

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 UMCSO Church Family,

Journeys can often take a lot of us. Getting to the destination requires a lot of preparation, courage and energy. We have been on a 40-day journey this past season of Lent. The invitation on Ash Wednesday was to examine our lives and actions and see if they are pleasing to God and also turn away from the ways that we have fallen short in our efforts to follow Christ. This is not an easy endeavor. It takes courage to take an honest look at ourselves and acknowledge our sinfulness. As hard as it is to do this, we cannot go through Holy Week without facing our sin, which covered our Lord with a crown of thorns and left him bruised, bleeding and nailed to the cross.

For his journey to the cross, Christ prepared with prayer and maintained constant connection to God who provided him with the courage to do what needed to be done for our salvation. The steps were painful but Christ loved us enough to die for us. With that understanding, how can we not take the journey with our Lord to face our sin and repent? Christ knew that the resurrection was waiting at the end of the journey. This resurrection would open the door to our salvation and Jesus kept his eyes on this prize.

As we approach Holy Week to Easter, what is waiting for us at the end of our journey? Once we answer that question, Easter will no longer be just another day but a way of life. We will live in the light of the resurrection as Easter people and claim the good news of forgiveness and eternal life that Christ gives to us. Consider what is waiting for you at the end of the journey. To the secular world, the answer might be an Easter egg hunt or a new outfit, which are material and temporary. However, for us as followers of Christ, we rejoice in the news that our Savior has claimed victory over sin and invited us to share in his resurrection, which has eternal consequence.

If you have not accepted this good news of salvation in Christ, I invite you to do so now. If you are feeling lost on this road and need a reminder that God is with you on this journey, follow Christ through Holy Week and allow him to lead you to new life. Friends, the resurrection of our Lord is the greatest gift we could receive. I pray that each one of us may celebrate and hold tightly to the gift of salvation and trust in our Lord, who came so that we may have life in abundance. Let us celebrate the good news! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Join us for Holy Week Services:

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 25th, 10:30 am - Palm procession and dramatic reading of the Passion of Christ

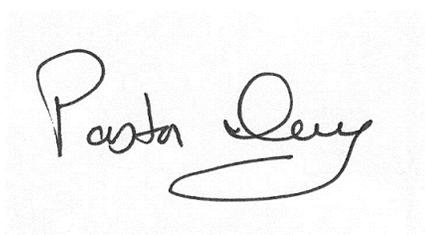
Maundy Thursday – March 29th, 7:00pm - Remembrance of the Last Supper of Christ
6:00pm - Soup and Bread dinner

Good Friday Vigil – March 30th, 12-3pm – Church open from 8am - 7pm

Easter Sunrise Service – April 1st, 7am (followed by a continental breakfast)

Easter Traditional Service – April 1st, 10:30am (with Egg Hunt after church)

In the light of Christ's resurrection,



UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Sunday, April 1st

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
with continental breakfast
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Friday, April 13th

7:00-9:30 pm Paint Party

Sunday, April 15th

After worship, Membership
Class 1 (open to everyone)

Wednesday, April 18th

7:00 pm Mission Statement
Meeting

Sunday, April 22nd

After worship, Class 2
(for those interested in
becoming a member)

Sunday, May 6th

During worship, receiving
new members

Saturday, April 21st

1:00 pm Ladies Tea

Sunday, April 29th

During worship, Walter
Hoving Home
After worship, lite lunch

Saturday, May 5th

Breakfast MNR to NYC

Friday, June 8th

MNR into NYC

Looking forward to seeing
you, your family and friends at
these special events.



WALTER HOVING HOME

On **Sunday, April 29th**, 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 General
Purpose Room. Please bring in
a dish to share with the
ladies. A sign up sheet is in the
GP Room.

Hank Schrot



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 25th

10:30 am *Worship Service*

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

Maundy Thursday

March 29th

6:00 pm *Soup/bread supper*

7:00 pm *Holy Communion
Service*

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

Good Friday, March 30th

12 Noon – 3:00 pm

*Prayer Vigil. Sanctuary will
be open from 8:00 am – 7:00
pm*

Easter Sunday – April 1st

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

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



RESCHEDULED DATE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018 12:00 NOON

The World Day of Prayer will
be held at our church in 2018
and we have chosen to hold it
on Saturday, instead of the
usual Friday, in hopes that
more people will be able to
attend. Following the hour-
long service, we will have a
pot trust lunch.

World Day of Prayer is a
worldwide ecumenical
movement of Christian women
of many traditions who come
together to observe a common
day of prayer. The service lifts
up issues of mission, justice
and peace that are important
to a specific country. The
writers of this year's service
are from Suriname in South
America and the theme of the
service is "ALL God's Creation
Is Very Good!"

Please come and join us and
our sisters and brothers from
neighboring churches.



We will be receiving new
members at UMCSO
on **Sunday, May 6th**. Prior to
this, we will be holding two
classes after worship
on **April 15th and April
22nd**.

CLASS 1: Sunday, April 15th - this class is open to everyone who wants a refresher on the basics of Christianity.

CLASS 2: Sunday April 22nd - this class is for those people interested in becoming a member of UMCSO. A light lunch will be provided after this meeting.

Please speak with Maxine Haigh or Pastor Iwy if you are interested in attending either or both of these classes. Thank you.



BREAKFAST MIDNIGHT RUN

We will be taking our older Sunday school classes on our **third Breakfast Midnight Run on Saturday May 5th**. 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 shirts 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 23rd, so the Sunday school classes can pack the bags.

On Friday June 8th, we will be doing our spring evening Midnight Run. We have an ample supply of clothing. At this time we are in need of men's gently used jeans, shoes, backpacks, and hats. At this time we do not need any ladies clothing. A sign up sheet will be posted in the breezeway after our breakfast run.

Thank you for sharing and caring!

Linda Hoernes



LEST' WE FORGET

Edith Louise Chadwick
Passed away January 22, 2019. Wife of A. Kent Chadwick of Shrub Oak, NY

Please continue to pray for the Chadwick and Suessenbach families.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please note the following change in the directory:

Maj. Daniel & Karen Guinan
4327 Rustic Wagon
San Antonio, TX 78253-5763

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
- Pat Golanec 15
- Sean Hickey 15
- Phyllis Maskiell 15
- Len Lindholm 16
- Verna Kwaitkowski 18
- Payton Britt 19
- Sean Latasa 19
- 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



Acolytes

- Michael Antonucci
- Chris Closi
- Laura Donovan
- Patti Scozzari
- Debbie Vesuvio

Audio Visual

- Marilyn Bucher
- Cliff Cullum
- Dom Schiavi
- Evan Yatri

Chimes

- Jean Engel
- June Willis

Coffee Hour Hosts

- Friends of the Church
- Bill Carlock & Lee Norman

Susan Crookston
& Joan Prentice
James Pinto
& Dylan Matthews

Communications
Marilyn Bucher

Communion Elements
Patricia Scozzari
Debbie Vesuvio

Greeters
Dianne Benincasa
& Grace Reynolds
Jill Clockadale & Linda Purcell
Susan Crookston
& Joan Prentice
Beth Gilleo & Don Hoffmann

Hospitality
Jean Engel
Maxine Haigh
Joan Prentice

Grace Reynolds
Kathy Schiavi

Ushers
Michael Antonucci
Chris Clossi
Pat Golanec
Carolyn Matthews
Doreen Matthews
Annette Reynolds
Joy Santaroni
Patti Scozzari
Debbie Vesuvio



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS
(for the month of April)

Sunday, April 1
(Easter Day)

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, April 22
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Sunday, April 8
(Second Sunday of Easter)

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2, 2:2
John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 29
(Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Sunday, April 15
(Third Sunday of Easter)
(Native American Ministries Sunday)

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

"He is risen; He has risen just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay." Matthew 28: 6

We will end March with Palm Sunday and a wonderful Palm Parade! Then we enter into Holy Week which leads to our Lord's crucifixion for the forgiveness of our sins. We, parents and teachers, need to share the difficulty of this week with our children so that they can better understand the true glory of Easter and the rising of our Savior.

April begins with Easter Sunday. A glorious day! Led by Pastor Iwy our children will complete the Easter banner with the picture of Jesus with hands raised in victory over death. After service our younger children will participate in our traditional egg hunt. The eggs are hidden by our MS and HS classes. This is a wonderful church family tradition.

In May, our Sunday school children will be working on preparations for our Breakfast Run scheduled for **Saturday May 5th**. A box will be decorated and placed in the breezeway for donations of dark colored Tee shirts in sizes Large and X-Large, and socks. This event is an amazing opportunity for the Holy Spirit to help our youth to realize and nurture their mission spirit. God uses our children to pass along His love to others.

Youth group continues with regular attendance despite the snow. Lunch, donated each week by different members of our church family, fills our children physically while the discussion during their meeting offers spiritual food and fellowship. The planned movie event was enjoyed by all who went. Opportunities are available to provide lunch (coordinated by Kathy Schiavi) or be the third adult and assist with group. Please let Cory or Lisa Casey know if you are interested. (914-907-8665)

God's blessings on each of you and your families during this blessed season.

Your Sunday School Teachers

NOTE FROM OUR LAY LEADER – DIANNE BENINCASA

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Soul singer Lionel Ritchie was once deeply impacted by a speech in which his father had honored his mother, on their 37th wedding anniversary. In his speech, Ritchie Senior had lovingly thanked his wife for sticking by him through the ups and downs of life. Thinking about what his father had said Lionel thought, "What a great story because I pass through my house every day and I don't say thank you. I just take for granted that certain things be done". That speech moved him to compose one of his best loved songs, 'Three Times a Lady'.

How much we too forget to be thankful to God for the blessings He gives us. We often take them for granted. Have you ever really thanked Jesus for dying on the cross for YOU? He loves us, just as we are, with all our faults.

As I was reflecting recently over this psalm, the Lord reminded me of how He had brought deliverance through trials, guidance in difficult situations. He protects us from attacks of the enemy and individual blessings to each of our family members. So much to be thankful for!

May we truly learn to be thankful to God every day!

Prayer – *Lord, may we never forget all the blessings You have given us. We ask for your help to be thankful today and every day through a prayer or a song of praise, especially now during this Easter Season. Amen.*

Every Drop Changes Lives



“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”
(John 7: 37-38)

Supporting our Youth – ASP Mission 2018

The mission team will be raising money to support our youth as they serve in mission with ASP (Appalachia Service Project). Remembering how Christ has given us living water, we have given out water bottles. Once you have enjoyed the refreshing water, fill the bottle with your spare dimes. We will be collecting the bottles with your donations by **June 1st**.

Serving and giving are two verbs that describe the essence of the Christian life.

Jesus went over to the collection box in the Temple and sat and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two pennies. He called his disciples to him and said, *“I assure you, this poor widow has given more than all the others have given. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has.”* Mark 12:42-44.

This widow simply gave what she had. She wasn't waiting for anything. Actually, according to Jesus, giving and receiving works opposite to what we naturally think. We think, *“Once I receive, I will start giving.”* Jesus said, *“Give and you will receive. Be faithful with the little that you have and I will give you more.”*

A widow once brought a little offering to the temple, but in Jesus' economy, she out gave the wealthy, because she gave all she had.

STOP.... THINK..... take a look at the Living Water bottle. Did you receive and drink the water? How many dimes are in the bottle, two... twenty? Let's try a little harder to get those bottle filled. Help someone fill their dream and go on a mission trip this year. God will bless you and you shall receive your reward.

Lord, make the subject of my thinking someone other than me for a change. Make me aware of others. Help me to think about those around me before I think of myself. And help me to learn to give, not like those who are wealthy that I so often envy, but like this poor widow, who, according to you, knew the true measure of giving.

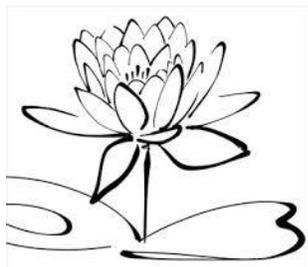
- Dianne Benincasa

Mission Statement Meeting – Wednesday, April 18th, 7pm

We are continuing to fine tune our mission statement. Please join us on April 18th at 7pm to continue this work. Below is the statement we have come up with so far. Please pray daily for God's spirit to help us discern how to follow Christ's commission to make disciples for our Lord.

UMCSO Working Mission Statement

Through Jesus, we seek to grow in a relationship with God and one another through worship, prayer and study. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we live our lives in a way that reflects Jesus and makes disciples.



Paint Party

Friday, April 13th, 7 – 9:30pm

Would you like to join your friends and family for our FIRST EVER Paint Party at UMCSO? If so, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the GP Room.

You will learn how to celebrate the beauty of God's creation as you create your own original painting of a Lotus Flower.

The cost is \$40/person. Checks made out to "Cash" or cash itself should be given to Annette Reynolds. Annette can also answer any questions you may have. If you want to participate, you must let Annette know no later than April 6th. Email:

someday12@optonline.net. Phone: 914-474-4033.

Getting to know our Organist – Dr. Alexandra Beliakovich Skhoda

Alexandra Beliakovich is a versatile Belarusian-American pianist and educator. As a performer, she appeared with the Belarusian Symphony, Belarusian Chamber Orchestra, Cincinnati and Manhattan School of Music Philharmonic Orchestras, Havana Symphony Orchestra and as recitalist in Belarus, China, Cuba, Japan, Poland, Spain and the USA. Alexandra was a prize winner in several piano competitions; she won First Prize at the Klaviermusik International Competition in Vilnius, Lithuania, Second Prize at the Fourth International Piano Competition in Panama and Second Prize at the World Piano Competition 2011. Alexandra's recent engagements include concerto performances with the Havana Symphony Orchestra in Cuba, where her performances of Gershwin's Concerto in F and Beethoven's Concerto No. 5 won critical acclaim. As a soloist, she has also been featured on a WQXR radio broadcast.

Alexandra is also a devout chamber musician, having performed with many fine musicians including Howard Aibel, Gilbert Kalish and Anastasia Khitruk. Alexandra has participated in the Yellow Barn Music Festival in Vermont and the Bowdoin Chamber Music Festival in Maine, where she performed some of the most adventurous traditional and contemporary chamber music compositions. She has also performed as an organist and harpsichordist – both as a soloist and in an ensemble, and pursues an interest in composition.

Some of Alexandra's latest performances involve lecturing as well as performing. Her most recent performance project (which was part of her Doctoral research project) was a lecture-recital on the topic of "Encores of the Golden Age of Pianism." Alexandra is committed to exploring the undiscovered or unjustly forgotten piano miniatures. She frequently includes such pieces in her concert programs, or creates entire lecture-recital programs consisting of encore pieces.

From 2004 to 2006, Alexandra was an Advanced Student of piano and organ under Jury Gildiuk at the Belarusian State Academy of Music. She has since earned her Master's and Doctoral Degrees from the Manhattan School of Music where she studied with Solomon Mikowsky.

We are blessed to have Alexandra as our organist! If you would like more information, please visit Alexandra's website at <http://alexandrabeliakovich.com/>.

Listed below are upcoming performances where you can enjoy Alexandra's talents:

April 15, 2018:

"The Revolutionaries: An Evening of Intrepid Piano Music",
Solo Recital at The Chapel Restoration, 4PM
45 Market St, Cold Spring, NY 10516

April 28 and April 29, 2018:

Performances with the Taghkanic Chorale. Visit www.taghkanicchorale.org for details.

June 24, 2018:

Solo recital at the United Methodist Church of Shrub Oak. Visit www.umcso.com for more information.

Every Sunday is Food Sunday



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Easter Sunday (White or Gold) Communion Sunday 7:00 am <u>Sunrise Service followed by a Continental Breakfast</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> After worship, <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> 12-1:00 pm <u>Choir practice</u></p>	<p>2 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i></p> <p><u>Trustees Mtg.</u> 7:30 pm</p>	<p>3 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>4 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>5 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i></p>	<p>6 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>CfC</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>7 <u>Men's Group</u> 8-9:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am <i>Upstairs</i></p> <p><u>World Day of Prayer</u> 12:00 Noon</p>
<p>8 2nd Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> 12-1:00 pm <u>Choir practice</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group – Upper Room</u></p>	<p>9 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>10 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>11 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>12 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i></p>	<p>13 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>CfC</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i> <u>Paint Party</u> 7:00-9:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 3rd Sunday of Easter(White or Gold) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> After worship, <u>New members Class 1</u> 12-1:00 pm <u>Choir practice</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group Upper Room</u></p>	<p>16 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i></p> <p><u>Vision Table</u> 7:30 pm <i>GP Rm</i></p>	<p>17 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>18 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm <i>GP Room</i> <u>Mission State. Mtg.</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i></p>	<p>20 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>CfC</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>21 <u>Men's Group</u> 8-9:00 am <i>GP Room</i> <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am <i>GP Room</i> <u>Ladies Tea</u> 1:00 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>
<p>22 4th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> After worship, <u>New members Class 2</u> 12-1:00 pm <u>Choir practice</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group Upper Room</u></p>	<p>23 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>24 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>25 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>26 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i></p>	<p>27 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>CfC</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i></p>	<p>28 <u>Confirmation Test & Credo Due</u> 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>29 5th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> During worship, <u>Walter Hoving</u> After worship, <u>Lite Lunch</u> 12-1:00 pm <u>Choir practice</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group - Upper Room</u></p>	<p>30 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i></p>					