GOOD NEWS

FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LAKE RONKONKOMA



SEPTEMBER 2016 EDITION

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.

WE ARE THE CHURCH AT FIVE CORNERS SPREADING THE "LIGHT OF CHRIST"

FROM OURSELVES TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.



United Methodist Church

Lake Ronkonkoma

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

7th

Annual

Grand Fall Auction

September 10, 2016 12:00 noon

Viewing begins at 11:00





















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UMCLR Sunday School is in need of two K-1st grade co-teachers (teaching alternate weeks, so two Sundays per month), one K-1st grade assistant, one Pre-K co-teacher and if possible one middle school/high school alternate teacher (to teach maybe once per month). Also, subbing is very helpful!! If you are interested in helping for any of these positions, please speak with Tammy Edwards-Wilson or Angel Sinclair. Thank you!



Game Night

All adults are welcome to join us for Game Night on Friday, September 16th at 7 PM. Enjoy a night out filled with fun and fellowship!

The UMM will have a Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 7:30 a.m. at the church.

All men are welcome to attend.



CALLING ALL COOKS

WE ARE CREATING A CHURCH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS COOKBOOK WE WOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES



SEND IN AS MANY RECIPES AS YOU WOULD LIKE. INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE FROM EACH ITEM LISTED BELOW. ASK FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR THEIR FAVORITES. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE RECIPES FROM THE KIDS IN THEIR OWN WORDS.

YOU MANY E-MAIL THEM TO ME AS AN ATTACHMENT FROM A WORD DOCUMENT. INCLUDE ALL RECIPES IN ONE DOCUMENT. THE E-MAIL ADDRESS IS:

umclgcook@gmail.com

THE SIZE OF THE CARD I AM USING IS 14 X 5'. IF YOUR RECIPE IS LONGER THAN THAT, USE AS MANY PAGES AS YOUNEED. I AM USING THE FONT TAHOMA SIZE 10.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO EMAIL THEM. THERE WILL BE A MANILA FOLDER ON THE UMW WALL IN THE HALLWAY. YOU MAY DROP THEM IN. IF THEY ARE HAND WRITTEN, PLEASE PRINT.















THE CATEGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- I) APPETIZERS & SIDES
- 3) BREAKFAST & BRUNCH
- 5) MAIN DISHES (seafood, meat, chicken & casseroles) 6) SLOW COOKER
- 7) VEGETABLES
- 9) CAKES, COOKIES &

10) DESSERTS

- 2) SOUPS, SALADS & DRESSINGS
- 40 LUNCH
- 8) CHILDRENS RECIPES
- II) BEVERAGES

















SAMPLE CARD

Recipe	

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From the Kitchen of_____

Ingredients:



Long Island East District Disaster Preparation Training

- Four Courses (all training times 9 am to 1pm, two courses per session at designated UMC)
 - Disaster 101 & CN 1 Sept 17 @ East Quogue
 - Disaster 101 & CN 1 Oct 1 @ Hicksville
 - CN 2 & CN 3 Oct 22 @ Hicksville
 - o CN 2 & CN 3 -Nov 5 @ Riverhead
- Registration
 - Call the district office 631-366-2396
 - Email the district office LIEdistrict@nyac-umc.com
- Information
 - o Call Warren Ferry @ 631-875-5204
 - Course Descriptions:
 - Disaster 101 a basic review of what to do and who to contact when something happens.
 - UMCOR Connecting Neighbors 1 –Ready Congregant personal / family disaster preparedness.
 - UMCOR Connecting Neighbors 2 Ready Church Writing a Church Disaster Plan. How to get the Church facility prepared for a disaster that strikes the Church.
 - UMCOR Connecting Neighbors 3 Ready Congregation How to get the congregation involved in the community pre and post disaster – mission outreach oriented.

Note: Child care will be provided during training.

Training courses to enable churches in the district to meet the new 2016/17 Charge Conference reporting requirement for disaster preparation and response.





Be sure to mark your calendars for our Pumpkin Delivery Day

on Saturday, October 1st at 8:00 AM.

Our Charge Conference date has been announced! It will be held on Saturday, November 19th at 4:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Please be sure to mark your calendars.

Note to Committee Chairs — Charge Conference Reports will be due in the church office no later than October 15th. For the 2016 charge conference report writeups, each committee chairperson is being asked to report against the principle duties that each committee generated for the Mission Celebration Sunday Book and that was distributed in March 2016. A new Mission Book with committee duties will be distributed on October 2nd and will be available in the office. Thank you for your timely reports.



The UMW will meet on September 12 at 7 p.m. in Hertlin Hall.

We are thrilled to report that we raised \$1,000 for DaysforGirls with several fundraisers this spring and summer. A check was presented to Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie and Mrs. Ewoodzie at the Mission Sunday service on July 31. Let's remember that the need continues.

The Craft Group

The Crafty Ladies of the United Methodist Church at Lake Ronkonkoma have had a busy and successful year. Starting with the Pumpkin Patch in October 2015, we have held 8 craft and bake good sales.



We raised funds to be used to upgrade the bathroom in the Thrift Shop and put a light in the Food Pantry. We donated to the Wounded Warrior Project, sent Pastor Pak to Guatemala with a Security System to be used by the Mission to ensure its safety, and donated to the Days for Girls project.

In May we lost a very special member of our group, Doris Teigland, who lost her battle with cancer. We made a donation to the church in her memory.

Our members are Marilee Drisgula, Debra Schild-Enderlin, Pegi Germain, Sue Sprague, Rosemarie Heiserer, and Helen Morley. We are always looking for more members, so bring your lunch, a project to make, a game to play and join us! We meet in the Library at noon on Wednesdays.

We are a self-sustaining group and depend on our projects and sales to keep us going. If the church needs something, we are always willing and able to donate our time and money to help out a good cause.



Cleaning-Flood Buckets



In October we are going to collect articles for buckets for UMCOR to distribute to areas with floods or hurricanes. They get stored until they are needed and are then distributed. Here is a list of things to be included. We will collect them starting the first Sunday in October. You can fill your own bucket, buy some of the items or give money so we can purchase whatever we are missing. Any questions, call Jerry June at 516 458-5337.

5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid

liquid laundry detergent - one 50 ounce or two 25 ounce only

liquid household cleaner – 12 to 16 oz. liquid that can be mixed with water - no spray cleaners

dish soap - 16 to 28 oz. bottle

1 can air freshener – aerosol or pump

1 insect repellant spray – 6 to 14 oz.

1 scrub brush – plastic or wooden handle

18 cleaning wipes – Handi Wipes or reusable wipes, no terry towels - remove from packaging

7 sponges – no cellulose sponges due to mold issues - remove from packaging

5 scouring pads – no stainless steel, Brillo, SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

50 clothespins

clothesline – one 100 ft. or two 50 ft., cotton or plastic

24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags – 33 to 45 gallon size

5 dust masks

2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves – durable enough for multiple uses

1 pair work gloves – cotton with leather palm or all leather

Thanks.

Time for "Ketchup"



"Ketchup" is, of course, spelled wrong - it should read "catch up". If you have missed weeks over the summer because of vacations or other commitments, please "catch up" on your pleages to our church and renew all your old friendships [and make new ones].

We need everyone to continue to serve our Lord and His church with their "prayers, presence, gifts, service and witnesses". We hope and pray that all of our family - our "community of believers" - will have a healthy and prosperous fall as we head into a new school year, "pumpkins", and Advent. Please renew your commitment to join us each week as we seek to know our Lord and His will for us more completely.

Thank God for the Gift of Energy...

Without the creation of fuel [oil & gas], we wouldn't have heat, hot water, air conditioning, or mobile transportation. We have been very lucky to have the costs of these necessities go down for over a year.

If you have two cars in your family and total over 20,000 miles, you are probably saving close to \$50 a week --- and if you use 1000 gallons of heating oil, you are probably saving close to another \$50 a week.

Let us give our Lord a small portion of this as a gift and/or increase our weekly giving in order to keep our mission for God alive and well.

In Christ's Love, Ray Becht [Chairperson of Finance]



Regular Church Office hours will start on Tuesday, September 6th. The Office will be open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Martha's Place Thrift Shop

WELCOME BACK!! We hope your summer was "all that it could be", so welcome back and come on in!!!!!

We are still here and keeping busy running your shop!! After all, this is "YOUR" Church Thrift Shop which is here to help pay the continuing bills that the church pays, like you do at home.

We were sorry that we didn't have more male customers shopping to find select new and gently used clothing items. We had some really nice shorts and other items for the summer months. Now we will be taking the summer clothing off the racks to get ready for the colder weather. This is an on-going operation.

We are still looking for more volunteers and you can choose your own hours, 1, 2, 3, or 4 hours if you wish.

Thank You!

Thank you to Gabby Czerw who brought in new boy's black baseball pants from Sports Authority for us to sell, mostly small sizes.

Also, thank you everyone who keeps us supplied with new and gently used, clean clothing and other useable items; without your generosity we wouldn't be in business!!!!

In God's service,

Marilee Drisgula and all volunteers



A memorial gift has been given in memory of Melissa Lipani from Georgene Clark.

A memorial gift has been given in memory of Doris Teigland from The Craft Group.

A memorial gift has been given in memory of Doris Teigland from Carl & Liza Wright.

A memorial gift has been given in memory of Doris Teigland from Ron & Marilee Drisgula.



From the desk of Ross Williams CFO & Director of Administrative Services New York Conference of the United Methodist Church

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This is just a quick reminder of the program below, which has achieved very significant results in terms of strengthening the financial condition of our churches. Since it began, this program has resulted in new bequests to our churches totaling over \$5.5 million. I am very supportive of this program, which has many benefits to our member churches or parishioners. There is no selling of anything here, either at the meeting or at any other time - just free advice from an experienced financial planner who is committed to his faith and assisting the people and churches of the Conference. There is no cost for these seminars as they are funded as part of the Frontier Foundation and Connectional Ministries' education program.

I hope you will take Ed Ruppmann up on his offer to come to your church!

If interested, please contact Ed directly at either edrupp50@gmail.com or 516-364-1151.

Sincerely, Ross

From Ed:

We have created a program called **Sower: Seeds of Faith & Finance**. The program is designed to reach out directly to the members of your church to help ensure they are on solid financial ground. We will come to the church, conduct an in-depth financial planning session and make recommendations on how participants can strengthen their financial position. We offer no products or services where we directly or indirectly are paid a commission. We have found that once the congregation is educated, they are empowered to ensure personal financial wellness and, in turn, are often able to increase support of their church.

The program has a proven track record of success. District Superintendent, Rev. Betsy Ott, former pastor of Lake Ronkonkoma UMC and Park Ave. UMC said the following:

"Your program is the most positive thing going on in this conference relating to stewardship that I've seen in a long time." You're doing a wonderful job. FYI our giving here has gone up in the past year and we are increasing in the number of pledgers. There is a much better sense of stewardship as a way of life and of the need for stability in giving so the church has stability in funding ministries. Blessings, Betsy"

So far we have made good progress in 2016 with this program. Here is a brief recap of what we have accomplished.

- Generated \$1,750,000 in bequests since 2012 as we asked families to consider leaving something to their church in their will.
- Overall since 2006, beguests now total \$5.5 million.
- Free will offerings totaled \$128,400, up 10.7% from last year. These funds go directly to the churches that participate in the program.
- Educated over 1,800 people since 2006 about how to be better stewards of their resources.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE SCHEDULING EARLY FALL EDUCATION PROGRAMS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2016.

WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR CHURCH TO EXPLAIN THE PROGRAM IN GREATER DETAIL.

SIMPLY SEND ME AN E-MAIL AND SAY "I'M INTERESTED." I CAN BE CONTACTED AT <a href="mailto:edocument-super-sup

Thanks Very Much, Ed Ruppmann

From the Parish Nurses...

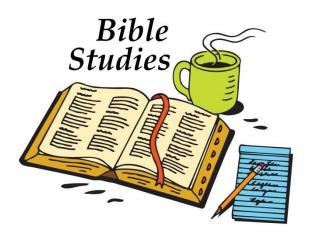
In the wake of what happened this month on Staten Island to a 13 year old boy, the Parish Nurses offer this suggestion as a life lesson to all children who will understand no matter their grade in school.

Before her daughter started middle school, Amy Gardner made sure to help her for the year ahead.

They decorated her locker, bought new uniforms and school supplies. Then her mother handed her a new tube of toothpaste and simply asked the child to squirt it all out on a plate. Once the unusual task was completed, her mom asked her to put all the toothpaste back into the tube. The little girl exclaimed that it was impossible and that the toothpaste would never be like it was before. These were her mother's words:

"You will remember this plate of toothpaste for the rest of your life. Your words have the power of life or death. As you go into middle school, you are about to see just how much weight your words carry. You are going to have the opportunity to use your words to hurt, demean, slander and wound others. You are also going to have the opportunity to use your words to heal, encourage, inspire and love others. You will occasionally make the wrong choice.....just like this toothpaste; once the words leave your mouth, you can't take them back. Use your words carefully.....when others are misusing their words, guard your words. Make the choice every morning that life-giving words will come out of your mouth. Decide tonight that you are going to be a life-giver in middle school. Be known for your gentleness and compassion. Use your life to give life to a world that so desperately needs it. You will never, ever regret choosing kindness."

Facebook Posting



Disciple Bible Study, led by Rich Wahl, will begin on Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. This course will meet for 13 weeks. Be sure to join us for this well-loved program!

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH

The Retreat Committee is happy to announce arrangements for a Quinipet retreat. It will be April 21, 22 and 23, 2017, which is the weekend after Easter. If you cannot arrive on April 21, a Saturday arrival is fine. The retreat is also open to Northport UMC. At this time, there are 14 women who have indicated their intention to attend. A \$50 deposit will be collected from each who wishes to attend. The total cost will be between \$66 and \$118 depending on the number of ladies attending (inclusive of deposit). A \$50 deposit will be required to reserve your space. The maximum number is 25.

It has been our custom to bring our food, as it is considerably less expensive than having Quinipet supply it. The food cost will be advised at a later date and will be reasonable.

All ladies of the church are welcome to attend any and all meetings. Like communion, we have open meetings and welcome all.

Catherine Carlson



Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie, Coordinator of Mission and Outreach for the NYAC, joined us on Mission Sunday, July 31, 2016.

The Art Group will resume on Monday, September 12 at 2:00 PM.





Join the Quilting Group on Fridays at 1:30 PM beginning September 16th.

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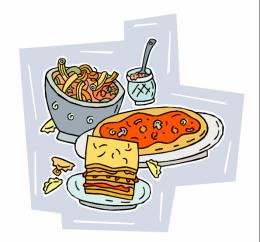


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Help your Church while enjoying a delicious meal!

Bring a flyer or mention the church at La Grova any time during 2016 and 10% of your entire bill will be donated to



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United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma

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