

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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The Chimes

"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

Honorable Reverend Sandra B. Mantz



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Dear UMCSO Family,

Easter is March 31st this year. As we get ready to celebrate another Easter, I am once again in awe about how much God loves us. One of the greatest promises to me is that God conquered death. When Jesus says I am the resurrection, he reminds us that He holds the keys of hell and death. He is the foundation. He not only can raise people from the grave, but reminds us that the resurrection is the very power of God.

Because of the Resurrection, we are not alone. God stands with us offering hope and love. We have the promise of eternal life and a peace with God. The Resurrection is the central reason for our devotion and the focus of why we are the community called the Church. We now see God in a new way. Our lives are different because He has conquered death and God has extended his power to all of us.

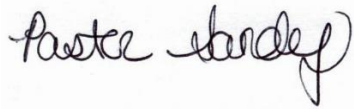
Easter is a celebration of the gift God gave us through the death, burial, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. I think of the ultimate sacrifice God made, as a Father, by sending His one and only son to take on the atonement for our sins. I think of all the pain and suffering He went through to provide salvation for you and me. I think about love and grace. I think about redemption and freedom.

As I have grown older, I have seen more and more how my relationship with God has enhanced my life exponentially. It personally gives me hope, peace and joy. The wonderful community of faith upholds each other and we can go out into the world and help others by spreading His love. Rejoice in the Lord who is here and is faithful!! We all need to share this Good news.

John 3:16 says: ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Wow, that is powerful!

May we all believe in our Lord who triumphed o'er the grave for us and our salvation. May we continue to reach for and spread Christ's love. Please join us for our Holy week services. Happy Easter, Resurrection People! Christ is Risen Indeed!!

Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Andy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The word "Pastor" is written in a standard cursive, while "Andy" is more stylized with a large, looped 'A' and a trailing flourish.

UPCOMING EVENTS March 2024



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

Palm Sunday: March 24th
at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday: March
28th. Evening service at 7:00
pm

Good Friday: March 31st.
Sanctuary open for Prayer
from 12:00 – 3:00 pm.
Evening Tenebrae service at
7:00 pm.

Easter Sunday:
Sunrise service: 7:00 am.
Traditional service: 10:30
am



Missions Meeting:
Thursday, March 10th,
following worship

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 & 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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nigel D. Ferreira	2
Cindy Ayling	2
Stanley Mochulsky	3
John Ayling	4
Jessica Abraham	5
Tony Capozza	5
Leslie Anne Norman	6
Marshall Moseley	7
Matthew Spina	12
Joey Spina	15
Daniel Hoernes	16
Todd Bogardus	17
Garrett Stokes	20
Doris Shields	24
Lee Anne Chung	27
Lilia Gutowski	27
Natalie Grace	28
Brielle Bucher	30
Ken Mannino	30
Glenna Outhouse	30
Michael Antonucci, III	31
Maxine Haigh	31

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS March 10th



Remember to set your clocks
ahead on the night of **Saturday,**
March 9th before going to bed.



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.

Orders For Easter lilies and flowers must be submitted by 3/22/24. Please see the attached order form below.

UPDATES TO UMC SO CHURCH DIRECTORY



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



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
Twila Hunter
Beverly Martinez
Marshall Moseley
Hank and Lynne Schrot
Jerome Marcelly
Stanley Mochulsky

Altar Flowers

Beth Gilleo
Maxine Haigh
Sarah Alliston
The Church
Debbie Vesuvio

Liturgists

Rachel Ward
Annette Reynolds
Leo Gutowski
Marilyn Bucher
Lynne Schrot

Education

Lisa Grace and Kathy Casey

Social Activities

Kathy Schiavi



Communications & Chimes

Deborah Vesuvio
Marilyn Bucher
Cliff Cullum

Audio Visual

Cliff Cullum
Dylan Matthews
Joey Spina
Pheby Aryee

Greeters & Ushers

Annette Reynolds
Debbie Vesuvio
Barbara Conklin
Doreen Matthews
Kathy Schiavi
Freddy Arias
Maxine Haigh

Children's Moment

Pastor Sandy

Hospitality

Alice Fennell

SPR

Annette Reynolds

North West. Co-op Parish

Dianne Benincasa
Peter Hoernes

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

“...From the lips of children and infants, you, Lord, have called forth your praise...” Matthew 21:16

This past month has been a busy one for our Sunday School. Each year, our children and youth create Valentines to brighten the lives of nursing home residents and shut-ins.



This year, we invited the entire church community to participate. On February 4, we enjoyed a delicious lunch of soup and bread, thanks to the generosity and talents of Sarah Alliston. Then we worked together to create dozens of beautiful Valentines. They were delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients and some of our church friends as well.

On February 11, Super Bowl Sunday, we celebrated the Souper Bowl of Caring. At the end of the church service, some of our youth used large soup pots to collect monetary donations for our local food pantries. Thank you to the congregation for your generosity!



On February 11, we also launched our study of Lent in the elementary Sunday School class. The children learned about the idea of Lent and its importance. Each week, we will learn more through a series of lessons called “The Faces of Lent.” Our studies will culminate in a parade on Palm Sunday and not one, but two egg hunts on Easter itself! In Sunday

School, the children will participate in a Bible-based egg hunt, and after church, they will hunt for candy-filled eggs behind the church.

May God guide us and bless us as we approach the Lenten season.

Yours in Christ,

The Sunday School Teachers

Welcome

New Members



These are some of the faces of those recently received into membership. Although their faces may not be new they are all now officially part of the United Methodist family here at Shrub Oak.

When you see them across the sanctuary or GP Room please be sure to say a warm and welcoming hello to

Lyllis D'Arbeau, Michael Kocz, Margaret and Jessica Abraham (not pictured), Sarah Alliston, Kelly and Brent Horton, Elizabeth (Betsy) Reynolds Palumbo Goldhorn and daughter Samantha Palumbo.



LENTEN BONFIRE **Saturday, February 17th**



On Saturday, February 17th some 30+ folks participated in our Annual Lenten Bonfire. After a warm dinner of soup and bread we ventured outside to gather around the bonfire, writing our sins down on pieces of paper and throwing them into the fire.



**Thank you to all who contributed to the amazing food and fellowship,
and for a wonderful Black History Month celebration**



COMING THIS JULY, UMC SO IS BRINGING BACK...



PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS AND INFO!

Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2024

On Easter Sunday we will again dress our Sanctuary to honor the Lord. If you have family members, loved ones or friends you'd like to honor or memorialize, please order below and return this form with accompanying payment to Michele Squibb or the Church office. The cost of each plant is **\$15**. Please make checks payable to UMC SO and note "Flowers" in the memo section.

Orders must be received by March 22, 2024



Please **circle** your choices below and **note quantity** beside each:

Lilies #____ **Tulips #**____ **Daffodils #**____ **Hyacinths #**____

Please print Name and Phone # of Donor: _____

Person(s) to be

Memorialized: _____

Person(s) to be

honored: _____

If you have any questions please contact Michele Squibb at 914-393-5682 or the Church office at 914-245-4682

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24th

Traditional Service 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 pm Service

Good Friday, March 29th

Prayer Vigil Hours 12:00pm – 3:00 pm

Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Sunrise Service: 7:00 am

Traditional Service: 10:30 am

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Sunday, March 3rd</u> (Third Sunday in Lent) Exod 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	<u>Sunday, March 10th</u> (Fourth Sunday in Lent) Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 7-22 Ephes 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	<u>Sunday, March 17th</u> (Fifth Sunday in Lent) Jer 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Heb 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
<u>Sunday, March 24th</u> (Palm Sunday) Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	<u>Thursday, March 28th</u> (Maundy Thursday) Exod 12:1-2, 5-10, 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	<u>Friday, March 29th</u> (Good Friday) Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Heb 10: 16-25 John 18:1- 19:42
<u>Sunday, March 31st</u> (Easter Sunday) Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Cor 15:1-11 John 20: 1-16 Mark 16:1-8		



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time. — MARTIN LUTHER</p>			<u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm	<u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel	¹ <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	² <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am
3 (3rd Sunday in Lent) (Purple) HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcsa.com</u>	4 <u>Trustees Meeting</u> 7:00 pm <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	5 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm	6 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm	7 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel	8 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	9 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
10 (4th Sunday in Lent) (Purple) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcsa.com</u> Missions meeting following worship	11 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	12 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm	13 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm	14 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel	15 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	16 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am
17 (5th Sunday in Lent) (Purple) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcsa.com</u>	18 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	19 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm	20 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm	21 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel	22 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	23 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
24 (6th Sunday in Lent) (Purple) PALM SUNDAY 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcsa.com</u>	25 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	26 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am <u>Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm	27 <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm	28 <u>Maundy Thursday</u> Service 7:00 pm <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel	29 <u>Good Friday</u> Service 7:00 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY (White) <u>Sunrise Service 7:00am</u> 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcsa.com</u>						