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“OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD”

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Dear UMCSO Family,

Happy New Year!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says: ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

This is such an encouraging passage. It is an inspiring reminder how to live our lives. As we begin 2024 let us renew our faith. Let go of whatever holds you back and reaffirm your trust in God. Each day write down something you are thankful to God for and at the end you will have 365 testimonies. God wants us to prosper and flourish. Try to memorize some scripture verses too!!

Psalms 118: 24 blesses me: ²⁴ This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (KJV)

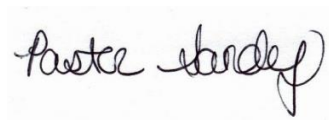
I love that verse! It is a perfect scripture passage to take us through our new year. Let's center our lives this year as a church family on Psalm 118.

Here are some fun facts about Psalm 118. This is the middle chapter of the Bible. It's between the shortest and the longest chapters of the Bible: Psalms 117 and 119. The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalms 118 and 594 chapters after. The total number of chapters in the Bible is 1188. Psalms 118:8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible.

This is a wonderful verse to memorize; say it every day! Because, no matter what we face each day, we can celebrate because we *have* a new day.

May your New Year be filled with: health, prosperity, faith, hope, and love.

Blessings and Love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Andy". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

“Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.”

— Brad Paisley

UPCOMING EVENTS
January 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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

New Year Pancake Brunch,
 Sunday, January 7th – 11:30
 am, GP Room



Trustees, Monday,
 January 8th – 7:30 pm

Sunday School Teachers,
 Sunday, January 21st - After
 Worship Service.

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 & 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.

Marilyn Bucher

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.



JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS

Russ Reynolds	1
Laura Hoenig	4
Dominick Schiavi	4
Augustus Aryee	6
Jerome Marcelly	6
Robert Reynolds	8
Mary Ferreira	12
Tim Carey	14
Annette Reynolds	17
Elliot "Jay" Drisko	18
Linda Hoernes	21
Thomas Antonucci	23
Peter Sutton	23
Sawyer Gilbert	24
Tommy DeMartino	30
James Gale	30
Margaret Reid	31



JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES

Yvonne & Victor Chung	5
Marilyn & Glen Bucher	17
Lisa & Jaime Latasa	31



ALTAR FLOWERS 2024

Thank you for your gift in providing Altar Flowers for the glory of God! Please contact Michele Squibb squibbm14@gmail.com if you would like to sign up for flowers.



POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone who donated Poinsettias in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The Sanctuary looked beautiful during Christmas Worship Services.

Please Note: As of Jan. 1st, the cost of the altar flowers will be \$50 for both bouquets, or, families of the congregation can split the order if they prefer.



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

Choir

- Al & Alice Fennell
- Bev Goodman
- Beverly Martinez
- Marshall Moseley
- Hank & Lynne Schrot
- Twila Hunter
- Jerome Marcelly
- Stanley Mochulsky
- Fran Davies

Education

- Kathy Casey and Lisa Grace

Altar Flowers

- Emsley Fund
- Mary Vance
- Cory Casey
- Jean Engel
- Asha and Sundeep Thomas

Liturgists

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

Communications & Chimes

- Debbie Vesuvio
- Marilyn Bucher
- Cliff Cullum

Audio Visual

- Cliff Cullum
- Dylan Matthews
- Joey Spina
- Pheby Aryee

Greeters & Ushers

- Annette Reynolds
- Debbie Vesuvio
- Doreen Matthews
- Kathy Schiavi
- Barbara Conklin
- Linda Hoernes
- Maxine Haigh

Children's Moment

- Lisa Peterson Grace

Hospitality

- Alice Fennell

SPR

- Annette Reynolds

Social Activities

- Kathy Schiavi

North West Co-op Parish

- Dianne Benincasa
- Barbara Conklin

Sunday School Corner

Thanks to our Sunday School teachers and other volunteers, December was full of many special helped our children and youth to better the miracle of Christmas.

On December 3, we held our annual Trim-A-Tree children of all ages helped create beautiful decorate the tree in the sanctuary. After a pizza children hung the ornaments, and we all in a sing-along led by Rob Gutowski.



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event. Our ornaments to lunch, the participated



In our church services, the children once again added the figures to the Nativity during the Children's Moments, so that they would learn and understand the story of Christ's birth. They also led us in the lighting of the Advent candles each week.

On December 16, the children participated in a Living Nativity. Many thanks to Annette Reynolds for organizing and the Supino family for bringing their animals! The following day, they re-enacted the Christmas story in church for our annual pageant. We are truly blessed to have had such wonderful experiences for the children this year.



Finally, mark your calendars for an important event to come in the New Year! On **Sunday, January 7**, we will be holding our annual **New Year's Breakfast** after worship.

We pray for a blessed New Year for all.

Yours in Christ,
The Sunday School Teachers



LAY LEADERSHIP UMCSO 2024

*“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”
(Colossians 3:23-24)*



On November 20, 2022, at our Church/Charge Conference we elected the following people to the various committees and working groups of our church. Many thanks to all who served in many ways during the year. We especially give thanks to Marshall Moseley, who has served as the Finance Chair for many years. On January 8th, we will do a special blessing of all committee members during the service.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – 2024

The Administrative Council consists of: (1) listed Officers, (2) designated “Members-At-Large, and (3) Chairs of Committees, sub-Committees, and Work Areas. The Administrative Council meetings may be attended by any member of the Church, or interested person, but without vote, unless in one of the three categories listed above. The Administrative Council may meet on call of the Chair or Pastor.

The Administrative Council usually meets on Sunday, following our worship.

Church Officers

Chair, Administrative Council	Curtis Conklin
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Bucher
Lay Leader	Marilyn Bucher/ Kathy Schiavi
Treasurers	Linda Hoernes/ Barbara Conklin
Financial Secretaries	Cliff Cullum/June Willis
Chair, Finance Committee	Doug Gaylor
Chair, Board of Trustees	Russ Reynolds
Chair, Staff/Parish Relations	Annette Reynolds
Chair, Missions Committee	Cory Casey
Chair, Membership Committee	Maxine Haigh
Chair, Worship (Ushers/Acolytes/Communion)	Deborah Vesuvio
Chairs, Youth Ministry	Cory & Lisa Casey
Communications	Marilyn Bucher/ Deborah Vesuvio
Coordinators/Education	Kathy Casey/Doug Gaylor/ Lisa Grace/Annette Reynolds
Chair, Parsonage Committee	Annette Reynolds
Annual Conference, Lay Representative Member	Dianne Benincasa
Chair, Vision Table	Linda Hoernes
Chair, Men’s Group	Russ Reynolds
Lay Coordinator, Northern Westchester Parish	Dianne Benincasa/ Peter Hoernes

Members-At-Large of the Administrative Council

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Craig Davis	Beth Gilleo	Peter Hoernes
Tawyanna Francis	Marshall Moseley	Alice Fennel
Joey Spina	Veronica Rosario	Maxine Haigh

Committee on Lay Leadership (Formerly known as Nominations)

Ex-Officio, Lay Leader, Marilyn Bucher

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
<u>Maxine Haigh</u>	Collette Carpenter	Michele Squibb
Daryl Lindholm	Jean Engel	Dom Schiavi
<u>Linda Hoernes</u>	Joy Santaroni	Annette Reynolds

Missions & Outreach

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Joy Santaroni	Barbara Conklin	Susan Crookston
Russ Reynolds	Annette Reynolds	Cory Casey (Chair)
Kathy Casey	Caroline Matthews	Patty Antonucci

(Sub Committee Support: Linda & Peter Hoernes, Susan Closi)

Staff/Parish Relations

Ex-Officio, Lay Leader, Marilyn Bucher
 Ex-Officio, Annual Conference Lay Representative, Dianne Benincasa
 Safe Sanctuaries Chair, Kathy Casey

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Annette Reynolds (Chair)	Bev Goodman	Susan Crookston
Michele Squibb	Marshall Moseley	Robert Gutowski
Laura Hoenig	Lynne Schrot	Barbara Conklin

Board of Trustees

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Russ Reynolds (Chair)	Jonathan Goodman	Peter Hoernes
Karla Ruth	James Matthews	Doug Gaylor
Rachel Ward	Dylan Matthews	Glen Bucher

Endowment

Glen Bucher, Doug Gaylor, Peter Hoernes, James Matthews

Vision Table

Ex-Officio, Lay Leader, Marilyn Bucher

Linda Hoernes (Chair)

Curtis Conklin (Admin. Council Chair)

Russ Reynolds (Trustees Chair)

Annette Reynolds (SPRC Chair)

Doug Gaylor/Lisa Grace/Kathy Casey/Annette Reynolds/Sara Moden (Sunday School Administrators)

Marshall Moseley (Finance)

Marilyn Bucher (Membership & Communications)

Glen Bucher (Trustees Treasurer)

Dawn Zampell (Music Director)

Dianne Benincasa (Laity Coordinator- Northern Westchester Parish)

Barbara Conklin

Education

Doug Gaylor, Lisa Grace, Kathy Casey, Annette Reynolds, Sarah Moden, Theresa Aryee, and all active teachers

Finance

Ex-Officio, Lay Leader, Marilyn Bucher

Ex-Officio, Annual Conference Lay Representative, Dianne Benincasa

Doug Gaylor (Chair, Finance) Linda Hoernes and **Barbara Conklin** (Treasurers); Cliff Cullum and June Willis (Financial Secretaries); Glen Bucher (Trustees Treasurer); **Curtis Conklin** (Chair, Administrative Council); Annette Reynolds (Chair, Staff/Parish Relations)

Audit

James Matthews

Membership and Church Growth

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Annette Reynolds	Maxine Haigh	Lindsey Gilbert
Lynne Schrot	Bev Goodman	Beverly Martinez
Fran Maddalone	Grace Reynolds	Collette Carpenter

Book of Remembrance

Linda Stella


Parsonage

Annette Reynolds (Chair)	Grace Reynolds	Fran Maddalone
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Worship

Mary Vance (Greeters)	Robert Gutowski (Music)	Alice Fennell (Hospitality)
Michele Squibb (Flowers/ Decor)	Cliff Cullum (A/V)	Cliff Cullum (A/V)
	Debbie Vesuvio (Ushers, Acolytes & Communion)	ALL MEMBERS (Coffee Hour)

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<p><u>Sunday, January 7th</u> (Baptism of the Lord)</p> <p>Gen 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4=11</p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 14th</u> (2nd Sunday after the Epiphany)</p> <p>1 Sam 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Cor 6:12-20 John 1:43-51</p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 21th</u> (3rd Sunday after the Epiphany)</p> <p>Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthian 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20</p>
<p><u>Sunday, January 28nd</u> (4th Sunday after the Epiphany)</p> <p>Deut 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28</p>	 <p><i>God's Blessings to all! Wishing you the best in 2024!</i></p>	



January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm <u>Trustees Meeting</u> 7:00 pm	2 <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm	3 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm	4 <u>Prayer Group</u> <u>In-Person</u> 11:00 am Chapel	5 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts</u> 11:00 am GP Room	6 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am
7 (Baptism of the Lord) (White or Gold) HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com</u> 11:30 am <u>New Year Pancake Brunch, GP Room</u>	8 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm <u>Trustees Meeting</u> 7:30 pm	9 <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm	10 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm	11 <u>Prayer Group</u> <u>In-Person</u> 11:00 am Chapel	12 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts</u> 11:00 am GP Room	13 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
14 (2nd Sunday After the Epiphany) (Green) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com</u>	15 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	16 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm	17 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 p m	18 <u>Prayer Group</u> <u>In-Person</u> 11:00 am Chapel	19 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts</u> 11:00 am GP Room	20 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am
21 (3rd Sunday After the Epiphany) (Green) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com</u> <u>Sunday School Teachers' Meeting after Worship</u>	22 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	23 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm	24 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm	25 <u>Prayer Group</u> <u>In-Person</u> 11:00 am Chapel	26 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am <u>Crafts</u> 11:00 am GP Room	27 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
28 (4th Sunday After the Epiphany) (Green) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com</u>	29 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	30 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm				