

## United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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“OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD”

Reverend Sandra B. Mantz, Pastor

# The Chimes



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Happy Summer:

As I write this, I am packing up my boxes in preparation of my move to Shrub Oak. I am looking forward to serving alongside of you!! Since we are beginning in the summer, I will tell you some things about myself. I enjoy the beach. I grew up near Long Island Sound, so I have spent summer near there. Whether it is collecting sea glass, colorful stones or shells, the beach is a great place to walk and pray. Watching my children or simply reading and listening to the waves, I find it very relaxing. I feel close to God at the beach. I am at peace there. It reminds me of the constant nature of God.

I find special joy while watching the sun rise. Each summer we travel to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina and I get up, go to the beach, and watch the sunrise. The beauty never ceases to amaze me. I am not alone in my sunrise watch. Each morning a group of faithful souls watch as the first light of the morning was transformed by a display of light and colors. Why do I enjoy this so much? I think because it is a reminder of the new start that God gives to us every morning. Each day is beautiful and unique. There is a new beginning. In Lamentations 3:22-23 we read: “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” For me, the experience of the sunrise is akin to my relationship with God. I know God is always there with me. I know God is always there. God is faithful and will never let us down. His mercies are new and the love that God has for all of us is humbling and amazing.

First there is anticipation. Each morning as I walk to the beach, I look at the sky in anticipation of a clear sky and sunrise. And then I wait. There were several days when the sun was behind the clouds, but light appeared just the same. Whether I see the light or not, the sun had indeed risen. God does not leave us or forsake us. Hebrews 13:5: “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Second, there is surprise. Even though I know that the sun rises from the sky, watching the process is always a surprise. The sun is constant, but the colors are so different. There is a brilliant array of colors. Even when behind the clouds, the glow of the colors is just breathtaking. “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” Psalm 19:1. “Hope does not disappoint, if we pay attention to God, we will be surprised and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Ephesians 5:5.

Third and finally, I am blessed by the warmth of those rays and the light that it brings. Physically, it brings heat, but the light also is a reminder that the day has come. For me it is healing and nurturing, but that is also like God. “But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.” Malachi 4:2.

I am so excited to begin ministry with you at the United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak. I am looking forward to meeting you and growing together as we experience excitement and joy when we serve the Lord. “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3:1. So I am grateful to begin this new season with you. Life is full of changes, so we need to live with strength, courage, and optimism. I have so much to be grateful for. Of the many things I know God has blessed me with, is friends and relationships. They are footprints on my heart that will never go away. All friendships and relationships continue to bring me joy and happiness. They have brought me through the transitions. God’s love is so vast and amazing. I am in awe of it. So, I praise God for all of you!! May God bless you as you follow Him. May God bless us as we begin this journey today!! From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. Psalm 113:3. I also want to add a special thanks to Pastor Iwy for all her assistance and support during this transition. She is truly a blessing. May God bless her at Hicksville United Methodist Church. In addition, I thank Annette, Lisa, Dianne, Hank, Peter, as well as others who have welcomed me on Facebook. I am looking forward to my time ministering alongside all of you.

Love and Blessings,  
Pastor Sandy

## UPCOMING EVENTS July/August



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

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### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Pastor Sandy's first Sunday

**July 9<sup>th</sup>:** Welcome Tea with Pastor Sandy

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Welcome to our new Music Director, Dawn Zampell

**August 27<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for our Church BBQ after worship.



### Northern Westchester Cooperative Parish BBQ

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm



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:

July 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
August 20<sup>th</sup>  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
October 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>



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



**Trustees** – No meetings scheduled during the summer.

**Bible Study** – Will resume after summer.

### 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.

Marilyn Bucher

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### UPDATES TO UMCSO CHURCH DIRECTORY



If you have any updated information or new emergency contacts, please get in touch with Marilyn Bucher or the office for updating.



### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Alan Fennell	2
Kelley Horton	3
Felicia Robcke	3
Stephanie Reynolds	4
Asha Sundeep Thomas	5
Beverly Goodman	6
Dolsen Eccles	8
Jareath Martin	8
Daryl Lindholm	10
Mike Mancusi	10
Lisa Grace	11
Agata Shkoda	12
Peter Hoernes	13
Stephanie Speedling	15
Enock Yatri	15
Christopher Grace	16
Joya Chakravarty	18
Jacqueline Arias	24
Linda Purcell	30
Jo Ann Stokes	30
Evan Yatri	31

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### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Pat Watkins	3
Lisa & Al Will	4
Lynne & Hank Schrot	30



### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Marissa Montaldo	2
Fran Davies	4
Jonathan Goodman	6
Laura Walls	13
Rachel Ward	13
Antonia Supino	14
Susan Crookston	15
Mary Vance	15
Kaitlyn Will	15
Christian Carpenter	16
Kevin Thomas	17
Chad Golanec	21
Charles Horton	23
Joy Santaroni	25
Alice Fennell	26
Mary Lou Gladwell	30

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### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Kelly & Michael Barnett	1
Alice & Alan Fennell	2
Doreen & Jim Matthews	4
Leslie & Peter Sutton	6
Tawyanna & Daryl Francis	25
Bjorg & Rev. Jim Davis	29

### **Choir**

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

### **Altar Flowers**

Kathy Casey  
Laura Hoenig  
Hank & Lynne Schrot  
Jean Engel  
Rachel Ward  
Linda & Mike Stella

### **Liturgists**

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

### **Communications & Chimes**

Naline Jagdeo  
Annette Reynolds  
Peter Hoernes

### **Audio Visual**

Cliff Cullum  
Joey Spina  
Pheby Aryee  
Dylan Matthews

### **Ushers**

Annette Reynolds  
Debbie Vesuvio  
Doreen Matthews  
Joy Santaroni  
Kathy Schiavi

### **Hospitality**

Jonathan Goodman  
Maxine Haigh



## FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR IWY



On Sunday, June 18, we surprised Pastor Iwy with a special farewell lunch following worship. During worship, Caroline Matthews sang a special song: “Sprit Song” as a gift to Pastor Iwy. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time during Worship and Lunch as we celebrated the work God has done through our ministry together. Many thanks from the SPRC to the congregation for doing such a dynamic job; from decorating, setting up, coordinating lunch menu, & clean up. It was wonderful to see God’s gifts in action. May God bless the ministry that God has done in our church.

Blessings,  
SPRC Committee

## PASTOR IWY'S FAREWELL NOTE

Thank you my dear UMCSO Family for a wonderful eight years. It has been a joy serving with you in ministry. Each one of you has touched our hearts and we will carry the special memories with us. From our first day to our last Sunday, you embraced us with unconditional love.

While there are many memories over the years, the farewell party Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, and the service on our last Sunday were a special blessing. From the heartfelt cards, gifts, the personal messages, videos, flowers, and generous gift, we are overwhelmed by your love. As we celebrated JJ's baptism, we were reminded that we are all part of God's family and in God's time, we will be reunited. My family and I will never forget you and thank God for each and every one of you. We love you and our prayers are with you.





## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

*"So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."  
~ 1 Corinthians 10:31*



On Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our Sunday School. On Honors Day, our children, youth, and teachers all participated in the service, and we honored them for the completion of a successful year.

We were blessed to have Caroline Matthews sing a beautiful solo honoring Pastor Iwy with her favorite song.



We also enjoyed a memorable performance of the song "If I Were a Butterfly" by the elementary school class (and teachers too!)

As this year ends, we would like to thank Pastor Iwy for her amazing support of the Sunday School and its programs. We are truly grateful for her positive attitude and her creative leadership, especially during the years of the pandemic. She refused to give up on Sunday School and was willing to try anything to help reach our children and youth with the word of God.

We would also like to thank all the members of the congregation for their support and encouragement. Have a blessed and safe summer!

Yours in Christ,  
The Sunday School Teachers

## HONORS SUNDAY 2023



We had a wonderful service on Honors Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrated our children, youth, choir, and blessed those graduating and those going on Summer mission trips.

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### GRADUATES 2023

**MEREDITH GUTOWSKI**, graduated from the University of Hartford with a BA in Communications

**LAUREN KOCZ**, graduating from Pace University, M.S

**BRANDON KOCZ**, graduating from Pepperdine University, B.A.

**DONOVAN MATTHEWS**, graduating from Lakeland High School, going to Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, NC

**A. EVAN YATRI**, graduating from Lakeland High School, going to Purdue University, majoring in Computer Science

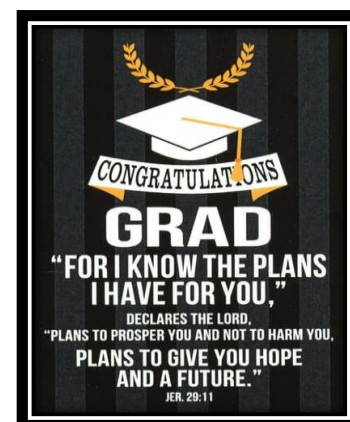
**NATALIE GRACE**, graduating from Walter Panas High School going to Boston College, majoring in Psychology

**LILA RYDER**, graduating from Walter Panas High School, going to Binghamton

**SOPHIA STELLA**, graduating from Walter Panas High School, going to Mercy College

**VERONICA ROSARIO**, graduating from Walter Panas High School, going to University of Buffalo

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### ENTERING GOD'S KINGDOM

Condolences to the family of Muriel Carpenter, who entered God's kingdom on Tuesday, June 27, 2023





**Come to learn about Cambodian Mission from our Conference Missionary!**

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 6:30 pm

**WHO:** Cambodian Mission NYAC Missionary Helen Camarce

**WHERE:** First UMC Brewster

**WHY:** FUMC will be hosting our conference missionary to Cambodia, who will share her experience as a UMC missionary in Cambodia.

**CONTACT:** Please contact Jeanne Baker/Missions Chair, FUMC Brewster if you have any questions or would like to help in any way. (845) 278-1755, Email: [daisyoo25@aol.com](mailto:daisyoo25@aol.com)



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## **NORTHERN WESTCHESTER COOPERATIVE PARISH**

**Save the Date  
Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**



Stay tuned for more details about our Cooperative Parish BBQ. We had a wonderful time last year with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We look forward to joining together as we welcome the new pastors to our Cooperative Parish.

## **LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**JULY 2023**

<b><u>Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b> <b>(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 (UMH #746) Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42	<b><u>Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	<b><u>Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<b><u>Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b> <b>(8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (UMH #854) Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	<b><u>Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (UMH #828) Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	

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## **LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**AUGUST 2023**

<b><u>Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (UMH #749) Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	<b><u>Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH #828) Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
<b><u>Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 (UMH #850) Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28	<b><u>Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 (UMH #846) Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20




# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Every Sunday is Food Sunday!</p>						<p>1 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p> <p><u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am</p>
<p>2 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p> <p>COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></p> <p>Pastor Sandy's First Sunday</p>	<p>3 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>4 <i>Independence Day</i></p>	<p>5 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm</p>	<p>6 <u>Prayer Group Call</u> 11:00 am Chapel</p>	<p>7 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>8 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p>
<p>9 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></p> <p>Welcome Tea with Pastor Sandy</p>	<p>10 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm</p>	<p>13 <u>Prayer Group Call</u> 11:00 am Chapel</p>	<p>14 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>15 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p> <p><u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am</p>
<p>16 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></p>	<p>17 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm</p>	<p>20 <u>Prayer Group Call</u> 11:00 am Chapel</p>	<p>21 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>22 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p>
<p>23 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></p> <p>Welcome Dawn Zampell – our new Music Director</p>	<p>24 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm</p>	<p>27 <u>Prayer Group Call</u> 11:00 am Chapel</p>	<p>28 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call</p> <p><u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am</p>	<p>29 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am</p>
<p>30 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)</p> <p>10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></p>	<p>31 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm</p>					





# August 2023

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