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"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

The Chimes

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PLEASE RESPOND

Dear Church Family,

We will be switching to an electronic (website and MailChimp) format for the Chimes in the summer.

Please let us know (umcso.ny@gmail.com or 914 245-4682) by **June 1st** if you prefer to receive a hard copy of the Chimes.

If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you prefer electronic versus a hard copy.

If you need assistance in accessing the website or MailChimp, please contact Marilyn Bucher at marilynbucher@optonline.net or (914) 528-3793.

Thank you for responding.

Dear UMCSO Family,

It is a blessing to see signs of Spring peeking through the long winter we have experienced. The snow has melted, there are buds on trees and bulbs waiting to bloom in the coming days. Even though I knew that these things were going to happen, it felt like the winter would never end. However, I am grateful for changes because this reminds me that God is working in ways we do not see but if we wait, we will see the fruits in God's timing.

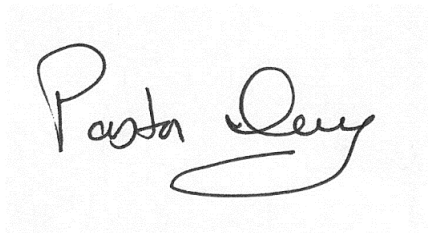
At UMCSO, I am excited to see the fruits of Christ working in and through us. On the first Sunday in May, in addition to sharing Holy Communion, we will baptize two youth and receive five new members. What a blessing it is to celebrate the sacred moments of grace in Baptism and Communion that Christ put into place so that we would remember the gift of forgiveness of sins and restoration to the family of God! It

is important to remember that our forgiveness of sins came at a high cost to Christ. And so, as a church we take seriously our commitment to share the good news of Christ and make disciples for our Lord.

In the United Methodist Church, we often celebrate infant baptisms in which parents share vows to raise their child in the knowledge and love of Christ. It will be a special privilege to baptize our youth on May 6th as they make for themselves the decision to accept Christ their Lord and Savior. As a church family, I can imagine that each one of us played a role in helping them to come to this moment of baptism and seeing Christ work through us. The same can be said for those who will be joining as new members on May 6th. In our first session with those interested in joining, they shared how God has been working in their lives and how they felt welcomed by this church family. Through this experience, they are now ready to join and become a part of the body of Christ at UMCSO.

In addition to celebrating baptism and receiving new members, on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, we will confirm seven youth who have been part of a two-year confirmation journey. They have embarked on this with their parents, mentors and the church family. Through retreats, classes, hands-on ministry activities and participation in the life of the church, these youth have learned about who Christ is and what he has done for them. God has worked through the seemingly small interactions that you have had with these folks to affirm their decision to become a part of God's family at UMCSO. And so, I thank you, for allowing God's Holy Spirit to work through you to make disciples for Christ. Let us continue to look for ways that God can use us to share Christ's message of grace and salvation!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Deey". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 29th

During worship, Walter Hoving Home; after worship, lite lunch

Saturday, May 5th

Breakfast MNR to NYC

Sunday, May 6th

During worship, baptisms and receiving new members

Sunday, May 20th

Pentecost/Confirmation

Sunday, May 27th

After worship, Annual Report Meeting

Friday, June 8th

MNR into NYC

Sunday, June 17th

Honor's Day with picnic

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



BREAKFAST MIDNIGHT RUN

Saturday, May 5th

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 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 23rd, so the Sunday school classes can pack the bags.

Thank you for sharing and caring!

Linda Hoernes



We will be baptizing and receiving new members at UMCSO on Sunday, May 6th.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 20th

We will be confirming 7 youth during worship. They have faithfully participated in the two-year confirmation program as they learned about their faith.

Join us in celebrating our youth.



REPORTS DUE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Report meeting is scheduled for **May 27th**. In preparation for this meeting, we will be gathering reports and preparing the Annual Report booklet. The **deadline for submitting these reports is May 13th**. At this meeting we will receive reports from all the committees including our Finances. When preparing your report, please use 1" margins and e-mail to umcso.ny@gmail.com by May 13th. Please do not paginate your report.



MIDNIGHT RUN

Friday, June 8th

Another Midnight Run into New York City delivering food, toiletries, clothing & fellowship will be on **Friday June 8th**. At this time we do not need any women's clothing. We are pretty well set for men's clothing but

could use some jeans, sizes 36, 38 and 40. We also need men's lightweight sweatshirts. We are always in need of sneakers and backpacks.

We have opportunities for everyone to help. We need food and clothing, supplies, people to help make lunches (**Friday June 8th, 7pm in the GP room**), sort clothing (**Wednesday June 6th at 10:00 am in the GP room**), as well as people to go on the run.

There is a sign up sheet and collection box in the breezeway for toiletries items, new socks, new underwear and food items. Please check it out as there are many openings and see how you can be part of this mission.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Linda Hoernes

CHANGES TO UMCSO CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please note the following changes in the directory:

Debbie Ruth Mancusi
Cell: 930-9904

Michael Mancusi
Cell: 221-8753

Ken Meiselbach*
771 Rees Road
Fairfield, CT 06824
Tel: (203) 292-7388
(Brother Cliff's home/tel.)

*Ken Meiselbach's home at 3569 Dane Street, Shrub Oak, NY is up for sale. If anyone is interested, please contact Ken's daughter Jane Lucas at (845) 636-8968.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Lockhart	1
Nicolas Uribe	1
Lisa Casey	3
Sundee Thomas	3
Logan Gaylor	4
Terry Gladwell	5
Brent Horton	7
Laura Nicole DeMartino	8
Charlotte Hocker	8
Eric Coleman	9
Richard Haigh, Jr.	11
Siona Jesu Indra	13
Karla Ruth	15
Art Shkoda	15
Ken Meiselbach	17
Joshua Moore	17
Rev. Jacob Dharmaraj	18
Doug Empson	18
Derek Gilbert	19
Kimberly Costello	20
Brandon Dwyer	20
Michael Will	20
Mary Washburn	21
Sharon Krueger	23
Jackson Twoguns	23
Billy Geis	24
Jamal Neal-Young	24
Victor Chung	25
John Neal-Young	26
Kathy Schiavi	26
Debbie Haigh	27
Kim Ryder	27
Eric Uribe	28
James Horton	31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Darrah and Michael Walls	6
Anto & Poshia Jesu Indra	22
Rev. Raj & Glory Dharmaraj	25
Sharon & John Krueger	31

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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

Acolytes

Michael Antonucci

Chris Closi
Laura DeMartino
Donovan Matthews
Patti Scozzari
Sophia Stella

Audio Visual

Marilyn Bucher
Cliff Cullum
Dom Schiavi
Evan Yatri

Chimes

Jean Engel
June Willis

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bill Carlock & Lee Norman
Susan Crookston
& Joan Prentice
Friends of the Church
Jean Engel & Linda Hoernes
Joan Prentice
Annette Reynolds
Trustees

Communications

Marilyn Bucher

Communion Elements

Patricia Scozzari
Debbie Vesuvio

Greeters

Dianne Benincasa
& Jean Engel
Muriel Carpenter
& June Willis
Grace Reynolds
& Lynne Schrot

Hospitality

Jean Engel
Maxine Haigh
Joan Prentice
Grace Reynolds
Kathy Schiavi

Ushers

Laura DeMartino
Pat Golanec
Annette Reynolds
Marissa Montaldo
Joy Santaroni
Patricia Scozzari
Debbie Vesuvi

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

"Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'" Luke 24: 45-47

Sunday, April 29 the middle school and high school classes will remain in the sanctuary as the ladies from the Walter Hoving Home join us again to raise their voices, and give testimony to what God has done in their lives. Our younger Sunday school classes will meet as usual.

We are blessed. And we plan to begin the month of May sharing our blessings with some of the people in NYC. Our Breakfast Run will take place **Saturday, May 5, 2018**. Griddles, pancake mix, scrambled eggs and other amazing breakfast offerings will have headed to an assigned site in the city. The best part will be that the youth (along with parents and Sunday School teachers) will cook and serve breakfast. The goal is to serve 100. Backpacks with some personal care items will also be given out. Prayerfully the weather will cooperate. Please continue contributions of tooth brushes, trial size shampoos, tee shirts, and socks for the success of this youth mission. Thank you to all who work to make this event possible. Special 'Thanks!' to Linda Hoernes for coordinating, and shopping for this event.

Our blessings continue this month with Confirmation of 7 of our young adults. **May 20, 2018** we will confirm these kids who have put in much time and effort for two years to understand their beliefs and grow in their faith. Please join us for a cake to celebrate their commitment at coffee hour after service.

Looking forward - **Honors Day will be June 17** with a picnic to follow. This is always a wonderful end to our Sunday School year with the youth leading the service. Hamburgers and hotdogs for all! Please plan to stay.

Let us take advantage of opportunities to witness to Christ's love and saving grace. Teaching our children by example works. Open our minds and hearts to see these opportunities and be of service as Christ demonstrated to us.

Your Sunday School Teachers

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

(for the month of May)

Sunday, May 6
(Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 10:44-49
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 13
(Seventh Sunday of Easter)
(Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day)

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 20
(Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 27
(Trinity Sunday)
(Peace and Justice Sunday)

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

NOTE FROM OUR LAY LEADER – DIANNE BENINCASA

When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.” Exodus 17:12

God created us for relationship. He made us to be dependent on each other. We were never meant to live life alone. Just as the different parts of a body are dependent on one another to work most efficiently, we need each other — especially during the most difficult times.

I have a friend who is currently battling metastatic cancer. Like all who have gone through times of despair where perseverance is vital, she is in great need for people to come around her and hold her up with encouragement and support. I sometimes just can't find the words to help her get through this devastating time in her life, so I come to YOU, my family to support. To feel alone and abandoned while fighting your own internal war is an overwhelming and frightening feeling. Just as Moses had friends to surround him and help anchor him for the sake of victory, we are called to do the same for those around us who need to be lifted up. So I am asking my church family to lift Sue up in prayer as we list those whose names appear weekly in the Sunday bulletin. She wants so much to see her daughter run the marathon in Japan next year and see my son get ordained.

We should also be willing to ask others to lift us up when needed. There is a tendency to isolate ourselves during challenging periods in our lives. It is the enemy's goal to make us believe that we are alone in our circumstances and that we don't have anybody who will come along side us and “*hold up our hands.*” This is so we'll lose hope. Remember, we were never meant to “*go it alone.*” It may be hard, but reach out so you, too can be held up in your battles, just like Moses and my friend.

Father God, thank you that I am not alone and for being my ultimate source of strength to endure what my best friend is going through. Help me to be the kind of friend that people can lean on during their times of difficulty so they can feel your presence around them and have a sense of hope and victory in their situation. Amen.

" Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take - but by the moments that take our breath away.

Dianne

UMCSO Paint Party

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. (Psalm 104:24)



On Friday, April 13th, 7pm, we gathered in the GP Room to paint God's beautiful creation of the Lotus. Twelve folks joined in the fun as we painted the flower reflecting our individuality as shown in the picture above. We left the event appreciating the never ending creativity of our God who has made each one of us uniquely and perfectly in God's image.

Every Sunday is Food Sunday



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm GP Room	2 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm GP Room	3 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am Chapel	4 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am GP Room	5 <u>a.m. Breakfast Run</u> into NYC <u>Men's Group</u> 8-9:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am Upstairs <u>Youth Group</u> Moonlight Bowling
6 6 th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> <u>New Members Sunday and Baptisms</u> 12-1:00 pm <u>Choir practice</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group Upper Room</u>	7 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm GP Room <u>Trustees</u> 7:30 pm GP Room	8 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am Upstairs 8:00 pm GP Room	9 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm GP Room	10 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am Chapel	11 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am GP Room	12 <u>Confirmation Class</u> Bishop's Rally 9:00 am UMC POK <u>Board of Laity</u> 9-12 Noon GP Room
13 7 th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day 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>	14 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm GP Room	15 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm GP Room	16 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm GP Room	17 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am Chapel	18 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am GP Room	19 <u>Men's Group</u> 8-9:00 am GP Room <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am GP Room
20 Pentecost (Red) 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> During worship, <u>Confirmation</u> 12-1:00 pm <u>Choir practice</u>	21 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm GP Room <u>Vision Table</u> 7:30 pm GP Room	22 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm GP Room	23 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm GP Room	24 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am Chapel	25 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am GP Room	26
27 Trinity Sunday (White) Peace with Justice Sunday 9:30 am <u>Adult Sunday School</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship</u> After worship, <u>Annual Report Meeting</u> 12-1:00 pm <u>Choir practice</u> 12-2:00 pm <u>Youth Group Upper Room</u>	28 Memorial Day <u>Women's Small Group</u> 6:30 pm GP Room	29 <u>Bible Study:</u> 10:00 am & 8:00 pm GP Room	30 <u>Small Group 1</u> 10:30-11:30 pm GP Room	31 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00-11:30 am Chapel		