



Good News

November 2022

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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 Congregants,

With every passing month, Ron and I feel more and more at home here, and we are in awe of your kindness and many acts of welcome. The Pastor Appreciation Sunday in October was a beautiful day of unity with our fellow Methodists in Coram, and breaking bread together in Baker Hall was a gift to all of us. Thank you for the framed map of Long Island, the flowers, and the plaque presented by the SPPRC Chairs of each church. Thank you for the special music by the combined choir and band! And it was fun to join the band on saxophone!

November is a month in which we give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives. No matter what challenges we face, we can always find more to be thankful for. Focusing on gratitude improves our lives and the lives of those around us. What are you grateful for at this time in your life? How has God warmed your heart and inspired you?

As you read this edition of Good News, you will see photos that will remind you of some of the blessed moments we have shared: baptisms, meals, and more. I want to thank all of the Pumpkin Posse for their hard work in coordinating the Pumpkin Patch and all of the volunteers who made it possible for us to be the "Pumpkin Church" in our community, including all from the community who helped with our unload. Each and every one of you were part of what made this work! Ron and I also enjoyed some time out in the Pumpkin Patch, and it was fun to interact with the community. Thank you also to Debra Schild for making pumpkin butter and two kinds of cranberry sauce for sale. There is more left in the refrigerator at church that you can purchase to add to the total proceeds.

I hope you will join us this year for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service which is back after a few years of pause during the pandemic. Information is in this newsletter, and I will share the message this year.

Don't forget to set aside extra food to help others who are hungry and coats for those who will be in need as the weather gets colder. I appreciate all this congregation does to shine the light of Christ in the greater community.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Karen Burger

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November 6 22nd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday

Hag 1:15b-2:9
Ps 145:1-5, 17-21
(UMH 857)
Thess 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 65:17-25 Isa 12 or Ps 118 (UMH 839) 2 Thess 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

November 20

24th Sunday after Pentecost <u>Christ the King</u>

Jer 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-69 (UMH 208) Col 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

November 27 1st Sunday of Advent

Isa 2:1-5
Ps 122 (UMH 845)
Rom 13:11-14
Matt 24:36-44





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.

Ongoing Missions:

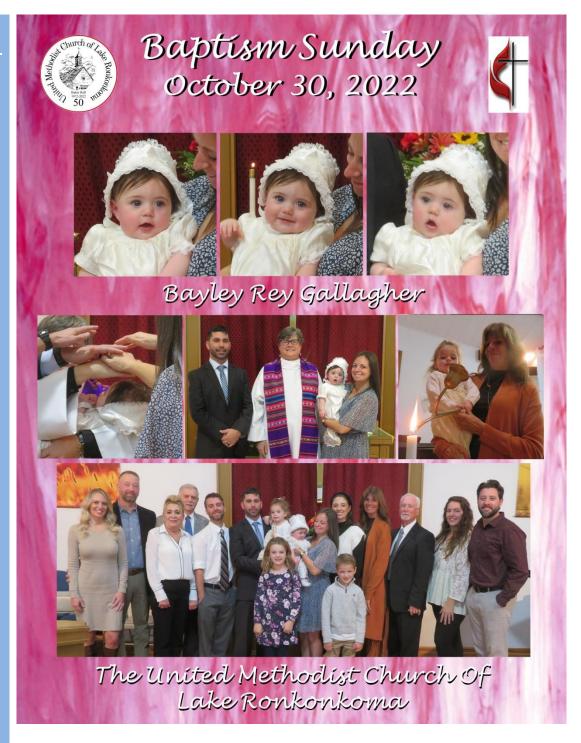
The Food Pantry
is open on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday
of the month
(except holidays)
from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous Mondays - 7:00 pm Thursdays -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.



Please notify the church office of any telephone number, address or email address changes so that we may update our files.















































We will honor our veterans on Sunday November 6th. Weather permitting we will do a flag retirement ceremony after the service. After that, we will have a luncheon for our veterans and their families. Please sign up in Baker Hall to bring something for our lunch or call Diane June to let her know what you will be bringing for the luncheon: 631-585-1481. We will again put out the flags on our lawn but because of the pumpkins, we don't have a date yet. You can buy a flag for \$2 in honor of someone you know. We will put them out each year or you can take it home before Thanksgiving. We will let you know when we will be putting them out on the lawn. *Thanks!*

Greetings from the Education work area,

It is so wonderful to have our children and youth in Sunday School, and with us on Wednesday evening for Youth Group and Confirmation. It is also wonderful to have our little Angels program running and see Heather working with the choirs. There are many opportunities for our children to participate in our church activities.

Our Youth Group and Choir members are working on their project Godspell. Our Confirmation students are busy writing their Faith statements and fulfilling their service commitments. As is a Sunday school tradition, we had a bible presented to our third grader, Olivia Mintz. Congratulations to Olivia.

Many of our children and youth could be seen helping out with the delivery of pumpkins. We welcome all children and youth to come and join us. We are most fortunate to have a multigenerational church!

November is a season where we all especially emphasize gratitude. I am grateful always to those who provide a welcoming and loving place for our youngest church members to learn about a loving God and how to live a life in His service. Thank you teachers and leaders. Thank you parents and grandparents for bringing us your children. Thank you to Pastor Karen who has made a special effort to get to know our students. We appreciate her presence on Wednesday evening at youth group and Confirmation class. We are thankful for her children's messages on our church Sundays.

I am grateful for our loving church family. We all can be nurturing and an example to our youngest members each week. Let us embrace them and encourage them as we grow in faith together. To all, a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sue Preddice Education Chair

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UMCLR and TUMC appreciate Pastor Burger!



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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.



- 3 Troy Drisgula
- 3 Sara Pearl
- 6 William Wahl
- 9 Joyce Guerrero
- 10 Scott Schild
- 10 Susan Kohout
- 11 Tristin Kohout
- 13 Ray Becht
- 13 Ginger Schild
- 17 Helen Morley
- 17 Charles Bornschein
- 18 Shawn Beery
- 23 Christina Otto
- 29 Carol Doukas

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We will again be giving food baskets to the less fortunate in our community. Please bring something each Sunday in November and put it in the box in the narthex. We have a need for turkeys or hams, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, cranberries, pies and many other kinds of food. It has really been appreciated in the past.



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 Fall is here and the pumpkins were on sale, thank you to the Pumpkin Posse!!

Clothing for fall and winter is filling the clothing racks. Now that October is almost over, we hope that our Halloween costumes will disappear!

Winter jackets are filing the shop and there are many to choose from, most not worn often so they look new!

Please come in to see what we have.

In God's service, Marilee Drisgula and all great volunteers



W O M E N' S

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MINISTRY

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

Thank you Patricia H. for our interesting and fun October program! Our next meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. with a program by Pastor Karen and Joan S. and refreshments provided by Soon B. and Diane Hatton.

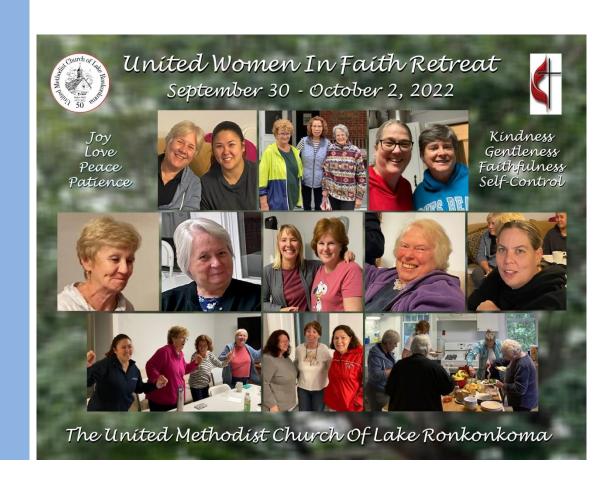
On Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26 we will have a Bake Sale – please drop off your baked goods at the church on those days.

Please bake cookies for our Cookie Walk taking place on Saturday, December 10th. We will have our Christmas Party on December 12th at the church (TBD)!

No meeting scheduled for January, we will have a bake sale in February.

Thank you!
Barb C., President and Tessa Tom, Vice-President

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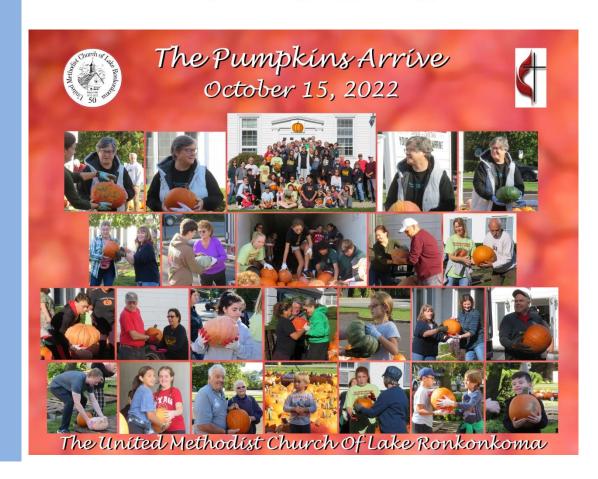


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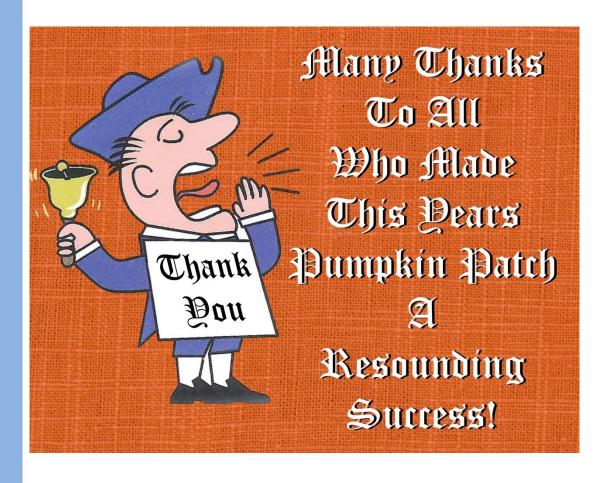




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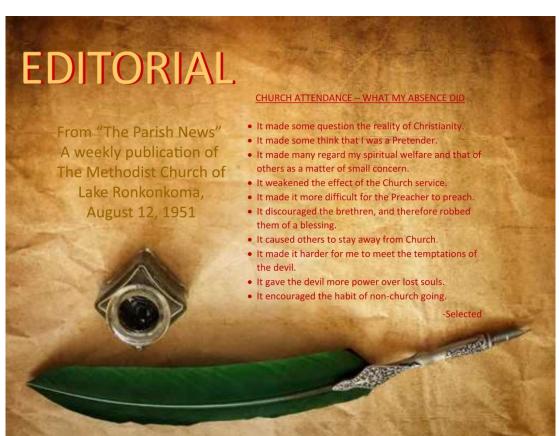
PRAYER GROUP ON ZOOM

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









Food Pantry Open Tuesday November 1 & 15, 2022 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Food Pantry Donations Needed Boxed Milk **Paper Towels Facial Tissues** Juice Canned Fruit **Toilet Paper Breakfast Cereal Tooth Paste** Toothbrushes Soup Canned Tuna Shampoo **Tomato Sauce** Spaghetti Macaroni & Cheese Peanut Butter & Jelly Mayonnaise Supermarket Gift Cards

S A I N T S

All Saints Day November 1, 2022

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history.

John's brother Charles Wesley, in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

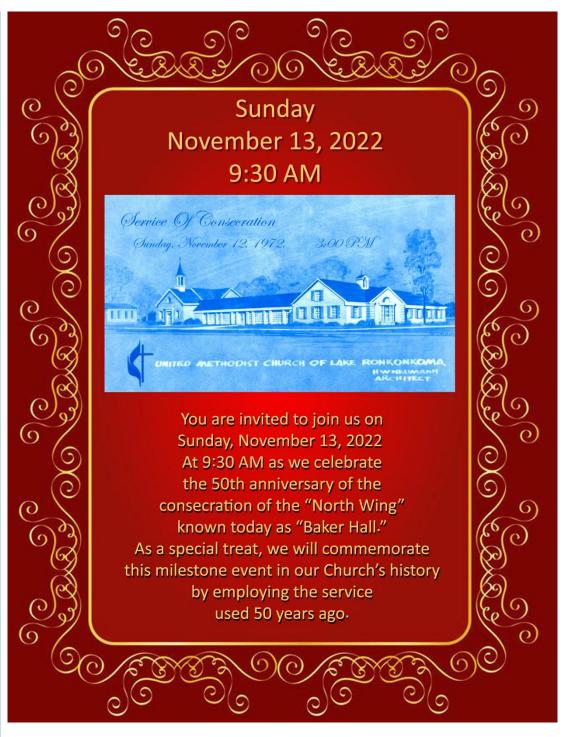
"Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one".

Additionally, we remember and pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ who faithfully follow Jesus in places where being labeled a Christian puts them in harm's way.

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

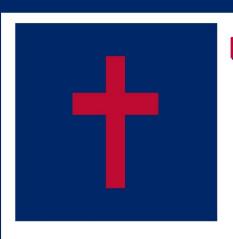
Thanks be to God for the lives of his saints!







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Ecumenical Service

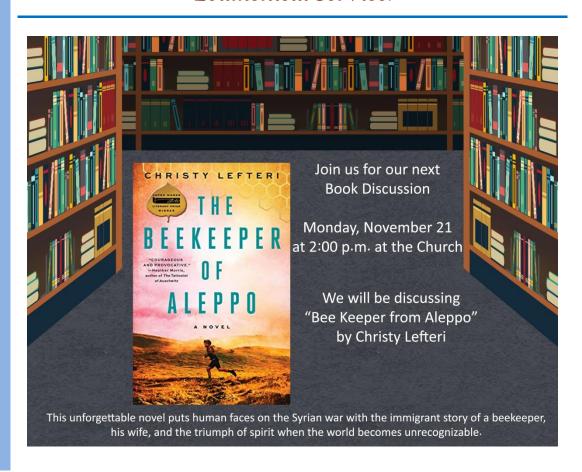
Tuesday November 22nd 7:00 PM

Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church 45 Church Street, Lake Ronkonkoma

"There is only one Christ, Jesus, one faith-All else is a dispute over trifles."

Pastor Burger will be preaching at this Ecumenical Service!

N E W S



A U T U M N

In the spring of 1915, Mr. & Mrs. Washburn donated several sugar maple trees to the Lake Ronkonkoma Methodist Church as a memorial. Morris Hawkins and his son Bassford planted the trees along the Hawkins Avenue side of the Church Property. Unfortunately, Those beautiful trees are now gone but on October 19, 1941, Morris Hawkins immortalized the colorful display of those trees in a poem entitle "That Beautiful Tree"

That Beautiful Tree!

Near the center of Long Island Mid the oaks and healthful pines There's a tree of wonderous beauty Worthy of the use of rhymes. At a place they call five corners Close beside the Methodist Church You'll find this tree so many notice, It's not a cedar or a birch. But a gorgeous sugar maple, Beautiful in form and shape Bare in Winter, green in Summer: Best of all in Autumn late. When October frosts arriving Paint most trees so sere and brown, Then this maple in full glory Dons its varicolored gown Colors of red, green and yellow, Shades and tints of every hue. Each vying with its neighbor's Tries its best them outdo. People passing in their autos Stop and gaze admiringly, Snap their cameras, try to carry With then pictures of this tree. But no camera yet invented Can record those colors rare And no painter's art can copy Or e'en with that tree compare I'm reminded of a saying Only God could paint that tree.

Trees by Joyce Kilmer

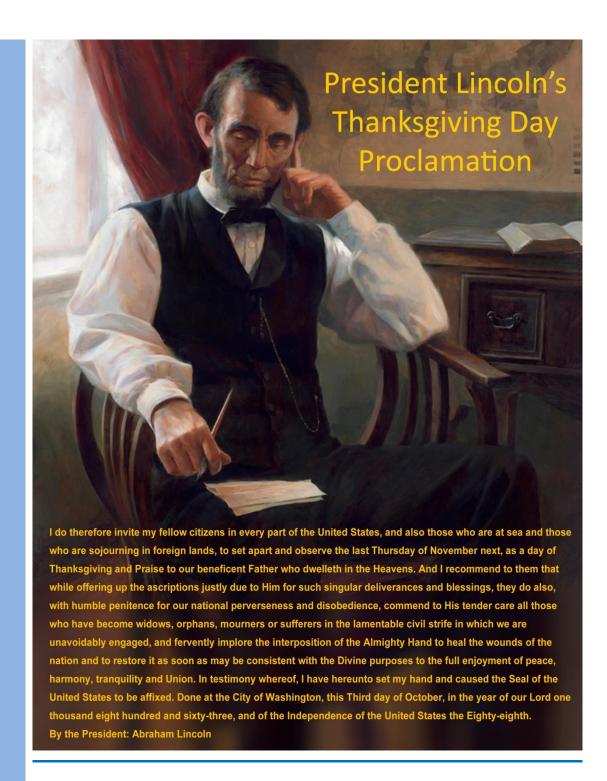
I think that I shall never see

a poem lovely as a tree. A tree whose hungry mouth is prest against the earth's sweet flowing breast; a tree that looks at God all day, and lifts her leafy arms to pray; a tree that may in summer wear a nest of robins in her hair; upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who intimately lives with rain. Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree.

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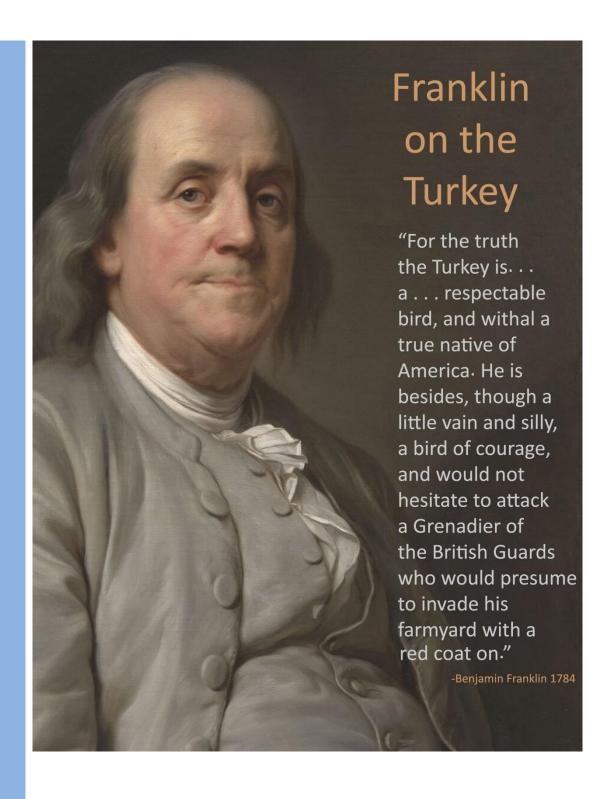
The Thanksgiving feast dates back to November 1621, when the newly arrived Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians gathered at Plymouth for an autumn harvest celebration, an event regarded as America's "first Thanksgiving."

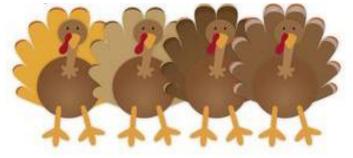




Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings—let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals—and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

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Christmas Festival & Sale United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma 0 "5 Cornerg" 792 Hawkins Abenue, Lake Grobe, AP Friday, November 25, 2022 Saturday, November 26, 2022 10:00 乳紙 - 4:00 乳紙 Food - Bendors - Crafts - Fun For More Information & Vendor Forms, Please Visit WWW.HAICLR.COM

We will be selling baked goods at the church fair on November 25 and 26th. Please bring something that you enjoy making and others can enjoy eating.



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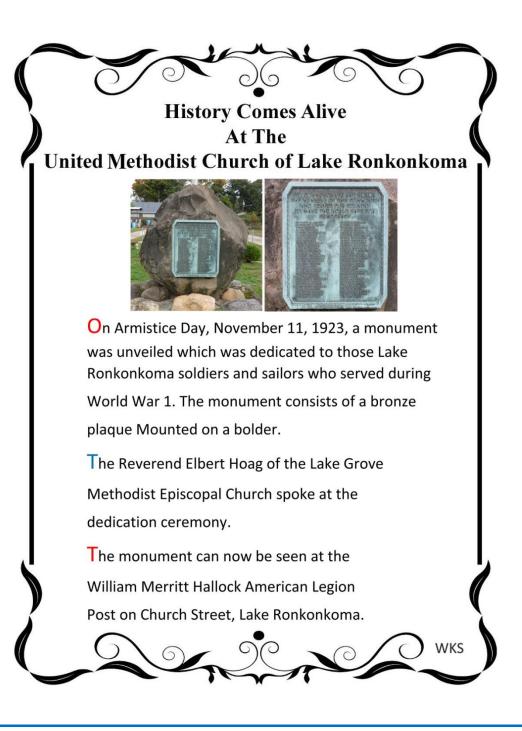


We will be selling homemade cookies on December 10th starting at 2:00. Everyone picks out the ones they want and we sell them by weight. We love the varieties we have gotten in the past! Please sign up in Hertlin Hall. We also need volunteers to help during the sale. The flute concert is that day at 3:00 so we sell to many of those who attend; we then sell the rest on Sunday morning.









UNITED METHODIST MEN

The men had their first breakfast for the season in September; George Doukas cooked, with Keith Bowes assisting. We talked about the sauerbraten dinner coming up and scheduled the people who will be working it.

Unfortunately, we had to change our winter retreat from January to March because Quinipet is closing for the winter months.

Dennis Subbiondo

Good News Bible Quiz For November









MATCH EACH SIBLING WITH THEIR BROTHER OR SISTER

- 1. Esau
- 2. Nathan
- 3.____ Rachel
- 4.____ James
- 5.____ Mary
- 6. David
- 7.____Shem
- 8.____ Isaac 9. Mahlah
- 10.____ Abel
- 11. Moses
- 12.____ Abraham

- A. Martha
- B. John
- C. Solomon
- D. Jacob
- E. Leah
- F. Miriam
- G. Nahor
- H. Ishmael
- I. Ham
- J. Eliab
- K. Hoglah
- CL. Cain
 - M. Aaron
 - N. Seth

Answers: 1.D, 2.C, 3.E, 4.B, 5.A, 6.1, 7.1, 8.H, 9.K, 10.L&N, 11.F&M, 12.G



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Charge Conference Sunday, November 20, 2022 5:00 PM

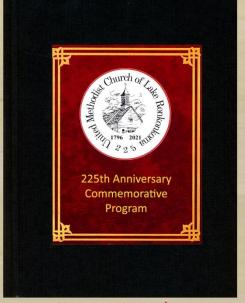
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