

# The United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

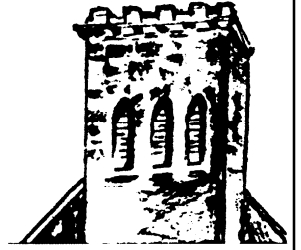
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"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

## The Chimes

Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri, Pastor



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Even though this is the April Chimes, with Easter right around the corner, we are still in the season of Lent, a forty-day period which began on Ash Wednesday and will end on Holy Saturday. Sundays are not included in Lent because we regard them as mini-Easters. We hold before us two things; recognizing that even as our physical bodies are dying, we rejoice as people who will experience eternal life to come. Even as we reflect and repent of our sins, we look at everything in the light of the resurrection.

How do we rejoice in the midst of knowing we face certain physical death? We do this by remaining focused on God's Kingdom, which is eternal and blissful. As we look around at all that is happening in our country and the world, as people and nations are divided and at war, we might become discouraged. Yet, time and time again the Bible reminds us of God's faithfulness and work in the midst of the chaos. But we do forget. And so, this season I have been reminded that even as the storms come, God is working and calling us to refocus on him and be reconciled to God through Christ. Christ reminds us that we are in this world, but not of this world.

The question might arise of how we can remain focused when there is so much chaos in this world we live in? God has reminded me of the answer in a beautiful way through the 40 day prayer challenge by Mark Batterson that we have committed to in this season of Lent. Lent began with the invitation to repentance. This is our yearly reminder that we need to refocus our attention back to Christ. As I read daily from the prayer challenge, I am inspired by the many stories that Batterson shares about God at work. The common denominator in all the stories is the crucial role of prayer and turning to God and trusting in God and most importantly, waiting on God's timing.

I am reminded of the waiting that Christ endured for our sake. The waiting as he journeyed closer *to* the cross. Then the waiting and suffering *on* the cross until it was finished. Sometimes we want God to fix things immediately and maybe even yesterday. We forget that the journey is where we meet Christ as he teaches us lessons of trust as we navigate this earthly life.

Friends, I do not know where you are on the journey. Maybe you are on the right track, maybe you have lost track and are focusing on the world. Maybe there are challenges that have distracted you from following Christ. Yet even as we lose focus, Christ reminds us in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may

have life, and have it to the full." The good news is that even as the enemy sows chaos and death, Christ has done the work on the cross that brings us eternal life!

Let us rejoice as we claim the promise of Christ's resurrection and new life. I will close this letter with the first verse of the hymn, "Because He Lives" as they remind us of what Christ has done for us.

*God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
he came to love, heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone.*

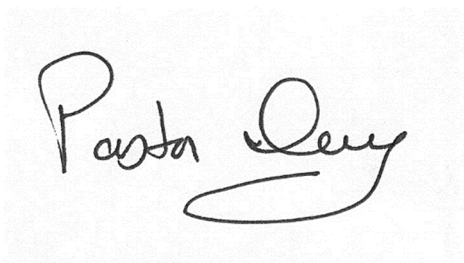
*because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

*Words: Gloria and William J. Gaither, 1971*

This Easter, I invite us to celebrate the resurrection of Christ by accepting him as your Savior if you have not already done so.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Deery". The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style, and "Deery" is written in a more stylized, flowing cursive script. The signature is set against a light gray, textured background.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Holy Week - April 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Men's Group  
8:00 a.m. GP Room

#### Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

After worship, New Members  
Class 1. Class 2 will meet on  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### April 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Men's Tres Dias Weekend

#### Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Confirmation  
campfire

#### Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

During worship  
Halos performing

Walter Hoving Home  
participating in the service.  
Lite lunch to follow.

#### Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast MNR into NYC

#### Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

4:00 p.m. in Sanctuary  
Concert/solo piano recital and  
lecture

Please join us for these  
special events and bring your  
family and friends!



The Men's Group will be  
meeting **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> &  
29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the GP  
Room** Join us for a light  
breakfast and Christian  
fellowship. All are welcome. If  
you have any questions  
please email:  
[soumc.men@gmail.com](mailto:soumc.men@gmail.com)

**Russ Reynolds**



### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9<sup>th</sup>

**10:30 a.m.** Worship Service

(Palm Procession in church  
and dramatic reading of the  
Passion of Christ)

#### Maundy Thursday

April 13<sup>th</sup>

**6:30 p.m.** Soup/bread supper

**7:30 p.m.** Holy Communion  
Service

(There will be a sign up sheet  
in the GP Room.)

#### Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**12 Noon – 3:00 p.m.**

Prayer Vigil. Sanctuary will  
be open from 8:00 a.m. –  
7:00 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday – April 16<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 a.m.** Sunrise Service in  
GP Room, followed by a  
continental breakfast

**10:30 a.m.** Worship Service  
Easter Egg Hunt

**Please plan on attending  
these special services. We  
look forward to seeing you.**



### **MEN'S TRES DIAS WEEKEND**

Dear Men of UMCSO,

On **April 20<sup>th</sup>** I have the  
privilege and honor to be  
leading a Tres Dias Weekend.  
This is a 3-day event held at  
Graymoor Retreat Center in  
Garrison, NY. Several men  
from UMCSO will be attending  
and I would like to extend an  
invitation to any man  
interested in attending with us.

If you do not know what Tres  
Dias is and would like more  
information, please feel free to  
speak with me any time in  
church or call me at: 914 528-  
8750 (H) or 914 500-7479 (C)

Peace and grace,

**Hank Schrot**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

New members Class 1 will  
begin on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
after worship. Class 2 will  
begin on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information please  
speak to Pastor Iwy or Maxine  
Haigh.

### **WALTER HOVING HOME**

On **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, the  
ladies of the Walter Hoving  
Home and the "Sounds of Life"  
choir will once again join us in  
our worship service. What a  
blessing they are as they  
witness to the power of God

through their singing and testimonies.

After the service they will join us for lunch and refreshments in the GP Room. Please bring in a dish to share with the ladies. A sign up sheet is in the GP Room.

**Hank Schrot**



### **BREAKFAST MIDNIGHT RUN**

We will be taking our older Sunday school classes on our second **Breakfast Midnight Run on May 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will serve breakfast to our homeless friends. We will also be handing out drawstring backpacks with a pair of new socks, a new tee shirt and toiletries in them. Our goal is to assemble 100 bags. We are collecting new short sleeve dark colored tee shirts (no writing on the shirts) in sizes large, extra large and xx large and new men's crew socks. For the toiletry bags we need travel toothpaste, individually wrapped toothbrushes, combs, travel shampoo, and new washcloths. **We would like the items at the church by April 23<sup>rd</sup>, so the Sunday school classes can pack the bags.**

**On Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be doing our Spring evening Midnight Run.** As we begin our spring cleaning, we are in need of men's and ladies gently used jeans, shoes, backpacks, and hats. A sign

up sheet will be posted in the breezeway after our breakfast run.

Thank you for sharing and caring!

**Linda Hoernes**



On **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.**, there will be a concert/solo piano recital and lecture by UMCSO Organist and Pianist, Dr. Alexandra Beliakovich-Shkoda. It will be dedicated to the UMCSO's June 25<sup>th</sup> celebration.

All are invited.



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### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Christopher Chung	1
Samantha Latasa	1
Colleen Adira Gutowski	2
Danielle Reynolds	2
Karl Schoonmaker	3
Bill Ryder	4
John Spina	4
Kenneth Ingersoll	13
Deborah Vesuvio	14
Darrah Walls	14
Laura Walls	14
Pat Golanec	15
Sean Hickey	15
Phyllis Maskiell	15
Len Lindholm	16
Verna Kwaitkowski	18
Payton Britt	19
Sean Latasa	19
Renee Pimienta	22
Marty Costello	24
Lydia Aryee	25
Annette Zugner	25
Linda Ahrens	26
Kathy Casey	26
Les Hazelton	27
Larry Robcke	27
Gabriella Melillo	30
Dave Zugner	30

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Annette & Andrew Zugner	9
Theresa & Michael Barnett	15
Lisa & Christopher Grace	29
Linda Ann & Michael Stella	29

Blessings to all!



**THANK YOU  
VOLUNTEERS!**

A special thanks to all our volunteers who are so loyal in serving God's church and His people.

**Acolytes**

Lydia Aryee  
Michael Antonucci  
Christopher Closi  
Laura DeMartino

**Audio Visual**

Cliff Cullum  
Dom Schiavi

**Coffee Hour Hosts**

Jill Clockadale  
Susan Crookston  
Girl Scouts  
Marshall Moseley  
Joy Santaroni  
& Annette Reynolds  
Friends of the Church

**Communications**

Marilyn Bucher

**Communion Elements**

Patricia Scozzari  
Debbie Vesuvio

**Greeters**

Dianne Benincasa  
& Susan Crookston  
Jean Engel & Lynne Schrot  
Beth Gileo & Grace Reynolds  
Glenna Outhouse  
& Joan Prentice  
Girl Scouts

**Hospitality**

Jean Engel  
Maxine Haigh  
Joan Prentice  
Grace Reynolds  
Kathy Schiavi

**Ushers**

Christopher Closi  
Laura DeMartino  
Pat Golanec  
Annette Reynolds  
Patricia Scozzari  
Debbie Vesuvio

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**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS  
NEEDED**

**Can you spare a little time to  
make a difference in the life  
of an older adult?**

**RideConnect**, a program of Family Services of Westchester, is an information, referral, and volunteer transportation program for older adults; age 60+, who can no longer drive. We are seeking volunteer drivers who are willing to provide occasional rides to our older adult neighbors. These rides enable our clients to remain active in their communities and to continue to lead fulfilling lives. Rides are typically to medical and dental

appointments, grocery shopping and other errands. ***Please consider giving the gift of mobility and independence.***

For more information, please call Marietta C. Manoni at [\(914\) 242-7433](tel:9142427433) or email to: [mmanoni@fsw.org](mailto:mmanoni@fsw.org)

## Lectionary Scripture Readings for the month of April, 2017

Sunday, April 2  
(Fifth Sunday in Lent)

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 16  
(Easter Day)

Acts 30:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4 or  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 23  
(Second Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:4a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 9  
(Passion/Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms:  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion:  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14-27, 66  
or 27:11-54

Sunday, April 30  
(Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

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### Sunday School Corner

*"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14 NIV*

March is definitely showing its "lion" side today, but by the time you read this, hopefully the weather will be more "lamb-like!" Sunday School attendance has been a bit down, due to cold and the winter storms. With the arrival of better weather however, we are praying for healthier numbers.

Lenten Services began on March 5. During the Children's Moment, Lisa Grace gave the first lesson using the beautiful Lenten banner. The first teaching square showed 2 sandals, representing Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. The next Lenten square, taught by Pastor Iwy, dealt with Jesus' teaching to Nicodemus about the Holy Spirit. All eyes, both young and old(er) were fixed on the felt square as Pastor taught about the third Person of the Trinity. Each week of Lent dealt with a different miracle in Jesus' ministry, beautifully illustrated in a felt square,

faithfully handcrafted by Joan Prentice. Thank you, Joan, for using your talents to help the children and all of us, see Jesus more clearly.

Thanks to the UMCSO families who brought their kids to the Lenten Bonfire that same cold night. We ate a meal together, then burned slips of paper on which we'd written our sins that we had asked God to forgive. Seeing the young faces in the firelight, I was struck with the truth that this would be a memory that the children would carry with them. God would help them to remember this church-family night, and the fact that He will truly forgive their sins, as they ask Him.

Thanks to the Middle School class, and to their teachers, Lisa Grace, Doug Gaylor and Kathy Schiavi, for the beautiful Lenten bulletin board in the hallway next to the office. We see the symbols of the Trinity and comforting words from Scripture as we rejoice in Jesus' victory over sin on Easter.

On Palm Sunday, April 9, Pastor Iwy will lead the children outside in a palm parade. Then, of course, the following Sunday, Easter, will be a day of joy as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. An Easter Egg Hunt is eagerly anticipated by our Sunday School youngsters. What fun! Many thanks to the upper grade classes for distributing the eggs in 'not so hidden' places.☺

How wonderful to have a church family with whom to mark these special days and teach our children their significance. Never to be forgotten are our Sunday School teachers, who have been faithfully teaching our children this quarter about Jesus' life, sacrifice, death and resurrection. May God bless each one.

Praying that you all have a beautiful and glorious Easter. Glory to God!

**Lynne**



**EASTER SUNDAY – April 16, 2017**

We will decorate our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies.

We trust that, as a member and friend, you will give these plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to provide a lily(s), please fill out this form and present to Grace Reynolds, Joan Prentice, the offering plate, or the Church office. Thank you.

**Orders must be received by SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017**

Plants are \$10.00 each. It would be helpful if your payment accompanied your order. Thanks in advance for helping to make our Sanctuary lovely on Easter! Please make checks payable to: "UMCSO". In the memo section of your check (bottom left) please indicate "Flowers".

WE WILL PROVIDE \_\_\_\_\_ PLANT(S)

Please print: name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) to be memorialized: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) to be honored: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call Grace Reynolds (914) 962-4944 or Joan Prentice (914) 629-4520.



**June 25, 2017**

**Celebrating the past, present and future of our Church**

**We are all part of the living history of the Church,  
come celebrate our heritage and help plan for the future.**

**150 years ago, our congregation had outgrown the original church built in 1787. After  
years of planning, they placed the cornerstone of our current building and further  
solidified our position in the community for centuries to come.**

**Join us in celebrating with a Church picnic, music, games  
and a historical display honoring our Church.**



Please note

Every Sunday is Food Sunday



# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> (Purple) 9:30a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Holy Communion After worship, Teachers Mtg. 12 - 1:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>3</b> <b>Women's Small Group</b> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i> <b>Trustees Meeting</b> 7:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Bible Studies:</b> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>5</b> <b>Small Group 1</b> 1:30-2:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>6</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> 11-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	<b>7</b> <b>Small Group 2</b> 10-11 am 10:00 am Cfc <i>GP Room</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Men's Group</b> 8-9:00 am <b>Small Group Leaders</b> 9:30 am <i>GP Room</i>
<b>9 Passion/Palm Sunday</b> (White or Gold) 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12 - 1:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>10</b> <b>Women's Small Group</b> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Bible Studies:</b> 10:00 am <i>Chapel</i> 8:00 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>12</b> <b>Small Group 1</b> 1:30-2:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>13</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> 11-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30 pm Soup & B. 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion Svc.	<b>14</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Prayer Vigil Noon-3 pm</b> <b>Small Group 2</b> 10-11 am 10:00 am Cfc <i>GP Room</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Easter Day</b> (White or Gold) 7:30 am Sunrise Service 10:30 am Worship "Chimes Deadline" 12 - 1:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>17</b> <b>Women's Small Group</b> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i> <b>Vision Table Mtg.</b> 7:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>18</b> <b>Bible Studies:</b> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>19</b> <b>Small Group 1</b> 1:30-2:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>20</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> 11-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i> <b>Men's Tres Dias</b> (April 20-23)	<b>21</b> <b>Small Group 2</b> 10-11 am 10:00 am Cfc <i>GP Room</i>	<b>22</b>  <b>LADIES TEA</b> 1:00 p.m. <i>GP Room</i>
<b>23 Second Sunday of Easter</b> (White or Gold) <b>Native American Ministries Sunday</b> 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship After worship, <b>New Members Class 1</b> After worship <b>Mission Comm. Mtg.</b> 12 - 1:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>24</b> <b>Women's Small Group</b> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Bible Studies:</b> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>26</b> <b>Small Group 1</b> 1:30-2:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> 11-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	<b>28</b> <b>Small Group 2</b> 10-11 am 10:00 am Cfc <i>GP Room</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Men's Grp. 8-9:00 am</b> <b>Small Group Leaders</b> 9:30 am <i>GP Room</i> 9-1:00 pm Praise Band Practice <i>Sanctuary</i> 5:00 pm Confirmation campfire
<b>30 Third Sunday of Easter</b> (White or Gold) 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship During Worship, Halos & <b>Walter Hoving</b> , lite lunch after worship 12 - 1:00 pm Choir Practice						