

Through Jesus, we strive to GROW in our relationship with God through Worship, Prayer and Study. Guided by the Holy Spirit we seek to make Christ's love known as we CONNECT and SERVE others.

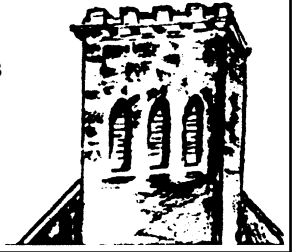
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"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

The Chimes

Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri, Pastor



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Dear UMCSO Family,

Summer is one of my favorite seasons as we look forward to vacations and family gatherings. One of the things we celebrate in summer is freedom on July 4th with fireworks and BBQ's. There is much fanfare as we remember that we are free with the ability to make our decisions and choices.

Yet, even as we celebrate our freedom, there are many of us who are imprisoned by addiction, anger, resentment, greed, fear, depression and hopelessness. Some people feel there is no way to break these chains and they feel weighed down by them. No one plans to be a prisoner of such things. In fact, these things are insidious and creep up on us gradually; sometimes starting from a young age.

For example, there are studies about how smoking starts from a young age where kids do it out of curiosity and wanting to be "cool" because everyone else does it. Once the habit forms, it becomes hard to break free. In fact, there are many habits that start at a young age.

On Honors Sunday, our middle school youth presented a puppet show titled "Do Unto Others" illustrating Jesus' command to love others. It started with a simple encounter where one youth picks on another youth. Thankfully, the youth changed their behavior after realizing the way they treated the other youth. This is important because when this behavior is left unchecked, it starts becoming a habit and begins to control the person.

We are often quick to point out to our kids the importance of making good choices, being honest, kind and God fearing, but don't often take the time to look at our behavior at home or at work. Friends, let us take a honest look at whether we are free in our spirits. Christ came to free us from the bondage of sin and death. If you feel burdened and shackled

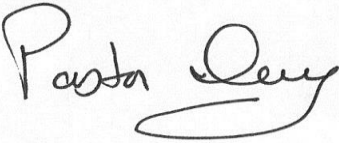
by things of this world, let Christ free you so that you can enjoy not only this life but the eternal life to come.

As we reflect upon true freedom, not just that of our country, but freedom of our souls, we need to look to Jesus. Through honest reflection, if you find that you are imprisoned by things beyond your control, then hear the words of Paul to the Galatians: “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

It can start with inviting Christ into your heart and life. Ask him to free you from whatever you are facing. Change the old way you have lived and wait for the Holy Spirit to enter your life and transform you from the inside out! The Good News is that it is never too late for God, who creates out of nothing, who redeems us in Christ and sustains us through the Holy Spirit.

Once we accept Christ as our Savior, let us look for ways to serve and care for one another in love as our Lord has commanded us to do.

In Christ,



Pastor Deey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 14th

12-4:00 p.m. Youth BBQ with District Youth groups in local area

Sunday, July 22nd

12:30-2:00 p.m.
JV Mall – Christmas in July

August 24th – 25th

Summer Camp Out

Saturday, October 27th

Basket Bonanza

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOCAL MISSION PARTICIPATION!

On Monday, June 18th, I delivered 26 special gift bags to Head Start for their “graduating Head Start preschoolers”. Thirteen of the bags contained a new outfit for the child’s first day of Kindergarten in September. The other thirteen bags contained school supplies for each child.

Thank you to every one that took a name and shopped for your special child.

The staff at Head Start was delighted and overwhelmed by the beautiful gift bags and our generosity to their children. Laura Amato, the social worker, stated, “Shrub Oak Methodist Church is so generous and caring. Thank you for all you do

for our children and their families. The children will be thrilled with their new school clothes and the school supplies are so needed by these families. Your church and congregation are a tremendous blessing to our Center.”

How good it is to meet needs and bring smiles right in our own neighborhoods!

May God continue to graciously bless you as you reach out to those in need.

Sharon Krueger



CHANGES TO UMC SO CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please note the following change in the directory:

Edith (Edie) Rudy

The Country House
2000 Baldwin Road
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
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HOVING HOME DONATIONS

The Finance Committee is happy to report that after the worship service featuring the Hoving Home Sounds of Life Choir on April 29, we received donations totaling \$1,555 for the Hoving Home ministry. The

Missions Committee added \$350.00 for sponsorship of one lady for one year; thus the total sent was \$1,905. We have received a "Thank You" receipt from the Hoving Home president, Beth Greco, who closes her note with, "I, along with each of our Ladies and staff send our special love and thanks."



July Birthdays

Alan Fennell	2
Kelley Horton	3
Felicia Robcke	3
Connie Vollmer	3
Simon Arias	4
Stephanie Reynolds	4
Asha SundeepThomas	5
Beverly Goodman	6
Dolsen Eccles	8

Jareath Martin	8
Daryl Lindholm	10
Mike Mancusi	10
Joseph Maskiell, Jr.	10
Lisa Grace	11
Barbara Reed	11
Cori Hickey	12
Agata Shkoda	12
Peter Hoernes	13
Jake Jesu Indra	13
Emily Spina	14
Kris Hartnett	15
Stephanie Speedling	15
Enock Yatri	15
Christopher Grace	16
Joya Chakravarty	18
Poshia Jesu Indra	20
Riquerma Arias	24
Jeannette Chamberlain	27
Bill Carlock	29
Linda Purcell	30
Jo Ann Stokes	30
Evan Yatri	31



July Anniversaries

Pat & Larry Watkins	3
Lisa & Al Will	4
Lynne & Hank Schrot	30
Tina & Marty Costello	31



August Birthdays

Marissa Montaldo	2
Anaya Diaz	3
Maria Webb	3
Fran Davies	4
Jonathan Goodman	6
Jennifer Carlson	8
Laura Walls	13
Rachel Ward Pinto	13
Antonia Supino	14
Susan Crookston	15
Mary Vance	15
Kaitlyn Will	15

Christian Carpenter	16
Kevin Thomas	17
Simon Libfeld	18
Charles Twoguns	19
Shianne Twoguns	20
Erika Costello	21
Chad Golanec	21
Charles Horton	23
Joy Santaroni	25
Alice Fennell	26
Stephanie Keblinger	27
Keith Weed	27
Mary Lou Gladwell	30



August Anniversaries

Kelly & Michael Barnett,II	1
Alice & Alan Fennell	2
Doreen & James Matthews	4
Leslie & Peter Sutton	6
Phyllis & Joseph Maskiell,Jr.	8
Janice & Mark Allen	17
Mary Lou & Terry Gladwell	24
Tawyanna & Daryl Francis	25
Bjorg & Rev. Jim Davis	29



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

Acolytes

Michael Antonucci
Donovan Matthews
Sophia Stella

Audio Visual

Marilyn Bucher
Cliff Cullum
Dom Schiavi
Evan Yatri

Chimes

Jean Engel
June Willis

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jill Clockadale
Parsonage Open House
Honor's Day Picnic

Communications

Marilyn Bucher

Communion Elements

Patricia Scozzari

Debbie Vesuvio

Greeters

Dianne Benincasa

& Grace Reynolds

Bill Carlock
& Jean Engel

Bill Carlock
& Mureil Carpenter
Muriel Carpenter & Jill
Clockadale

Hospitality

Jean Engel
Maxine Haigh

Grace Reynolds
Kathy Schiavi

Ushers

Bill Carlock
Pat Golanec
Annette Reynolds
Joy Santaroni
Patricia Scozzari
Debbie Vesuvio

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Jesus said: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul.” Matthew 11:29

We have concluded our Sunday school year with a glorious Honors Day service. The youth were wonderful and made a lot of joyful noises to the Lord. I truly hope you were there to enjoy the singing, music and puppet show! We followed with a picnic. There was a lot of delicious food, as always! Hot dogs and hamburgers were grilled to perfection by our teachers Peter, Doug and Russ. Thanks to Logan Gaylor who came early to get things cooking in a timely manner. The weather was sunny and hot so the water balloons were the most fun, thanks be to God!



The reason this Sunday School program works is because we have amazing volunteers. Please let me take this opportunity to thank each of our teachers, substitutes, and youth coordinators. Several of our teachers have been speaking during service in an effort to enlist more of the congregation in a teacher role. Please pray about this and see if the Holy Spirit is encouraging you to join us.

There are many references in the Bible about resting. On the seventh day of creation we know God rested. Jesus often took time away to pray and rest. It is nice to have some of our regular time commitments take a break, but as this summer gets underway let us keep Jesus in our daily life, and lean on Him. We continue to thank God for our many blessings.

Your Sunday School Teachers

Bible 101 Basics

July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st & August 7th

I am pleased to see that there is an interest from many of you in learning more about basics of the books of the Bible!

Most respondents preferred a time of 10:00-11:30 am; but we also had several responses asking for an evening session. In an effort to accommodate those who might be working during the day and unable to come at 10:00 am, I would like to know if those who requested the morning session, would be able to come in the evening instead.

_____ **Even though I prefer the 10am, I can attend the 6pm session**

_____ **I prefer the 10am time and cannot attend the evening sessions**

Thank you for your responses. I look forward to meeting with you all soon.

Pastor Iwy

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY!
JULY 22, 2018 FROM 12:30-2:00 PM
JEFFERSON VALLEY MALL
(2nd Floor near Dick's Sporting Goods)**



Come sing Christmas carols along with us and learn about how we help to provide some Christmas cheer to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child, www.samaritanspurse.org. Guaranteed to brighten your day!

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

(for the month of July)

Sunday, July 1
(6th Sunday After Pentecost)

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Sunday, July 8
(7th Sunday After Pentecost)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 15
(8th Sunday After Pentecost)

2 Samuel 6:1-5
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 22
(9th Sunday After Pentecost)

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-12
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 29
(10th Sunday After Pentecost)

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

(for the month of August)

Sunday, August 5
(11th Sunday After Pentecost)

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 12
(12th Sunday After Pentecost)

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 19
(13th Sunday After Pentecost)

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 26
(14th Sunday After Pentecost)

1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Every Sunday is Food Sunday



July 2018

PLEASE NOTE: PASTOR IWY IS ON VACATION FROM JULY 30TH TO AUGUST 19TH.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6 th Sunday After Pentecost (White) Holy Communion Sunday 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group</u> <i>Upper Room</i>	2 Trustee's will resume meeting in September.	3	4  Fourth of July	5	6 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i>	7 <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>
8 7 th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> After worship, Confirmation Informational meeting	9 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	10 (Bible Study – timing to be announced.)	11 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	12 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	13 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i>	14 12-4:00 p.m. Youth BBQ with District Youth Groups in Local Area
15 8 th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u>	16 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	17 (Bible Study – timing to be announced.)	18 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 am <i>GP Room</i>	19 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	20 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i>	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>
22 9 th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> 12:30-2:00 pm Christmas in July at JV Mall	23 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	24 (Bible Study – timing to be announced.)	25 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 am <i>GP Room</i>	26 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	27 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i>	28
29 10 th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) Holy Communion Sunday 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group</u> <i>Upper Room</i>	30 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	31 (Bible Study – timing to be announced.)				

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August 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i>	4 <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>
5 11 th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u>	6 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i> Trustees will resume meeting in September.	7 (Bible Study – timing to be announced.)	8 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	9 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	10 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i>	11
12 12 th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group</u> <i>Upper Room</i>	13 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	14	15 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 am <i>GP Room</i>	16 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	17 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i>	18 <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>
19 13 th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u>	20 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	21	22 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 am <i>GP Room</i>	23 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	24 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i> <u>Summer Camp Out:</u>	25 8/24 – 8/25
26 14 th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> After worship, Youth Group Planning Meeting. 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group</u> <i>Upper Room</i>	27 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm <i>GP Room</i>	28	29 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 am <i>GP Room</i>	30 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am <i>Chapel</i>	31 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am <i>GP Room</i>	