mitchell
- 10 Joseph Fabbio
- 12 Jennifer Flanagan
- 13 Sarah Clukey
- 14 Wendy Duffy
- 15 Emily Eger
- 15 Lily Bedell
- 15 Laura Bender
- 23 Taralyn Subbiondo
- 23 Oliver Sinclair
- 24 Leanne Preddice Strom
- 25 Lisa Pyne
- 25 Charles Pyne
- **26** Jeffrey Almonaitis
- 27 Cathy Barta
- 27 Sue Preddice
- 28 Henry Tom
- 30 Sean Neenan
- 31 Nicole Kohout

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

- 8 John Paynter
- 11 Carolyn Baker
- 14 Pastor Constance Pak
- 15 Richard Campbell
- 18 Debra Schild
- 25 Darby Clark
- 26 Shane Drisgula
- 30 Kelly Paul





Greetings from the Education work area!

The children led a wonderful worship service on June 12th. They participated as greeters, ushers, story tellers, Scripture readers, prayer leaders, singers and instrumentalists. It was inspiring to see them all do such a great job. I had the privilege of being a part of the service as well. It gave me the opportunity to thank all of our education workers for all of their good works with our youngest church members.

We were so very glad that we could be together in person this year. We are hoping we will come back strong in the fall. Please consider joining our team! Have a wonderful summer filled with many blessings to be thankful for.

The <u>UMYF</u> had a busy year with 12 youth participating in our activities. The year included programs about; 911 Red Handkerchief, Peace Pole, pumpkins, a Veterans Day guest speaker, bully escape room, Advent Wreath, Chrismons, stress guest speaker, Think Kindness, sneaker collection, Light of Christ guest speaker, St. Patrick, worry, Easter baskets, Last Supper, Earth Day, missions, a lock-in, District retreat and we ended the year with a bowling night.

I believe the youth have enjoyed being able to be together and have strengthened their friendships with each other. We look forward to a restful summer and new adventures for our youth in the Fall.

Sue Preddice, Education Committee Chairperson



UMYF BOWLING NIGHT



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 Summer is here and so are we with hundreds of summer clothing items for all men, women, and children - small, medium, large and extra large.

We have been busy opening many bags and boxes of clothing, dishes, pots and pans, glassware, etc.

If you have never visited your shop, then you would never know who the real volunteers are! They work very hard to support the church; we also supply free clothing to anyone in need

In God's service,

Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



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
1st & 3rd 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.



5 Things You May Not Know About Pastors

by Rev. Kristina Hansen

Pastor's are set apart

- You may wish for a warmer, closer relationship with your pastor than is possible.
- Pastors are trained and retrained on boundaries.
- We want to be friendly. We do fall in love with you even the toughest ones among you!
- But it will be rare that we will become your friend. The stakes are too high from the appearance of favoritism, the possibility of a falling out, the need to appropriately avoid any temptations to cross boundaries of fidelity, etc.

Our Holidays become Your Holidays

- Thursday of Thanksgiving is inevitably before the first Sunday of Advent making a trip unlikely
- Christmas Eve gets us home late after a week of Sunday Service, Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve services - we don't get to celebrate them with our extended families - especially if Christmas is close to Sunday.
- Holy Week Services, Easter Sunrise, Easter Services Easter nap!
- In 20 years, I haven't spent a holiday with my mother or my siblings.
- We prepare you for your holidays, but those days are often a day of rest for us.

We become nuclear families

- Our work pulls us from communities where we have built up life and friendships if we are second career clergy, and first career clergy don't have that. It's not unusual to hear first career clergy speak about a "college friend that they are close to".
- Family picnics happen on Saturdays and Sundays when we are busiest. We have to choose between taking time for normal family events and vacations.
- Whoever our household is becomes our family. We don't live down the road from a parent or a child or a cousin or a sibling. We live where we are asked to go.
- Your houses are often nice some are less so but we do not get to pick them. We need to make them work for us as they are.

Clergy are highly vetted. (I ran through the process of ordination and it took me 7 years.)

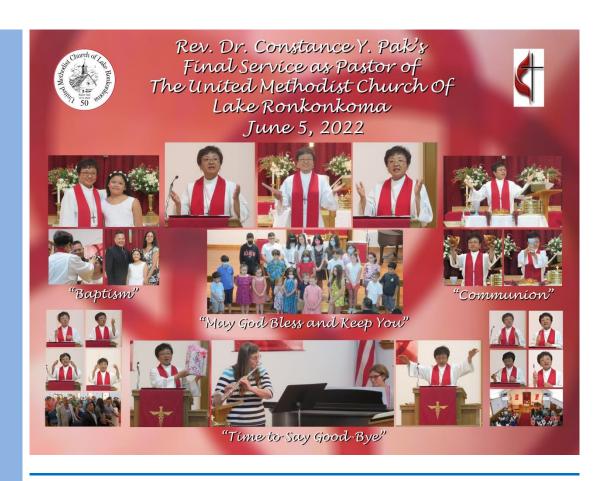
- Err on the Side of Trust
- Start out trusting a bit more than you normally would. Be a little crazy with your trust!
- Let your trust be cumulative.
- Assume that we have misremembered rather than lied. That we have forgotten instead of intentionally left undone those things which we ought to have done.

Pastors are - by their work - continuously vulnerable

- preparation of worship and sermons
- in meetings
- · in church social events
- we put ourselves out there to you, we keep ourselves open to the Holy Spirit being that open can make criticism sting far more. Correction is, of course, necessary, but be kind.
- You, in turn, are not required to be vulnerable with us; that is a choice you can make or not

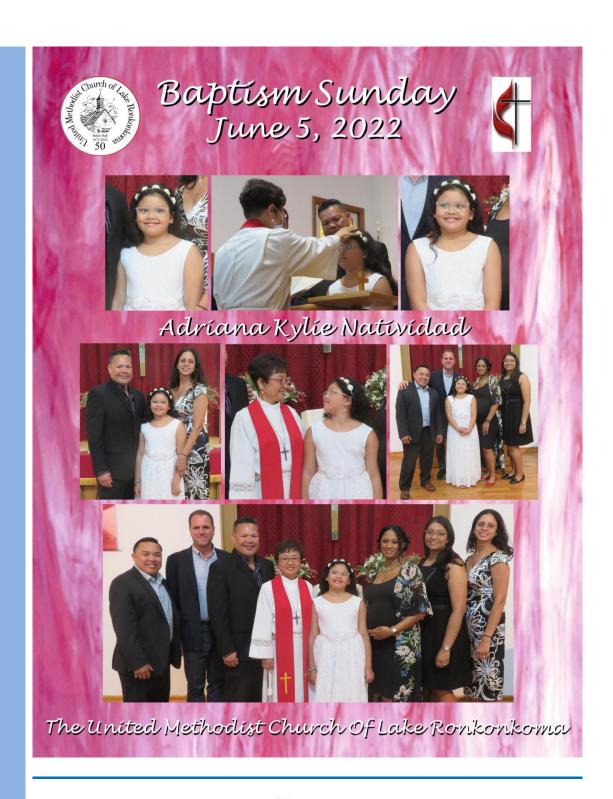
By KH, May 26, 2022

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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.



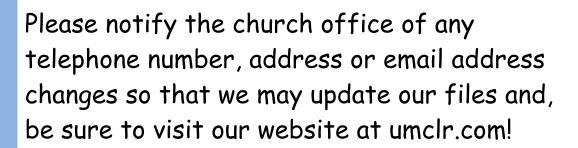


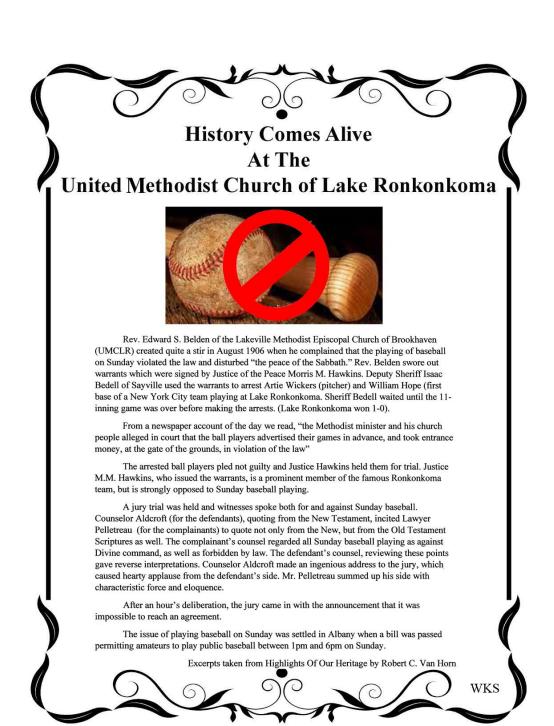
History Comes Alive At The **United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma**



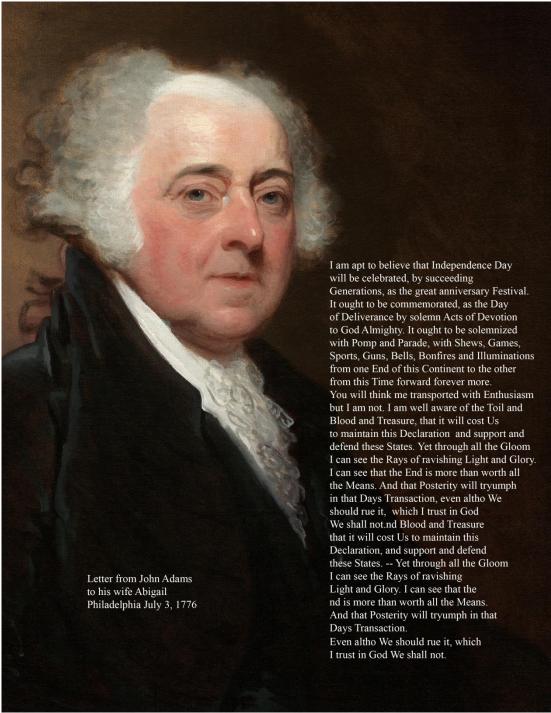
On July 9, 1942, the Women's Society of Christian Service sponsored an "Open House" at the Parish Hall. This Thursday night social event was opened to the soldiers who were camped at Lake Ronkonkoma on a piece of land owned by Fitsgreen Hallock. The twelve soldiers who attended the first open house enjoyed games and dancing. Coke and root beer were served. Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Giardet chaired the event which continued into the fall. Reverend William F. Davis, Jr. wrote, "Our young people put on a heroic program for the soldiers in the local encampment. and realized quite a bit of success."

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Join us for our next Book Discussion
Monday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church
We will be discussing
"Educated"
by Tara Westover



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

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Come join us for Game Night!



Join us for game nights on July 29 and August 19. Enjoy a game of your choice or play one of ours. Come, laugh, have fun and enjoy.



C O M I N G



UMC/LR AUCTION 2022 PLEDGE SHEET

Tour Name.	Thone Number				
	Item description (brief, but with all pertinent int	formation)	Approx. value (if known)	Reserve (optional)	Receipt Y/N
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Auction is scheduled for September 10th. All pledge sheets MUST be returned for cataloging by August 28th. Leave your completed sheets in the auction mailbox sooner rather than later.

Please bring pledged items to the church on Friday, September 9th for labeling unless other arrangements are made. ANY ITEMS BROUGHT AFTER THE PLEDGE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE AUCTIONED. NO EXCEPTIONS!



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



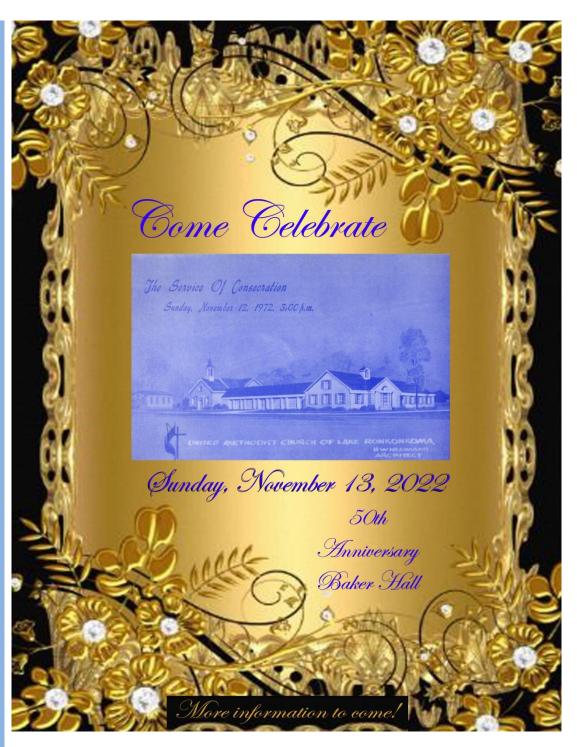
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Christmas Festival & Sale United Alethodist Church Di Lake Konkonkoma "5 Corners" 792 Hawkins Abenue, Lake Grobe, AP Friday, Aobember 25, 2022 Saturday, Aobember 26, 2022 10:00 AHI - 4:00 PH Food - Pendors - Crafts - Jun for More Information & Vendor Forms, Please Visit WWW.UACLR.COM



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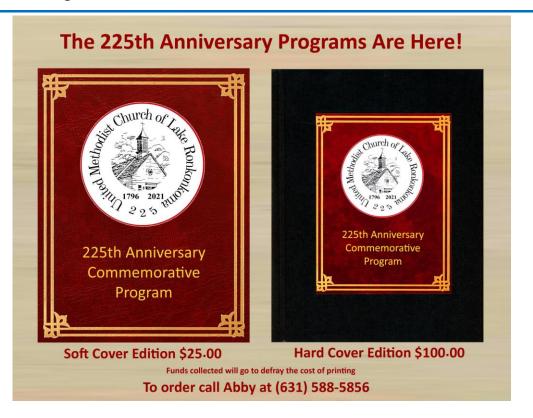
"Coming Together is a **BEGINNING**; **KEEPING** Together is **PROGESS**; **WORKING** Together is **SUCCESS**" quote by Rev. A. Clay Smith

Just some Biblical Images for Cooperative Ministry:

- Unity is affirmed and blessed by God (Psalm 133)
- Perfect unity in Christ is a witness to the world of God's love (John 17:20-23)
- Sharing of resources, tending equally to the needs of all (Acts 2:44-45)
- Many with different gifts are joined together in harmony (Romans 12:3-16)
- Love binds together in perfect unity (Colossians 3:12-15)

Be enthusiastic about this cooperative ministry model. We are stronger together than apart. Let's have renewal and set our hearts on fire anew to continue to build the body of Christ.

Thank you, Liza Wright





New activity Photos



2022 Missions Book Release

The Mission Book is a great resource for you with information about our church structure, how we fit in the global Methodist church and our heritage along with photos of our early Methodist Church on Five Corners. Learn about the missions of our Church, the important activities each committee performs in carrying out the functions that enable us to **Spread the "Light of Christ" from ourselves to the community and the world.**



Missions of the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

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To get your copy call Abby at 588-5856 in the Church office and request either a digital or printed copy!

If you only need the changed pages, ask for version 22V1.

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Dear Pastor Constance







Thank you for blessing us with 13 years of faithful service



Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you the way.

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma



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