

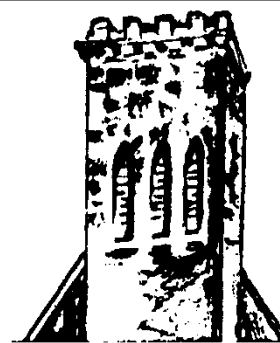
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The Chimes

"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

Reverend Sandra B. Mantz



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Dear UMCSO Family,

I hope that you had a wonderful and relaxing summer. Now it is September and Autumn is right around the corner. I love the fall. It is a wonderful time of year. I enjoy the sights and smells and the many traditions, from apple picking to baking with the apples and the aroma in the house; I just feel blessed and comforted.

Each season is so beautiful and unique. We go through seasons in our own lives. Some seasons bring us joy and others sorrow. But the one constant is God. As I grow older, I appreciate each and every season. Each one offers somethings different.

*"¹ For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven."
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

I think the key to getting through this life is to look to Jesus. Although the seasons change, Jesus does not. Jesus is always with us. *Hebrews 13:8 tells us: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*

So even if the road gets tough, Jesus is with us. He knows our pain and sorrow and will help us. Jesus always rejoices with us so let us live lives of praise. Jesus is always welcoming us into a relationship with him. So let us embrace each and every season with joy!!

I am so excited about the beginning of the church year. Please join us for worship and fellowship as we serve our Lord! There are lots of things happening in our church; I encourage you to join a bible study or prayer meeting or one of the other activities.

Also, stop by the office and say hi! I am looking forward to meeting all of you!!

Please save the date of October 1st, on your calendar. I will be having an open house at the parsonage in place of coffee hour. All are welcome!!

See you soon!!

Love, and Blessings,
Pastor Sandy

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”
(Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT)

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER



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

September 10th - Sunday **School Kick-Off at 9:15 am.**

Pancake Breakfast will be available for all church members.

Backpacks will be blessed **during the Children's** **Moment.**

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

LOOKING HEAD

Sunday, October 1st - Open House following worship at the parsonage.

Sunday, October 15th – Trunk or Treat (watch for details).



Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – September 24th, following worship.

Trustees Meeting
Monday, September 11th – 7:30 pm, via Zoom.



Please contact Michele Squibb squibbm14@gmail.com if you would like to sign up for flowers on the altar. The following dates are still available:

November 12th
December 10th

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. So, please let us know and 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 get in touch with Marilyn Bucher or the office for updating.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kayla Francis	2
Lisa Gaylor	2
Mary Supino	2
Curt Conklin	3
Jean Engel	4
Jerry Rischway	6
Colette Carpenter	8
Cliff Cullum	10
Jim Davis	11
Daryl Francis	12
Michael Stella	12
Yana Shkoda	15
Anna Schager	16
Fran Maddalone	17
Locksley Philips	21
Inza Martinez	22
Theresa Barnett	23
Christopher Mannino	23
Larry Magley	27
Dorothy Zugner	27
Daniel Pagano	28
John Krueger	29
Jim Matthews	29
Bryson Reed-Stokes	30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Megan & James Gale	2
Lindsey & Derek Gilbert	10
Kim & Bill Ryder	14
Patty & Larry Robcke	18
Gayle & John Spina	20



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 Marcelly

Liturgists

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

Ushers

Annette Reynolds
Debbie Vesuvio
Doreen Matthews
Kathy Schiavi
Barbara Conklin

Audio/Visual

Cliff Cullum
Dylan Matthews
Joey Spina
Pheby Arvee

Altar Flowers

Maxine Haigh
Fran Davies
The Reynolds Family

Administrative Assistant

Deborah Vesuvio
Trainer: Mary Ferreira

Communications & Chimes

Naline Jagdeo
Marilyn Bucher
Peter Hoernes

Education

Kathy Casey
Lisa Grace Peterson

Financial

Cliff Cullum
Doug Gaylor

Flowers

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

*"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

~ Mark 10:14

As summer draws to a close, we are excited to begin the coming year in Sunday School! We will kick off the year at **9:15 am on Sunday, September 10** with a delicious pancake breakfast for the entire church. After breakfast, children can meet their teachers, register for Sunday School and see their classrooms.

During the Children's Moment, Pastor Sandy will be helping the children get the year off to a positive and prayerful start with the **"Blessing of the Backpacks."** Parents and family members, please help your children remember to bring their backpacks to church for this special experience.

We look forward to another year of supporting and growing our Sunday School at Shrub Oak. Our goal is to teach our youth the good news of Jesus Christ so that they may go into the world as His hands and feet.

Please continue to support our Sunday School staff with your prayers and your presence. Together, we can make a difference in our families, our community and our world.

Yours in Christ,
The Sunday School Teachers



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS
SEPTEMBER 2023

<u>Sunday, September 3rd</u> (14th Sunday after Pentecost) Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b (UMH #828) Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28	<u>Sunday, September 10th</u> (15th Sunday after Pentecost) (Grandparent's Day) Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 (UMH #861) Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
<u>Sunday, September 17th</u> (16th Sunday after Pentecost) Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Psalm 114 (UMH #135) Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	<u>Sunday, September 24th</u> (17th Sunday after Pentecost) Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (UMH #828) Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hello everyone,

I am pleased to announce that one of our church members, Debbie Vesuvio, has graciously stepped forward to take the position of Administrative Assistant. She will be based in the church office. Her days of work will be determined in September. If you have any information that needs to go into the Chimes or the statistics report, kindly send them to Debbie through the office email: umcsny@gmail.com.

Pastor Sandy



September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Every Sunday is Food Sunday!</p>					<p>1 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>2 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p> <p><u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am</p>
<p>3 14th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> www.umcso.com</p>	<p>4 <i>Labor Day</i></p> <p><u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm</p>	<p>7 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel</p>	<p>8 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>9 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p>
<p>10 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) Grandparent's Day</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> www.umcso.com</p> <p><u>Sunday School Kick-Off</u> at 9:15 am with a Pancake Breakfast for all church members.</p> <p><u>"Blessing of Backpacks"</u> will be during the Children's Moment.</p>	<p>11 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p> <p><u>Trustees Meeting</u> 7:30 pm ZOOM</p>	<p>12 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>13 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm</p>	<p>14 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> 7:30pm ZOOM</p>	<p>15 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>16 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p> <p><u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am</p> <p><u>Cooperative BBQ</u> Noon to 4:00 pm UMCSO</p>
<p>17 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> www.umcso.com</p>	<p>18 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>20 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm</p>	<p>21 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel</p>	<p>22 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>23 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p> <p><u>Rain date:</u> <u>Cooperative BBQ</u> Noon to 4:00 pm UMCSO</p>
<p>24 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> www.umcso.com <u>Sunday School Teachers' Meeting</u>, after worship</p> <p><u>Sunday School Teachers' Meeting</u></p>	<p>25 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>26 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am</p> <p><u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>27 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm</p>	<p>28 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel</p>	<p>29 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>30 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p>