

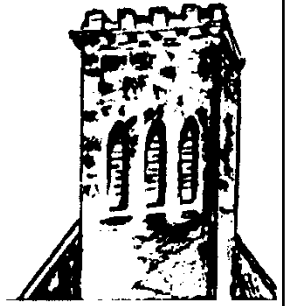
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"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

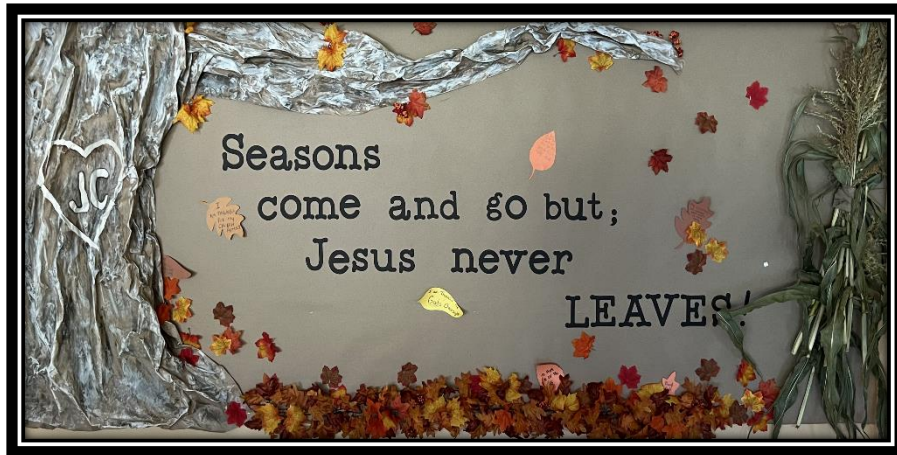
# The Chimes

Honorable Reverend Sandra B. Mantz, Pastor



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Dear UMCSO Family,

November is almost here!! Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This is such a special time of the year. Thanksgiving is a, time to offer thanks, a time of family gatherings and holiday meals; a time of turkeys, stuffing, and pumpkin pie; and a time for football games, holiday parades and giant balloons. Thanksgiving started back in 1621, when after a devastating first year in the New World, the Pilgrim's fall harvest was successful. Their Governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all colonists and their neighbors – the Native Americans.

Over 400 years have passed since that first Thanksgiving and God continues to supply all of our needs. God has given us life and breath. God cares for us and listens to us. God is a faithful God. How we live, act and serve should reflect that. We should live life with an attitude of humility and gratefulness to our loving God.

The pilgrims toiled. It was a cold winter. Folks had died; but they rejoiced in the harvest nevertheless. We continue to live together as a community of faith. We have laughed and cried and had struggles. We have grown and have been strengthened in love and power because of God!!

Yes, life is not always easy, but Jesus understands. He suffered and died on a rugged cross for us. So, on this day let us keep the words of the psalmist in our hearts and minds: “<sup>4</sup>*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*” <sup>5</sup>*For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”* (Psalm 100: 4-5).

Let us rejoice because the Lord is here among us to help. Let us be thankful in all things. This Thanksgiving, give your life anew to Jesus!! Be people of joy who bring hope and joy to others. Be thankful for what you have and believe that God is with you and will bring you through. Have a happy Thanksgiving filled with hope, joy, love and praise.

Love and Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Sandy

*“<sup>19</sup>And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:19).

## UPCOMING EVENTS November



### SUNDAYS, 10:30 AM

WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED

#### Fall Clean-up

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am. Volunteers wanted for indoor/outdoor clean-up teams. Please see Russ Reynolds or Pastor Sandy.

#### Operation Christmas Child,

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 5-9:00 pm. For packing of boxes and Pot Trust dinner.

Harvest Baskets, All donations should be in by Nov.15<sup>th</sup>. Baskets will be packed on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> in GP room following worship.

#### Confirmation/New Members

New members will be received on Sunday, Dec.10<sup>th</sup> and Confirmation classes will begin in Nov. Details will follow.

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



Trustees Meeting: Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

#### Small Group Leaders:

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am

## KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE A CARD?



If you know someone who is sick or having surgery, please let us know. Our dedicated members, Fran Maddalone and Lynne Schrot send cards on behalf of our church family. 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.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Albert Closi	2
Nigel Ferreira	3
Caroline Matthews	3
Ricky Haigh, III	5
Daniel Pinto	5
Patricia Antonucci	7
Susan Closi	7
Anthony Supino, Jr.	7
Craig Davis	8
Donovan Matthews	10
Khloe Francis	11
Charlie Donadio	13
Pastor Iwy	13
Debra Ruth Mancusi	16
Theresa Aryee	17
Leslie Sutton	19
Grace Reynolds	20
Linda Drisko	21
Leo Gutowski	21
Dylan Matthews	21
Jessica Santoro	21
Michael Barnett Sr.	23
Michele Squibb	28
Greyson Bucher	29
Marilyn Bucher	29



## LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

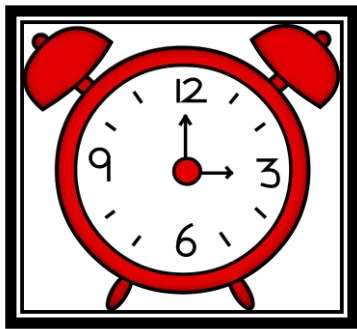
Trim a Tree: following worship

Caroling at the JV Mall:  
12:00-1:00 pm



## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Debra & Mike Mancusi 16  
Riquerma & Fernando Arias 17  
Theresa & Augustus Aryee 20  
Cherie & Locksley Philips 2



## **DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS**

Please remember to turn back your clock one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4th. Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.



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>

You may also sign up for slots in the coming year, 2024.



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

### **Liturgists**

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

### **Education**

Kathy Casey and Lisa Grace

### **Choir**

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

### **Altar Flowers**

Kathy Casey  
Laura Hoenig  
The Reynolds family

### **Communications & Chimes**

Mary Ferreira  
Marilyn Bucher  
Naline Jagdeo

### **Audio Visual**

Cliff Cullum  
Dylan Matthews  
Joey Spina  
Pheby Aryee

### **Ushers**

Annette Reynolds  
Debbie Vesuvio  
Doreen Matthews  
Kathy Schiavi  
Barbara Conklin

### **Hospitality**

Alice Fennell

### **SPR**

Annette Reynolds

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Kathy Schiavi

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Cory and Lisa Casey

### **NORTH WEST, CO OP PARISH**

Dianne Benincasa  
Barbara Conklin



## Sunday School Corner

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." ~3 John 1:4*

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Here at our church, we have so many blessings for which we can thank our Lord. One blessing was the very successful **Trunk or Treat** event on October 15. Children were able to go "trunk or treating" at some beautifully decorated cars. They also painted pumpkins and enjoyed donuts, hot chocolate and apple cider. The hayride through the cemetery was a real highlight. Many thanks to all of our volunteers for making the whole event possible, and especially to the Supino family for bringing their animals and running the hayride.



We are also thankful for the many opportunities that our youth have to serve God. On **Sunday, November 5th**, our middle and high school youth are invited to participate in the **Breakfast Run** in New York City. We will be serving a hot breakfast to needy adults, many of whom are homeless. We will also be distributing bags of necessities, including long-sleeved T-shirts, hats, gloves and toiletries. (Donations are still welcome!) Most importantly, we will be sharing God's love and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



On **Saturday, November 18th**, children of all ages will have another opportunity to share God's love. We will be holding our annual **"Operation Christmas Child"** event at **5:30 pm**. We will begin the evening with a pot trust dinner, and then we will gather to fill shoeboxes for children in need. These boxes go to countries around the world, and are filled with toys and hygiene items, as well as a Christmas card of blessing. This is a mission outreach our kids really enjoy, since they can understand personally how they are helping another child. For this event, we are in need of donations, including small arts and crafts items, small toys (like matchbox cars and bouncy balls), jacks, jump ropes, small stuffed animals and dolls, combs and brushes, hats and gloves, hair accessories, coloring books and small children's books, hard candy (no chocolate), and anything a child of nursery age to teenage years would enjoy. And don't forget, it has to fit in a shoebox!



So, as we prepare for Thanksgiving this year, let us pause to remember all the ways our Lord blesses us and think of how we might share His blessings with others.

Yours in Christ,  
The Sunday School Teachers

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 9:00 pm, GP Room



UMCSO will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. You may contribute towards purchasing a shoebox (\$25.00 per box) by any of the following options:

- Donate cash or check to UMCSO (clearly marked for shoebox purchase).
- Build a Shoebox Online by visiting **[Samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://Samaritanspurse.org/buildonline)**
- Build your own shoebox and drop off in the church breezeway no later than Saturday **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will be packing boxes in the GP Room the same day

(You may use a standard size shoebox or pick up a preprinted shoebox in the church breezeway). Please contact Linda Hoernes with any questions via telephone 914-672-5800 or via email **[linda@hoernes.com](mailto:linda@hoernes.com)**

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## THANKSGIVING BASKETS



UMCSO will be sponsoring our annual Harvest Basket outreach program to support those in our local community who may be in need this holiday season. If you'd like to donate, we accept non-perishable foods (as listed below) or monetary donations toward an ACME gift card intended for purchasing a Thanksgiving turkey. We kindly request all donations be received prior to Wednesday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>**, the bags will be packed in the GP Room on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, during coffee hour after the service. If you would like to gift a check or cash, please contact

Kathy: [luminany@aol.com](mailto:luminany@aol.com) or Cory Casey [cmcasey2@gmail.com](mailto:cmcasey2@gmail.com)

**Suggestions:** Cranberry Sauce, Canned vegetables, Canned Yams, Boxes of Stuffing, Boxes/Pouches of Mashed Potatoes, Jars/Pouches of Gravy, Canned Fruit, Boxes/Pouches of Brownie, or Cookie Mix. We thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to another year of this great mission.



## **COOKIE EXCHANGE**

**Saturday, December 16th, 1:00 pm, GP Room**

Join us for our usual Cookie Exchange/Swap on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the GP Room at 1:00 pm. Bring your favorite cookies and we will swap with each other and have some fun while doing so. We will have some games and light refreshments. If you have any questions, kindly contact Dianne Benincasa at [diannelnc@yahoo.com](mailto:diannelnc@yahoo.com) or you may call her at 914-806-2492.

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## **CAROL SINGING AT THE JV MALL**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00 – 1:00 pm**



**Come one, come all!**

On **Sunday, December 3th**, we will be at the JV Mall doing our annual Christmas Caroling. It is a lot of fun, and the adults and children enjoy having us sing. Singing is a great way to worship our Lord and let people in our community know that we are a church who loves the Lord. Hope to see you there for this wonderful time.

Blessings!  
Annette Reynolds





Christmas is coming and as we prepare ourselves spiritually, we also start planning on decorating our sanctuary for the holidays. The poinsettias will be delivered and in place for the Christmas Eve Service. You may give these plants as gifts, memorials, or in honor of a living person, **PLANTS MAY BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE.**

If you are interested in providing poinsettia plants, please fill out this form and return to Michele Squibb or the church office. Please place your order by **Wednesday, December 5, 2023.** (See form in Mailchimp.)

If you have any questions, please call Michele Squibb at 914-393-5682. Plants are **\$15.00** each. Please write in the memo line that the check is for UMCSO Poinsettias.

We will provide		RED POINSETTIA PLANT(S) _____	(NUMBER OF PLANTS)
Name of Donor: _____		Telephone No. _____	
(Please print clearly)			
Person(s) to be memorialized (now deceased): _____			
_____			
(Please print clearly)			
Person(s) to be honored: _____			
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## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b><u>Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost) All Saints</b> Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH #830) 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	<b><u>Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(24<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH #799) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
<b><u>Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	<b><u>Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost) <i>Christ the King Sunday</i></b> Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 (UMH #821) Eph 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46





### **Church Directory**

As you know, we have a church directory available online at our website; [umcso.com](http://umcso.com). We make every effort to keep this as up to date as possible for you. We ask you to please take a look at the current online directory and make sure your information is correct. Please call the church office with any necessary changes to your or your family's information. If you have adult children who now reside on their own please provide their new addresses and contact info. If you are unable to access the online directory, please consult your hard copy, or contact the church office at 914-245-4682 or email us at [umcso.ny@gmail.com](mailto:umcso.ny@gmail.com). We appreciate your help in keeping our information current.

### **Greeters**

Mary Vance is in need of Sunday morning Greeters. All that is required is that you show up at 10:15 and bring your warmest, welcoming smile. If you feel called to serve in this way please write down your name and contact number, give it to Mary Vance or leave on the desk in the church office. Please, clearly designate that is for "greeters".

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### **The Shepherd's Pantry**

The mission of the Shepherd's Pantry is to provide meals to those living alone and those homebound due to illness, post-op, or injury. Homemade meals will be provided for a period of 3 days. Please contact Pastor Sandy at 845-546-7173 if you or someone you know has a need.



# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>EVERY SUNDAY IS FOOD SUNDAY</b> 			<b>1</b> <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>2</b> <u>Prayer Group</u> <u>In-Person</u> 11:00 am Chapel	<b>3</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am GP Room <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am	<b>4</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am <u>Small Group</u> <u>Leaders</u> 9:30 am
<b>5 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> (White) <i>All Saints Sunday</i> Praise & worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcsoc.com">www.umcsoc.com</a> Breakfast Run	<b>6</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm <u>Trustees Meeting</u> 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> <u>Bible Studies</u> 10:00 am GP Room 7:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>8</b> <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>9</b> <u>Prayer Group</u> <u>In-Person</u> 11:00 am Chapel	<b>10</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am GP Room <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am GP Room	<b>11</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
<b>12 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> (Green) Praise & worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcsoc.com">www.umcsoc.com</a>	<b>13</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> <u>Bible Studies</u> 10:00 am GP Room 7:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>15</b> <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>16</b> <u>Prayer Group</u> <u>In-Person</u> 11:00 am Chapel	<b>17</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am GP Room <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am	<b>18</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am Clean up day 10:00 <u>Oper Christmas Child: Assembly of boxes and Pot Trust</u> 5:00-9:00 pm
<b>19 (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b> (Green) Praise & worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcsoc.com">www.umcsoc.com</a> <u>Blessing of Shoe Boxes during worship</u> <u>Assembly of Thanksgiving Baskets after worship</u>	<b>20</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	<b>21</b> <u>Bible Studies</u> 10:00 am GP Room 7:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>22</b> <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>23</b> <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> 	<b>24</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am GP Room <u>Crafts for a Cause</u> 11:00 am	<b>25</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
<b>26 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)</b> (White) Christ the King Sunday Praise & worship, Sanctuary 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcsoc.com">www.umcsoc.com</a>	<b>27</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	<b>28</b> <u>Bible Studies</u> 10:00 am GP Room 7:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>29</b> <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm (ZOOM)	<b>30</b>		