

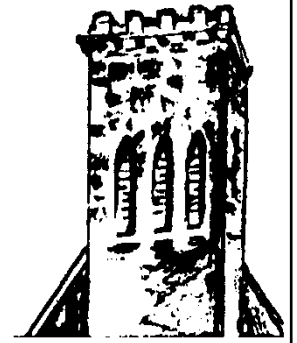
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# The Chimes

“OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD”

Reverend Pastor Sandra B. Mantz



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Dear UMCSO Family,

I hope this day finds you well. I love the fall. I enjoy the crisp weather and watching as the leaves change. It is a time for reflection for me. I enjoy the seasons, because I watch the cycle of life around me. I love this quote: “I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”

(L. M. Montgomery, author of Anne of Green Gables). I totally agree.

I enjoy every season but there is something special about the fall. It gives people a chance to appreciate the beauty of nature when autumn leaves turn different colors and gracefully fall down from the trees. I just love the warm colors of the yellows, oranges, reds, and crimsons that autumn brings our way. The very air itself seems to hold a clean crispness as the squirrels’ scamper around, greedily stuffing acorns in their jaws, while dried leaves one by one slowly fall, toiling and spinning in the dance of a graceful decent.

I also enjoy picking apples and putting out hardy mums and pumpkins outside of the parsonage door. There is nothing like a cup of tea and a delicious apple crisp to warm my spirit and makes the house smell delightful too. I try to have a thankful heart, no matter what the season is. There is a lot to get stressed about. Our world is challenging. Do not live in fear.

***“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”***  
***(John 14:27)***

- Remember F.E.A.R: False Evidence Appearing Real.
- Let’s endeavor to live our lives with a thankful heart.
- Pray: Make it a habit to praise God, thanking God for His every present vigilance and love.
- Bible: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!  
Read the Word of God: Do not be intimidated by it. It holds all the truths to surviving as Christians on this earth. It is God’s word, rich and full of tips for victorious living.
- Live a faithful life: Be a light in our dark world. Love one another too. God is present to help; God wants to be in a relationship with us and for us to surrender our concerns to him. God will grant us peace and then we can bring hope to others in need.

May God bless you all richly.

Blessings and Love in Christ,  
Reverend Pastor Sandra B. Mantz

## UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER



**SUNDAYS, 10:30 AM**  
WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE  
IN-PERSON & LIVE  
STREAMED

### Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Open House following worship  
at the parsonage.

### Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Adult Sunday School, 9:30am,  
GP Room.

### Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Halloween Festival, 12:30 pm

### Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

ASP 5K Run at FDR Park,  
9:00 am.

*Please remember to share  
these events, planned for you,  
with family members and  
friends in the community.*

## LOOKING AHEAD NOVEMBER

### All Saint's Sunday

Will be celebrated on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

### Breakfast Run

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Donations welcomed:

Sun. 10/8: Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Sun. 10/15 Bar Soap

Sun. 10/22 Socks

### Annual Cooperative Church Charge Conference

Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>,  
2:00pm.



### Trustees' Meeting

Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm,  
via Zoom.

### Nominations Meeting

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
via Zoom.

### Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> following  
worship.

## 2024 Confirmation Class

For Children in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and  
higher. (Date to be announced.)  
Please contact Pastor Sandy or  
Deborah Vesuvio, Administrative  
Assistant.



Please contact Michele Squibb  
[squibbm14@gmail.com](mailto:squibbm14@gmail.com)

If you would like to sign up for  
flowers on the altar. The  
following dates are still available:

November 12<sup>th</sup>

December 10<sup>th</sup>

## NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining  
our Church family, please  
contact Pastor Sandy or  
Deborah Vesuvio,  
Administrative Assistant.

## KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE A CARD?



If you know someone who is  
sick or having surgery, please  
let us know. Our dedicated  
members, Annette Reynolds  
and Lynne Schrot, send cards  
to those who aren't well. We  
will send a card to cheer them  
up or encourage them.

Maxine Haigh

## UPDATES TO UMC SO CHURCH DIRECTORY



If you have any updated  
information or new emergency  
contacts, please contact  
Marilyn Bucher or the office to  
have your records updated.



### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Tawyanna Francis	2
Margie Carlock	3
Gretchen Gale	3
Daniel Pagano Sr,	3
Emily Grace	4
Gayle Spina	4
Je'Tesia Martin	5
Derek Walls	5
Christopher Closi	9
Greg Gale	10
Cory Casey	11
Lindsey Gilbert	11
Lisa Will	11
Pat Watkins	13
Hank Schrot	16
Cherie Philips	17
Bruce Shields	17
Glory Dharmaraj	19
Maureen Magley	21
James Pinto	21
Alexandra Beliakovich	
Shkoda	22
Cassie Gaylor	23
Glen Bucher	25
Cathy Galecki	25
Billy Ryder	29
Bob Davies	31



### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Maria & Tommy Demartino	2
Patricia & Tony Capozza	3
Maureen & Larry Magley	3
Annette & Russ Reynolds	3
Dorothy & David Zugner	3
Lisa & Douglas Gaylor	7
Nancy & Ken Mannino	11
Fran & Bob Davies	12
Kathy & Jack Casey	15
Mary & Nigel Ferreira	22



Special thanks to all our volunteers who so freely and willingly give of their time and talent in the name of the Lord!

### **Music Director/Organist**

Dawn Zampell

### **Choir**

Al & Alice Fennell  
Bev Goodman  
Twila Hunter  
Beverly Martinez  
Marshall Moseley  
Hank & Lynne Schrot  
Jerome Marcellly

### **Liturgists**

Annette & Russ Reynolds  
Lynne & Hank Schrot  
Marilyn Bucher  
Barbara Conklin  
Rachel Ward Pinto  
Daryl Lindholm

### **Ushers**

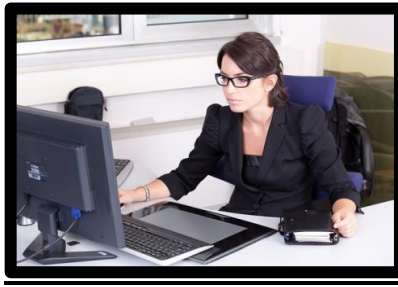
Annette Reynolds  
Debbie Vesuvio  
Doreen Matthews  
Kathy Schiavi  
Barbara Conklin

### **Audio/Visual**

Cliff Cullum  
Dylan Matthews  
Joey Spina  
Pheby Arvee

### **Altar Flower Contributors**

Maxine Haigh  
Fran Davies  
The Reynolds Family



### **Administrative Assistant**

Deborah Vesuvio  
Trainer: Mary Ferreira

### **Communications & Chimes**

Naline Jagdeo  
Marilyn Bucher  
Peter Hoernes

### **Financial**

Cliff Cullum  
Doug Gaylor

### **Altar Flower Coordinator**

Michelle Squibb

### **Hospitality**

Alice Fennell

### **Lay Representative**

Dianne Benincasa

### **Men's Group**

Russ Reynolds

### **Northern Westchester Coop Parish**

Dianne Benincasa

### **Social Activities**

Kathy Casey

### **Staff/Parish Relations**

Annette Reynolds



### **Sunday School**

Lisa Peterson-Grace

### **Youth Ministry**

Cory and Lisa Casey

### **Education**

Kathy Casey  
Lisa Grace Peterson

**ASP 5K Run/Walk at FDR Park,**  
**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**

If you'd like to sign up or sponsor, please see Cory Casey or visit  
[www.runsignup.com/KatonahASP](http://www.runsignup.com/KatonahASP).

A Halloween-themed poster for the 'Monster Dash' fundraiser. The background is dark blue with a lighter blue gradient. At the top, it says 'A KATONAH ASP 2023 FUNDRAISER' in white. Below that, 'MONSTER DASH' is written in large, bold, white letters. The central illustration features a haunted house with glowing windows, surrounded by bare trees, tombstones, and a full moon. A circular badge on the left says '\$5 OFF thru 9/19'. Below the illustration, it says '5K FUN RUN / WALK or 1 Mile Paved Loop Option'. The bottom section is divided into two columns: 'In-Person Event' and 'Registration Opens Aug 26<sup>th</sup>'. The 'In-Person Event' column lists the date, location, and check-in/start time. The 'Registration' column lists the cost, refreshments, and website. A 'Virtual Option Available' note is on the left, and 'Costumes Highly Encouraged!' is on the right. At the bottom, it states that proceeds go toward the 2024 trip with the 'Appalachia Service Project'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

**A KATONAH ASP 2023 FUNDRAISER**

# **MONSTER DASH**

**\$5 OFF**  
thru 9/19

**5K FUN RUN / WALK**  
or 1 Mile Paved Loop Option

**In-Person Event**

Saturday, October 28th  
FDR Park, Yorktown Heights, NY  
Check In: 9a | Start Line: 9:30a

**Registration Opens Aug 26<sup>th</sup>**

Registration Cost: \$42  
Light refreshments provided  
[www.runsignup.com/KatonahASP](http://www.runsignup.com/KatonahASP)

**Virtual Option Available**

**Costumes Highly Encouraged!**

Proceeds go toward Katonah ASP's 2024 trip with  
**Appalachia Service Project**



We welcome any donations which will go toward the Katonah ASP's 2024 trip with  
Appalachia Service Project.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*  
~ Proverbs 22:6

Our Sunday School Kickoff and Pancake Breakfast on September 10 was a great success! We enjoyed delicious food and a chance to reconnect after the summer vacation. Special thanks to chefs, “Flapjack” and Lisa Casey, as well as sous chef PJ and all of the dedicated volunteers who helped make the breakfast a special event for our church family.

During the Children’s Moment, Pastor Sandy led “Blessing of the Backpacks,” and then the children went off to Sunday School.



This year, we have restructured our classes slightly. We are using an approach called “Godly Play.” This approach teaches the children to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God’s call in their lives. Each week, a storyteller recounts a story from the Bible, using figures or puppets to help act it out. The students are encouraged to wonder about the meaning of the story, and the younger ones are then asked to respond to the story using a medium they choose – drama, painting or drawing, building with Legos, and so on. The older youth go to a separate room to discuss the connection of the story to their lives. The goal is for all of our students to make meaning of the story in a way that makes sense to them.



As we move into the fall season, please mark your calendars for our **Halloween Festival** on **October 15**. We will have a Trunk or Treat, pumpkin patch and decorating, hayride, and much more! Kids of all ages can come in costume and enjoy a fun day with our church family.

Please help us by supporting these events so we can grow our Sunday School. Our goal is to teach our youth the good news of Jesus Christ so that they will go into the world to share His love. Together, we can make a difference in our families, our community and our world.

Yours in Christ,  
The Sunday School Teachers

## **WHAT MAKES OCTOBER DIFFERENT?**

### **October 1<sup>st</sup> - World Communion Sunday**

In 1930, Presbyterian Pastor Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, who served as a moderator of the General Assembly, developed the concept of uniting all churches for a celebration. That year, World Communion Day was adopted. Since 1940, it has been celebrated annually around the globe.



Partaking in Holy Communion celebrates our oneness in Christ and joins us all in Christian unity.

Donations collected by the UMC are dedicated to:

- supporting racial/ethnic students in achieving their educational goals;
- providing scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development globally;
- supporting racial/ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program

To learn more, click on the link below:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>

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### **October 9<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Day**

Christopher Columbus, (1451–1506), was an Italian explorer and navigator from the Republic of Genoa, Italy. He arrived in the Americas in 1492 on board his ship, the Santa Maria. His fleet consisted of 3 ships including the Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria.



His initial mission was to find and chart a western sea route to China, India, and the gold and Spice Islands of Asia. By error, he arrived in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492. He is known to be the first European to explore the Americas

Columbus' achievement began the Columbian exchange between Europe and the Americas and opened the way for European countries to colonize and exploit those lands and their peoples. It is marked by the massive transfer of human populations, cultures, ideas, animals, plants, and diseases which killed a large proportion of the indigenous peoples.

Plants native to the Americas, such as potatoes, tomatoes, and tobacco, were exported to Europe. On the reverse side, African coffee and Asian sugar cane became cash crops for Latin America. Wheat became a food staple.

Columbus Day became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and later became a federal holiday in the United States by proclamation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937.

It is also celebrated as the Day of the Race (Día de la Raza) in Latin America and some Latino communities in the United States.

Traditionally, celebration of Columbus Day includes:

- teaching lessons about Christopher Columbus and his voyages; hosting activities to celebrate Italian-American heritage in the USA (some communities host parades and street fairs with colorful costumes, music and Italian food);
- teaching lessons about Native American culture; and in many cities and towns that honor indigenous peoples, activities are held to celebrate traditional culture, food and dance.

To learn more, click on this link:

<https://www.history.com/topics/exploration/christopher-columbus>

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## **October 15<sup>th</sup> - Laity Sunday**

The word “Laity” originates from *laos*, meaning “people of God,” and is used to describe members of a church’s congregation. They are non-clergy leaders who are called to fulfill the Great Commission through acts of service that “heal and liberate a broken world”.

The purpose of Laity Sunday is to celebrate the work that has been accomplished by the Laity within and outside of the Church and also to emphasize the importance of continuing that work.



The **Laity Sunday theme for 2023** comes from II Timothy 1:1-14. Under the call to “**Rise Up,**” the people of God will continue to echo the invitations of this passage:

- Rise Up and **revive** God’s gift of faith (that first lived in those who loved us);
- Rise Up and **reveal** the grace in Christ that brings life together, with and for others;
- Rise Up and **remain** committed to sound teaching (the pattern of healthy words witnessed in those who model faith); and,
- Rise Up and **retain** this reliable gift of good and beautiful things placed in our trust by the Holy Spirit.

In summary, “Laity Sunday is one way we express the core Christian conviction that *all* are called to participate in God’s mission to create healthy, flourishing life in the world.”

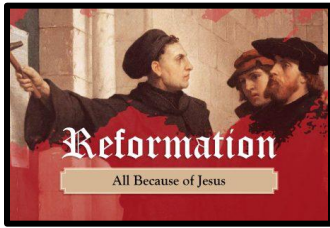
To learn more, click on this link:

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/liderazgo-en-la-imu>

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## October 29<sup>th</sup> - Reformation Sunday



In 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He had many concerns that countered the teachings of the church in Rome. For example, he did not believe in the selling of certificates of indulgences which people believed would wipe away their sins, provide salvation, and lead to eternal life.

Today, “Reformation Day is a day set aside to recognize, remember, and celebrate the Protestant Reformation.” It also provides “a sense of moving toward unity and community. It is an opportunity to repent of the sins and excesses of the past and to celebrate our common faith, even if we still cannot celebrate a common ritual and sacrament.”

To learn more, click on this link:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/reformation-day-what-why-and-resources-for-worship>

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## October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween

Over 2,000 years ago, the Celts lived mainly in what is known today as Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France. Halloween’s origin can be traced to the ancient Celtic festival of “Samhain” (pronounced sow-in).

October 31<sup>st</sup> marked the end of summer, the harvest, and the beginning of the dark, cold winter - a time of year that was often associated with human death. “Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred.” They celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. Wearing costumes was part of the ritual.

The Roman Empire conquered most of the Celtic region by A.D. 43 and ruled for 400 years. During that time, two Roman-origin festivals were combined with the Celtic celebration of Samhain. In A.D. 1000, the church made November 2<sup>nd</sup> **All Souls’ Day**, a day to honor the dead.



Today, Halloween is celebrated with different activities such as trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes, and eating treats.

To learn more, click on this link:

<https://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/it-wrong-celebrate-halloween>

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# LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

## OCTOBER 2023

<p><b><u>Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>  <b>(18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/  World Communion Day)</b></p> <p>Exodus 17:1-7  Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH #799)  Philippians 2:1-13  Matthew 21:23-32</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>(19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  Pentecost)</b></p> <p>Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  Psalm 19 (UMH #750)  Philippians 3:4b-14  Matthew 21:33-46</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>(20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/  Laity Sunday)</b></p> <p>Exodus 32:1-14  Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH  #829)  Philippians 4:1-9  Matthew 22:1-14</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b>(22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/  Reformation Sunday)</b></p> <p>Deuteronomy 34:1-12  Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH #809)  I Thessalian's 2:1-8  Matthew 22:34-46</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>  <b>(21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b></p> <p>Exodus 33:12-23  Psalm 99 (UMH #819)  I Thessalian's 1:1-10  Matthew 23:15-22</p>	



# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green )</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY/</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</b> <b>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></b>  <b>Adult Sunday School 9:30 am, GP Room</b> <b>Open house – Parsonage, after Worship</b>	<b>2</b>  <b><u>Women's Small Group</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>  <b><u>Trustees Meeting</u></b> <b>7:30 pm</b> <b>ZOOM</b>	<b>3</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>4</b>  <b><u>Small Group 1</u></b> <b>1:00 pm</b>  <b><u>Nominations</u></b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>ZOOM</b>	<b>5</b>  <b><u>Prayer Group</u></b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>Chapel</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:30pm ZOOM</b>	<b>6</b>  <b><u>Small Group 2</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Conference Call</b>  <b><u>Crafts for a Cause</u></b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>7</b>  <b><u>Men's Group</u></b> <b>8:00 am</b>  <b><u>Small Group</u></b> <b>Leaders</b> <b>9:30 am</b>
<b>8 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green )</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</b> <b>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></b>  <b>Adult Sunday School 9:30 am, GP Room</b> <b>Donate Toothpaste/Toothbrushes</b>	<b>9</b>  <b><u>Women's Small Group</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>10</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>11</b>  <b><u>Small Group 1</u></b> <b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>12</b>  <b><u>Prayer Group</u></b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>Chapel</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:30pm ZOOM</b>	<b>13</b>  <b><u>Small Group 2</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Conference Call</b>  <b><u>Crafts for a Cause</u></b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>14</b>  <b><u>Men's Group</u></b> <b>8:00 am</b>
<b>15 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ (Green )</b> <b>Laity Sunday</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</b> <b>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></b>  <b>Adult Sunday School 9:30 am, GP Room</b> <b>Halloween Festival 12:30 pm</b>  <b>Donate Bar Soap</b>	<b>16</b>  <b><u>Women's Small Group</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>17</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>18</b>  <b><u>Small Group 1</u></b> <b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>19</b>  <b><u>Prayer Group</u></b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>Chapel</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:30pm ZOOM</b>	<b>20</b>  <b><u>Small Group 2</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Conference Call</b>  <b><u>Crafts for a Cause</u></b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>21</b>  <b><u>Men's Group</u></b> <b>8:00 am</b>  <b><u>Small Group</u></b> <b>Leaders</b> <b>9:30 am</b>
<b>22 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</b> <b>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></b>  <b>Sunday School Teachers' Meeting after Worship</b>  <b>Adult Sunday School 9:30 am, GP Room</b> <b>Donate Socks</b>	<b>23</b>  <b><u>Women's Small Group</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>24</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>25</b>  <b><u>Small Group 1</u></b> <b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>26</b>  <b><u>Prayer Group</u></b> <b>11:00 am</b> <b>Chapel</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:30pm ZOOM</b>	<b>27</b>  <b><u>Small Group 2</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Conference Call</b>  <b><u>Crafts for a Cause</u></b> <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>28</b>  <b><u>Men's Group</u></b> <b>8:00 am</b>  <b>ASP 5K Run/Walk</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>PDR Park</b>
<b>29 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ (Green)</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</b> <b>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></b>  <b>Adult Sunday School 9:30 am, GP Room</b>	<b>30</b>  <b><u>Women's Small Group</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>31</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>10:00 am</b>  <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> <b>7:00 pm</b>				 <b>Every Sunday is Food Sunday!</b>