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On the first Sunday in October, 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.

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.



OCTOBER 16: SPECIAL OFFERING: BISHOP'S APPEAL: PUERTO RICO

Bishop Bickerton is not only our resident Bishop, but the President of the Council of Bishops for our denomination and the President of UMCOR for our denomination (United Methodist Committee on Relief.) He has designated Sunday, October 16 for all of our New York Conference Churches to take a special collection. Here is what Bishop writes:

In Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), our primary disaster response agency, provides support for relief supplies and other commodities. They are also prepared to offer additional support through funding, training, and project development once specific needs are identified. REHACE, a nonprofit organization of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico, has partnered with UMCOR to provide immediate response in the communities. Currently, they are organizing Centers for those displaced by the storm and community dining rooms as they continue to evaluate the needs created by the storm.

I am asking that all our congregations designate Sunday, October 16, for a special offering in support of UMCOR's and our Conference's response effort in this area. Individuals can also donate online using our webpage:

https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/MakeaDonation

Bishop Bickerton notes that in addition to power outages, particularly on the southeastern side of the island, there are water shortages, and many roads closed due to flooding and landslides, creating supply chain issues.

In order to keep track of UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma's giving to UMCOR, we ask that you write your check to UMC of Lake Ronkonkoma and then put "UMCOR – Puerto Rico" in the memo line. We will write a check from our church to UMCOR for the total collected on October 16. If you give online, using the link above, you can designate that you are a member of this church so the total from our church is acknowledged.

We are also aware that UMCOR will be helping in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. Watch the UMCOR website for opportunities to target additional giving to Florida and other affected areas:

https://umcmission.org/umcor/ These gifts to UMCOR are also a wonderful way to remember Pastor Stuart Baker, whose family has designated giving to UMCOR as the way he would like to be memorialized. Thank you in advance for your giving to UMCOR with other United Methodists to make a difference for those hard hit by natural disasters.

Blessings, Pastor Karen A. Burger

Lections

October 2 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lam 1:1-6 Ps 137 (UMH 852) 2 Tim 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

October 9 18t^h Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 29:1, 4-7
Ps 66:1-12 (UMH 790)
2 Tim 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 31:27-34
Ps 119:97-104 or Ps 19
(UMH 750)
2 Tim 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

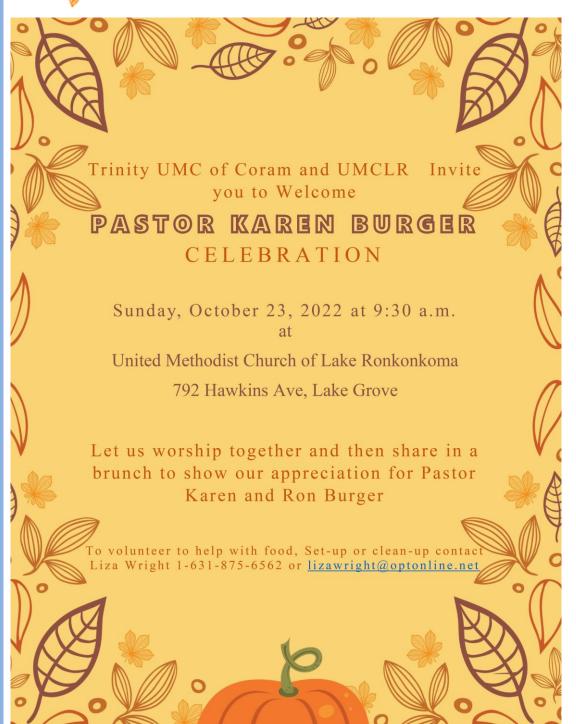
October 23 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32 Ps 65 (UMH 789) 2 Tim 4:6:8. 16-18

October 30 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Ps 119:137-144
(UMH 840)
2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12





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.

2022 Grand Fall Auction



Words alone can not express the gratitude to each and everyone of you who helped make this year's Grand Fall Auction a resounding success. Thank you one and all!

The United Methodist Church Of Lake Ronkonkoma

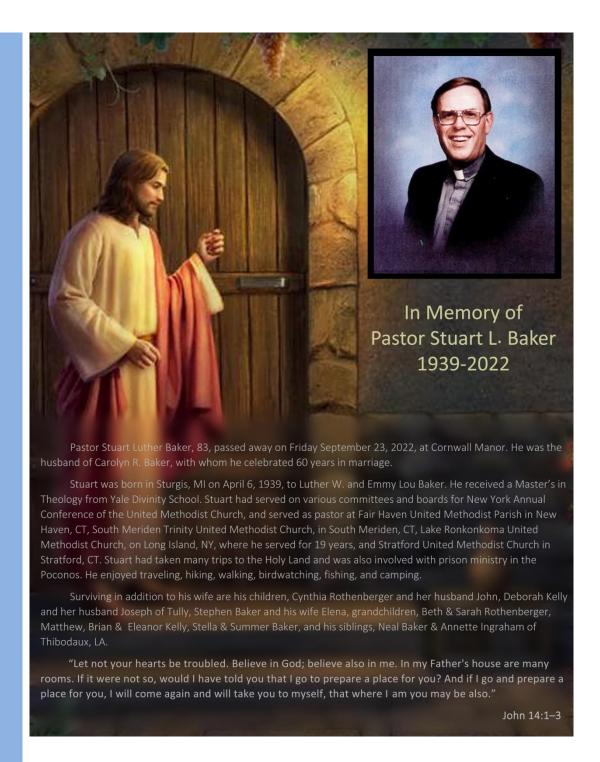


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Learn to love without condition. Talk without bad intention. Give without any reason. And most of all, care for people without any expectation.

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Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

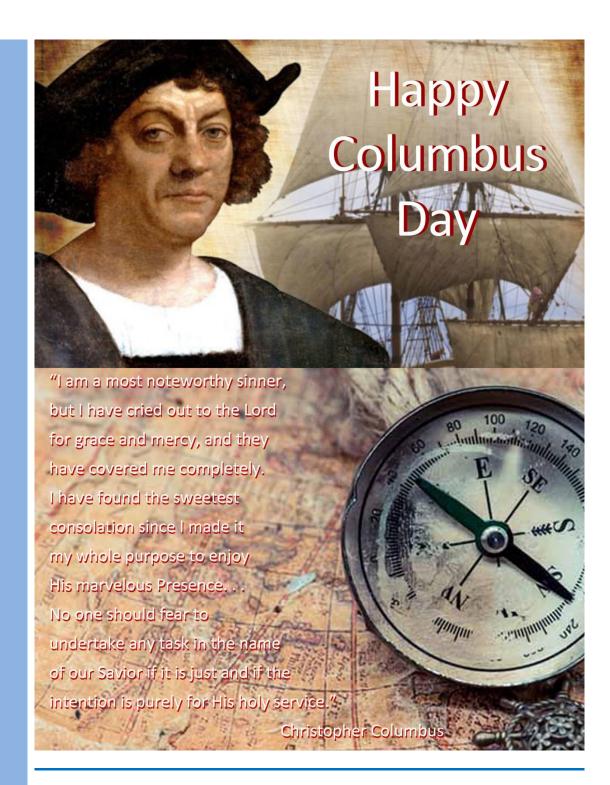
A heartfelt Thank you for all those who shared their gifts and talents keeping the services insightful and thought provoking while we transitioned between pastors.

- Ray Becht
- Marilyn Becht
- Children, Youth, Sue Preddice, and all for Children & Youth Sunday
- Children, Youth, Sue Preddice, Heather DeSanto, and all for Nettie Baker Sunday
- George Doukas
- Andrew Sinclair
- Ray Becht, Dennis Subbiondo, Diane June for the Moravian Love Feast
- Bill Otto and all the readers for Christmas in July Sunday
- Lisa and Roger Hill

Abby, Rex, and Heather, The Praise Band, Special Music, Lay Readers, AV Operators, Ushers, and Walter Schroeder who makes it all run so smoothly.

Sincerely, Liza Wright, SPPRC Chairperson





The Office will be closed on Tuesday, October 11th and will reopen on Wednesday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m.



United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

October 20, 1907

The "Little Brown Church" is Dedicated

The new church building was almost ready to use when the outside was covered with brown shakes and the pews were moved over from the Parish Hall. A metal ceiling was installed, painted and decorated. Woodhull N. Raynor provided the cornerstone, and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hallock donated the bell. The Presiding Elder, Dr. Chadwick, preached the dedication sermon in the afternoon. In the evening Dr. D.W. Couch preached.

The church cost about \$3,500 to complete. At the dedication, \$1,200 was raised to finish paying the construction costs.

Portions taken from "Highlights of Our Heritage by Robert C. Van Horn





IN MOVIE THEATERS DECEMBER 2022

"I Heard the Bells"

Sight and Sound Theaters in Missouri and Pennsylvania put on wonderful Biblical shows. Now they have made a movie, "I Heard the Bells", to be shown in local theaters at Christmas time. It is the story of how Henry Wadsworth Longfellow came to write the carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" during the civil war. It is to be shown December 1, 2 and 4th in AMC Loews Stony Brook. The tickets are \$16. I picked Sunday,

December 4th at 4 PM for us to go as a group. There is no discount for a group. If you want to see the trailer, go to http://www.sight-sound.com and scroll down to movies. If you are interested in attending, make a check out to the church and put "I Heard the Bells" in the memo spot. We don't know when the tickets will be available, but I would suggest you do it by October 15th. You can give it to Abby or put it in the plate. We will not cash the check until we have the tickets. It could get you in the holiday spirit!

~Diane June

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.

- 6 Samuel Corvaia
- 7 Ryan Pearl
- 7 River Edwards-Wilson
- 10 Thomas Bullock
- 11 Pegi Germain
- 12 Jacqueline Paynter
- 14 Ron Burger
- 14 Tina Filiberto
- 14 Rich Tom
- 15 Stephen Duffy-Corvaia
- 16 Angelique Sinclair
- 18 Alisa Rabbit
- 18 Doris Coniglio
- 19 Marilyn Almonaitis
- 20 Beth Ann Graf
- 20 Alaina Drisgula
- 23 Sharon Millard
- 24 Paul Guerrero
- 24 Jerry June
- 25 Joriel Guerrero
- 25 George Doukas
- 25 Michael Drisgula





Greetings from the Education Work Area

Our programs are up and running. Spread the word and let's get all our children and youth registered and participating.

We have created a Church/Sunday School calendar to indicate when the children will be starting in the Worship Service or their classroom. We are planning to have our children begin in worship at least once a month with a children's message before going to their classes. Our Secondary Sunday School will attend the entire church service once a month, usually on Communion Sunday.

Our Sunday school lessons in the fall are based on bible lessons and the holidays. We will present Bibles to our third grade students this month.

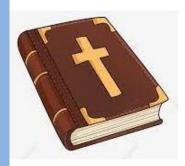
Our Youth group and children's choirs will be working on a big project this year. They will be collaborating to make a presentation of Godspell in the spring. Youth Group and Choir meet on Wednesday evening and we have created a calendar for that as well.

We are very excited that we will have a Confirmation Service this year. Our class will be completing their second year of study this spring. I would like to lift up the Confirmation Class to you so that our entire church family will support them as they fulfill their commitments. We had a wonderful meeting with the class, their parents and sponsors. It was an opportunity to greet Pastor Karen and make our ambitious plans for this year. Please put the members of our class in your prayers and make yourself known to them when the opportunity presents itself. They

Samuel Corvaia, Julia Cristiano, Caden Golden, Matthew Filiberto, Jayden Llorens, Abigail Rabbitt, Oliver Sinclair, and Courtney Suriani. We are counting on our entire church family to make them feel loved and part of all we do here. We pray that they will feel able to explore and grow in their faith so they are ready for their Confirmation this May.

As always, we are grateful to all of our volunteer leaders and teachers. We appreciate those who volunteered to help on our registration forms. Please let any of our program leaders know if you would like to join us or call our church office.

Sue Preddice Education Chair



Third Graders Will Receive Their Bibles

We are pleased to present our Third Graders with Bibles on Sunday, October 16th during our worship service. Please be sure your student is in church on that day. We pray that these Bibles will help them develop a strong relationship with God that will serve them throughout their lifetime.







Sunday School and church attendance 2022-2023

September 11 All Education Program Registration

September 18 All SS classes begin in their classrooms

September 25 N-elementary SS begin with family in church

October 2 Secondary SS class attends church

October 9 all SS classes begin in their classrooms

October 16 All SS classes begin in their classrooms

October 23 N-elementary SS begins with family in church

October 30 all SS classes begin in their classrooms

November 6 Secondary SS class attends church

Nov 13 all SS school classes begin in their classrooms

Nov 20 N-elementary SS begins with family in church

Nov 27 All SS classes begin in their classroom

December 4 Secondary SS class attends church

Dec. 11 all SS class begin in their classrooms

Dec 18 N-elementary SS begins with family in church

December 25 Merry Christmas!!!!!!

January 1 Happy New Year!!!!!!!!

January 8 Secondary SS attends church

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June 11

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All SS classes attend church for children and Youth Sunday





Youth in 6th – 12th Grades Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30

Meeting dates:

2022

2023 th January 11th a

September 14th and 28th
October 12th and 26th
November 9th and 23rd
December 7th and 21st

January 11th and 25th
February 1st and 15th
March 8th and 22nd
April 5th and 19th
May 10th and 24th
June 7th

Advisors: Wendy Duffy and Jennie Olivotti



Confirmation

Every Wednesday Evening 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

2022

September 14

September 21

September 28

October 26

October 5 - no class

October 12

October 19

November 2

November 9

November 16

November 23 - no class

November 30

December 7

December 14

December 21

2023

January 4

January 11

January 18

January 25

February 1

February 8

February 15

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29

April 5

April 19

April 26

May 3

May 10

May 17

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 It seems like I was just writing about the beginning of summer and now I am writing about fall. The seasons seemed to come and go quickly this year!!!



We are now unboxing and hanging winter clothes that we set aside last spring and summer.

We are so thankful that you continue to support your thrift shop with clean, useful clothing and other household items!!

In GOD'S service, Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



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







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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MINISTRY "UMW"

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

Our October meeting will be a special activity in meditation led by Patricia Hayward on MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 @ 7 pm at the church.

We will also help to sell pumpkins.

Our November meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 14

Thank you,

Barb Colucci and Tessa Tom

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Join us for our next Book Discussion
Monday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church
We will be discussing
"Bee Keeper from Aleppo"
by Christy Lefteri

This unforgettable novel puts human faces on the Syrian war with the immigrant story of a beekeeper, his wife, and the triumph of spirit when the world becomes unrecognizable.

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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

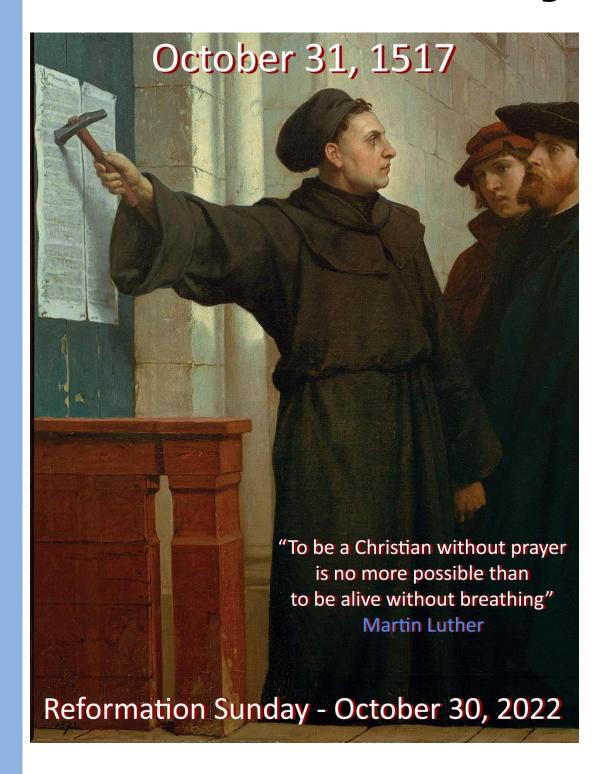


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Food Pantry
Open
Tuesday
October 4 & 18, 2022
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Food Pantry Donations Needed Boxed Milk **Paper Towels** Juice **Facial Tissues** 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

Reformation Sunday



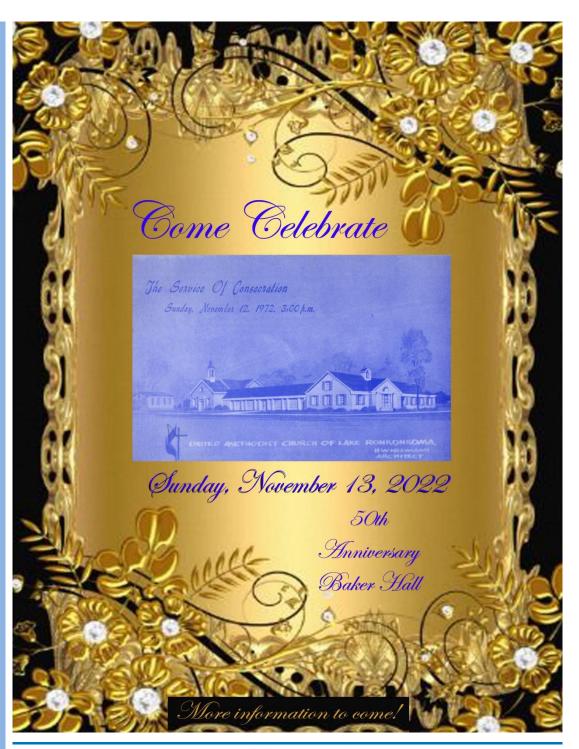
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The flowers on the altar are available to purchase each week in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. Please call the church office at 631-588-5856 to make arrangements.





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Christmas Festival & Sale
United Methodist Church Di Lake Konkonkoma
"5 Corners"
792 Hawkins Abenue, Lake Grobe, AP
Friday, Robember 25, 2022
Saturday, Robember 26, 2022
10:00 AMI - 4:00 PM
Food - Pendors - Crafts - Jun
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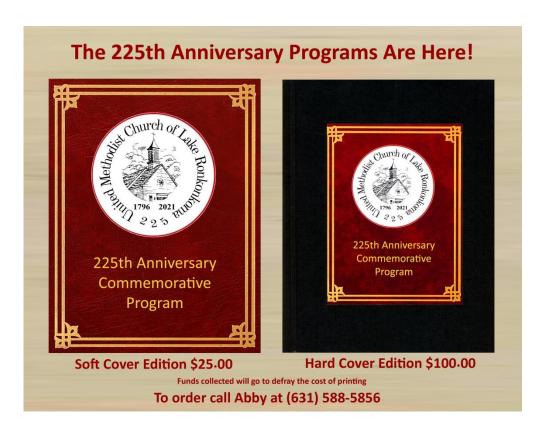




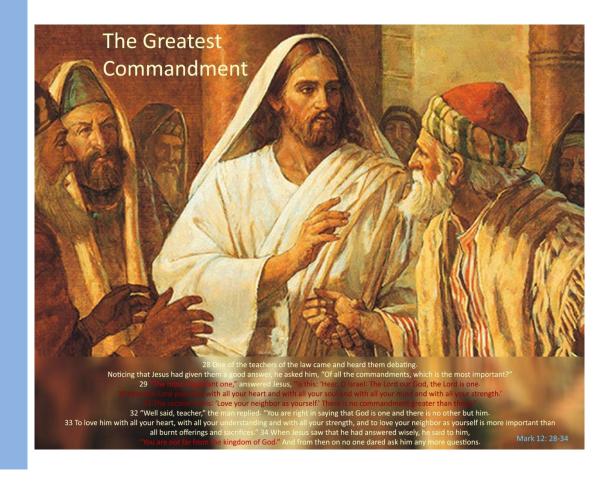




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