



Good News

September 2017

United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

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Church Office Hours – Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Lisa Eger, Youth Coordinator



United Methodist Church

Lake Ronkonkoma

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

8th

Annual

Grand Fall Auction

September 9, 2017

12:00 noon

Viewing begins at 11:00

Rain or Shine



Hundreds of exciting and diverse offerings! View the up-to-date catalog at: <u>www.UMCLR.com</u>

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 heartwarmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.

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.



Fall Speakers

- O The five tenets that we all seek to follow as stated in our hymnal are; Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness. For four Sundays this fall, September 10, 17, 24 and Oct 1 we will have the opportunity to hear from one of the four individuals who seek to provide their personal witness to the congregation on these 5 tenets. Please pray for each of these individuals as they prepare to offer their testimony on these four Sundays.
 - September 10 Bill Wahl
 - September 17 Wendy Duffy
 - September 24 Patricia Hayward
 - October 2 Al Simmons
- Where are you in your personal walk with Jesus Christ?
 - **PRAYERS** Do you pray on a regular basis? Are you able to pray for those on our prayer list, for your family, for God's will in your life?
 - **PRESENCE** Are you able to be a representative of Jesus Christ to others through your words and actions outside of Church?
 - GIFTS Are you able to share your Gifts, including your talents, and your tithes and offerings? <u>Please give regularly to enable the</u> <u>Church to meet its mission obligations.</u>
 - SERVICE Are you able to serve others you meet or through your Church?
 - WITNESS Are you able to witness to others about your faith and your belief?

September Lections

September 3 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Grandparents Day

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

September 10 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exod. 12:1-14 Ps. 149 or Ps. 148 (UMH 861) Rom. 13:8-14 Matt. 18:15-20

September 17 Fifteenth 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 Sixteenth 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



The UM Men will have their next Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, September 17th at 7:30 a.m. at Church. All men are welcome to attend!



Game Night!

All adults are welcome to join us for Game Night on Friday, September 15 at 7:00 PM at church. Enjoy a night out filled with fun and fellowship!



Disciple Bible Study, led by Richard Wahl, returns in September!

The study meetings will begin on Friday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. and meet each Friday thereafter through December 1st.

Be sure to join us for this well-loved program!

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

631-981-9749

Hours:

Mondays 10am - 2pm

Tuesdays 10am - 2pm

Fridays 10am - 2pm

Saturdays 10am - 2pm

MARTHA'S PLACE THRIFT SHOP

Summer is almost over and thankfully we held down the shop with volunteers on vacation, etc. It is good that everyone returned safely. We still have Doris Coniglio at home recovering from shoulder surgery and wish her well!!



Your Thrift Shop volunteers are working hard to make a good profit for your Church Missions and other miscellaneous bills. However, we are still waiting for you to come in and shop, but if you can't do that, then please continue with your donations of clean and gently used clothing and other items for us to stay in business for the community!!!

Thank you for your continued donations and have a great school season coming up.

Yours in Christ,

Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers

To my Church Family,

I thank you so much for being there for me when my husband, Al, and my son, Larry, were so sick and passed away.

I will never forget your kindness and prayers.

God bless you all!

Love, Rosemarie Heiserer





Here at the nursery school we are getting ready for our 2017-2018 school year.

We look forward to a fun-filled year full of learning and joy.

Our team is full of big hearts ready to shape little minds.

-Phyllis Thomas Nursery School Director



"Disasters don't plan ahead. You can." This is the official tagline for National Preparedness Month 2017, coming up in September.

The national weather service has increased the expected number of storms and hurricanes for 2017. What can you do to prepare? Congregants are encouraged to gather nine items that can make a big difference in a disaster or any emergency. Those essentials include water, food, clothes, medication, flashlight, manual can opener, portable radio, hygiene items and first aid supplies. Enough supplies should be on hand to last several days in the event of long-term power outages.



Congratulations to new parents,
Keith and Jillian, on the arrival of
their son, Carter Kirk Almonaitis!
Grandma Marilyn and Grandpa Chip
are over the moon with excitement!!



September Birthdays

These names are offered each month as 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, call the church office at (631) 588-5856 and we will gladly add your name.

- 1 Kyle Pearl
- 6 Christopher Otto
- 7 Lori Siebert
- 11 Matthew Brady
- 12 Madeleine Otto
- 13 Andrew Sinclair
- 14 Max Carroll
- 17 Chip Almonaitis
- 19 Mike McElhone
- 22 Paul Smith
- 24 Bruce Smith
- 29 Patrick Napolitano



Are you interested in being a liturgist?

If so, please contact Heather DeSanto at 631-764-1416 or Marilyn Becht at 631-585-3111

Open to all ages - 9th grade and up

FREE HEALTH SEMINAR FOR ALL CHURCHMEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, MEN AND WOMEN SPONSORED BY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ARE YOU STRESSED????

ARE YOU FATIGUED????

HAVE YOU GIVEN UP ON WEIGHT LOSS????

JUST WANT TO FEEL BETTER????

LEARN WHAT OTHER CHURCHMEMBERS KNOW

COME HEAR

DR. MARK CASTIGLIONE, DC

LEARN ABOUT THE MYTHS AND THE TRUTHS BEHIND HIGH/LOW FAT AND CARB DIETS, AND MORE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 7 p.m. in HERTLIN HALL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
NOTHING WILL BE SOLD



Our September 11 meeting is a special event, open to all members of the church, men and women, families and friends, to hear an important health seminar by Dr. Mark Castiglione, D.C.

He will discuss a program to address fatigue, stress, weight loss and more. Some of you have heard my testimony of the wonderful changes in my health through Dr. Mark's program and others in our church have had similar results. This is a purely informational seminar, so bring your questions.

Hope to see you there! Catherine Carlson



Pastor Pak's birthday was celebrated with a beautiful cake during coffee hour.



Baptism - August 13, 2017







Logan Riley West

Dear UMW Members,

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to speak to the UMW on Monday, August 7th, on the behalf of the Temple Refugee Outreach. I would also like to thank the individual members who made donations to the TRO (Temple Refugee Outreach). It is very much appreciated.

Thank you again.

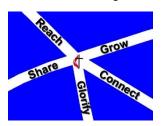
Sincerely,

Katie Pfeil (Student at Temple University)



We, the leaders of our new Youth Ministry Team, have been busy bees this summer, training, planning, learning, and growing with the help of Neal Bowes, NY Conference, Youth Ministry Consultant, and the book he recommended, "A Purpose Driven Youth Ministry." We are proud to share the fruits of our summer work with our church family...

We learned we needed a purpose to drive our ministry so the 5 purposes for youth ministry are below and we chose synonyms that mean something. Here is what we came up with...



Evangelism --- Reach Ministry --- Share Fellowship --- Connect Discipleship --- Grow Worship ---- Glorify

And here is UMCLR's new Youth Ministry Purpose Statement:

"We exist to REACH youth in order to SHARE the light of Christ and together CONNECT, so we can GROW in our ability to GLORIFY God!"

Announcing Our 1st Event for the New Year:

Youth Group Kickoff BBQ

Please join us as we come together to CONNECT as we begin the 2017-2018 School year for a Youth Group Kickoff BBQ!!

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017

Time: 5-7pm

Who: ALL 6th-12th Graders

Place: UMCLR Bring: A Friend

Parent/Youth Meeting: 6:30pm-7pm in Baker Hall.



We will be having hot dogs & hamburgers, playing games (inside and outside, weather permitting) and sharing our Summer Adventures and School Start Up Stories! Please bring a Friend!

At the BBQ, you will receive a calendar of events through December! We are looking forward to starting our Youth Group year on the right foot!

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Lisa Eger
UMCLR Youth Coordinator
Lisa@umclr.com





Family Faith Week
August 24 – 28, 2017











Little Angels Music Class will be taking place this fall on Fridays for a 6-week session. Our first meeting will be held on September 29th at 6:15 in Baker Hall at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma.

Little Angels is a caregiver-and-me music program at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma run by the organist that includes sacred and secular music, singing, dancing, instruments, prayer, and community. It is designed for families with children ages 0-5, though older siblings, cousins, etc. are always welcome. It was designed specifically for families who may find it challenging to bring their little ones to a traditional service on Sunday morning but would still like their families to experience Christian worship in a family-friendly and accommodating setting. Non-church-members and non-Christians are welcome. We hope to see many of you and your friends there!



Important Date! Please mark your calendars.

Charge Conference – Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Missions and Evangelism

WOW! What a generous group!!

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Such an overwhelming response for our school supplies and school bags!!! Thanks to our sewers, Diane June, Miriam Rodriquez and Eileen Panasci who also filled the bags she made with supplies. We had 51 school bags filled with supplies. Then some bags filled. Bags and suplies were donated to Cayuga Elementary School and Wenonah Elementary School. They were so impressed with our substantial donations. I made sure they also knew about the Pantry and the soup kitchen.



My school bag angel stuffers!



Ready for delivery!

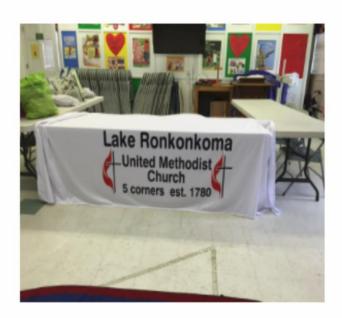
Missions and Evangelism



The Ronkonkoma
Street Fair was a
success. The
weather
cooperated. Our
Representatives
chatted with
people and
handed out
approximately
150 Welcome
Bags. Thanks to
Helen Morley for
donating a
"sandwich board."

There were pictures of our missions and projects the church has done locally and internationally.

Thanks to Gina Gong for donating this lovely tablecloth to be used as a banner for church functions.



Missions and Evangelism

NAME TAGS

It is time to get our names on. Please email. Debra Schild for a name tag. This way your name will be spelt correctly and will be large enough for everyone to read.

Cost: \$1.00

Debra Schild - sonevole1@optimum.net

COFFEE

Our coffee Mission is in need of a new coordinator. See Sue Preddice or Debra for info on the responsibilities of the mission.

PUMPKINS

Our committee is on the spot. They have a great many new ideas! Look for their "Methodist" page.

Looking ahead:

November 19th, the Fall Blood Drive and Operation Christmas Child November 215† Ecumenical Thanksgiving service with St. Mary's Episcopal and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic.

Thanks for all the support with the church's missions and evagelism outreach.

Serving the Lord,

Debra



Mark your calendars
- October 7th -

lots and lots of pumpkins arrive and we need your help! Please let us know if you can be there. Be sure to sign up in Hertlin Hall for a sales time throughout the month.

-October 14th –

The first annual UMCLR
Trunk or Treat 12-2 pm

Pumpkin carving contest and much more in store!

Keep your ears to the pumpkin patch!

Bernice, Ileana, Stacey, Tessa,
Stacey and Beth Ann

Do you paint? Painters needed to help make signs for our Patch. Please call or text Bernice Waleski at 631-707-1602.



Trustees Work Day
September 30th
9AM – 2PM



All talents welcome! Please join us for a work day to better our church!

We need organizers, rakers, weeders, painters and all general do'ers!

If you are on a committee and would like to submit a wish list for our do'ers to consider or coordinate with you to accomplish, we'll take those as well.

We will meet for a Bagel Breakfast and then begin our work.

Please send RSVP/requests to Beth Ann Graf and/or Keith Bowes.

 $\underline{Beth Ann Graf@Gmail.com}$

631-428-9846

Keith.P.Bowes@Citi.com

631-338-3825



A True Story: Life's been rough lately. I've been way off track. Embarrassingly so. How does a woman who lost 85 pounds 9 and a half years ago slip like this? Today was the day I was going to get back to tracking, not overeating and taking care of me. It's time!

This morning, I received a call that the ambulance is at my parent's house to whisk dad back to the emergency room. Two weeks ago tonight he made it through triple bypass and valve replacement surgery.

As I was running errands several hours later with my boy, a woman near me loudly muttered, "Sorry for smiling at your child." I turned in every direction and there was no one else around. It was directed at me. I hadn't even noticed her. I was thinking of my dad. Of all of the tasks that need to be done in our new home. Of the lower body brace my son is getting next week for an indefinite amount of time for hip dysplasia. Of everything in the world I need to accomplish. But not her. Apparently she had smiled at my son and I looked at her angrily? I almost engaged, but why? I walked past her and let it go.

As I left the store, the skies opened and it began to pour. We ran to the car and as I started buckling my boy in the car, his stroller flipped over into a puddle with all of our purchases. Several cars drove past splashing my items. As my son took priority and I belted him in his car seat, a man stopped his car in traffic, got out, righted the stroller and picked up my things. As I thanked him profusely for his kindness, he said, "Not a problem. It's what you do."

He's right. There will always be rain. There will always be negativity. Choose to be the sun. The storm ends, the skies clear, but when we choose negativity, we don't even notice. Be kind. Be grateful. Be someone's sun when there is darkness.

I could choose to binge. To "reward" myself for a tough day. Instead, I will take that man's positivity and kindness and show myself the same love. "Not a problem. It's what you do."

Love Never Dies-The Heart of Grief & Hope

Presenter: Paul Alexander, LCSW

Thursdays – 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. Arrivals and Refreshments

<u>September 21, 2017</u> – Tasks & Challenges of Grief, The Faces of Grief <u>October 19, 2017</u> – Complicated Grief Including Suicide & Drugs (due to type of loss or relationship)

November 16, 2017 - Holidays and Self-care

This grief and healing workshop will help us find strength and hope following the death of a loved one. An opportunity to heal and name some of the hurting places loss can bring. A supportive, safe place to honor our journey and love that never dies even as time moves on. One may attend one or all of the workshops.

Donation: \$35 including \$20 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit for each session

Call/Write:



310 Cenacle Rd. P. O. Box 4005 Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-0430 Tel: 631/588-8366

www.cenaclesisters.org/ronkonkoma

Today's date

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LOVE NEVER DIES Grief Workshop

Sunday, October 29, 2017 1:30 p.m. -4:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. Arrivals & Refreshments

Presenter: Paul Alexander, LCSW

A workshop and healing opportunity to have time to honor our grief and how we are experiencing it even several years after a loss. The connection of love never dies. As we honor the continuing power of connection, we will gently explore unresolved feelings that can cause unrest and discover techniques that can assist us in moving forward.

Offering: \$35 including \$20 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit.

Call/Write:



310 Cenacle Rd.
P. O. Box 4005
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-0430
Tel: 631/588-8366
www.cenaclesisters.org/ronkonkoma

Today's date

Ongoing Missions:

Loaves & Fishes
Soup Kitchen of the
UMCLR is open
Tuesdays and
Thursdays at 5:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

The Emergency
Food Pantry
is open on
Wednesdays
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Support Groups:

Narcotics Anonymous Mondays at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics
Anonymous
Tuesdays at 6:30pm
and 8:30 pm, and
Fridays at 8:00 pm in
Fellowship Hall

COPE
Connecting Our
Paths Eternally
(A grief and healing
organization dedicated to
helping parents and
families living with
the loss of a child.)
Fourth Friday of the
month at 7:00 pm
in the Library

Please call our church office at 631-588-5856 for further information.



September 2017									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
					1 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Bible Study Book Distribution 7:30 AA 8	2 Thrift Shop 10 – 2			
3 Ronkonkoma Street Fair 11 – 6	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed Thrift Shop Closed NA 7	Thrift Shop 10 – 2	6 Moming Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Food Pantry 12-3	7 Soup Kitchen 5 Rabbit Breeders Assoc. in Library 8	8 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Disciple Bible Study 7:30 AA 8	9 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Grand Fall Auction Viewing 11 Bidding 12 Noon			
10 Stewardship Sunday #1 Sunday School Resumes Youth Group Kick- off BBQ 5-7 PM	11 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 NA 7 UMW 7	Soup Kitchen 5 AA 6:30 & 8:30 Church Council 7:30	Moming Prayer 7 AM Craft Group 12 Food Pantry 12-3 Youth Group 6:00 Chapel Choir 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	14 Soup Kitchen 5	15 Thrift Shop 10 – 2 Game Night 7 COPE 7 Disciple Bible Study 7:30 AA 8	16 Thrift Shop 10 – 2			
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