

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 14th, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by the Reynolds Family; “In honor and loving memory of Annette’s dad, who would’ve been 100 on April 16th.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Welcome! It’s wonderful to greet you in the name of Jesus.

P: Thank you! We are glad to be here.

L: Today we will speak of a special trip Jesus took.

P: We are eager to hear about this.

L: Ah, but it isn’t only about Jesus, it’s also about us!

P: Lord, make us ready for this journey with Jesus. AMEN

PRAISE & WORSHIP:

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God, you have given yourself to us in the person of Jesus. We have his example of loving ministry as a guide for our lives. We stand as people forgiven and reconciled to you. Be with us this day. Remind us that you are always near. Guide our lives. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” – UMH #304

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Sometimes our hearts ache within us, O Lord. Like those travelers on the Emmaus road, we feel the deep sadness about losing Jesus. Our sadness finds its roots in many things and we feel as though we cannot escape it. It becomes part and parcel of our conversations. Deep within, our spirits long for release and we silently cry. Forgive us when we close our eyes to your presence. Heal our brokenness. Bind up our wounds. Place us on the path of healing and help us to be people who will bring compassionate caring to others, for we ask these things In Jesus' name. AMEN

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News:

Dear friends, let your hearts be healed. God is here with you, right now, and walks with you into the world. Do not fear! Peace be with you all. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 3:12-19 (NIV)

1 John 3:1-7 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN of PREPARATION: "Oh How He Loves You and Me"- FWS #2108

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-48 (NIV)

SERMON: Has Your Heart Been Changed?

1. The Journey of Faith
2. A Change in Direction
3. Excitement on the Road

RESPONSE: Cares Chorus – FWS #2215

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Be Not Afraid"

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN: “Marching to Zion” – UMH #733

BENEDICTION:

It's time to go, friends! Set your foot on the path of service and reconciliation. Look for the many ways in which God has blessed your journey. Go in confidence that Christ walks with you, each step of the way.
AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-19 (NIV)

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?”

¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

1 John 3:1-7 (NIV)

³ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36-48 (NIV)

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”

³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Volunteers are needed for bake sale items and anyone interested in gathering to bake pies can contact Sarah Alliston to make arrangements. Also needed are volunteers to help with:

Set Up (8:30 – 10:00am), Helping day of (10:00 am - 3:00 pm), and Clean Up (3:00- 4:00 pm) Sign up sheets are posted in the breezeway.



HEALTH KITS

OUR COOPERATIVE PARISH WILL BE MAKING HEALTH KITS THAT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE THIS YEAR.

ALL 10 CHURCHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ITEM.

UMCSO WAS ASKED TO COLLECT FINGER NAIL AND TOE NAIL CLIPPERS. GOAL IS 200.

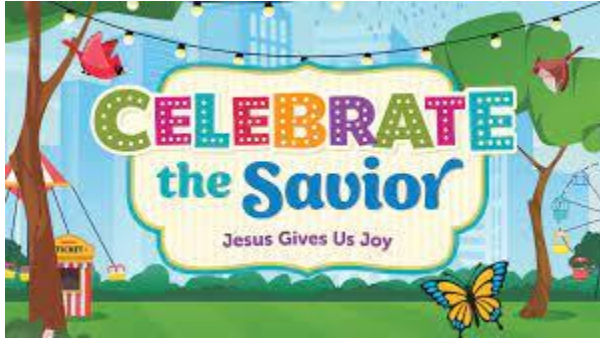
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE JUST PLACE YOUR DONATION IN THIS BOX.

ANY QUESTIONS.... PLEASE CONTACT DIANNE @ 914-736 7666.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS PROJECT.

The
Collection Box
for these
items is in
the
breezeway.

Why Attend Vacation Bible School ?



VBS stands for Vacation Bible School, and it is a summer church outreach focused on giving kids a fun and creative place to learn about the Bible and to build relationships with other kids and churches in the area. VBS offers the church fun and creative methods of teaching kids and youth Christ-like values and

relationship-building skills. It is an excellent outreach tool into the community—a way to invite those who do not normally attend to come into the church, get involved, and build relationships with others and with Jesus Christ. Churches generally run VBS for a week, and each program has its own theme (medieval castles, water parks, the Old West, etc., for example) that children can explore. A week of VBS usually includes games, snacks, crafts, skits, and, of course, Bible lessons! There is always a connection between God and the theme, allowing kids to discover God in a creative way and it offers a variety of ways for the entire congregation to become involved.

We invite you to come join us the week of July 22nd through the 27th. It begins with a light supper from 4:30 - 5:00 and then VBS from 5:00-7:30 pm.

Watch for further details coming soon!

UMCSO SCHEDULE

Zoom links are included in Mailchimp. Please contact us with your email (umcso.ny@gmail.com) or call 914-245-4682 if you would like to receive Mailchimp emails.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP Monday, 7:00 pm, (ZOOM)

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 10:00 am (In Person)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 7:00 pm (ZOOM)

SMALL GROUP 1: Wednesday, 1:00 pm (ZOOM)

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday, 11:00 am (Chapel)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 7:30 pm with Pastor Sandy (ZOOM). (See link below).

SMALL GROUP 2: Friday, 10:00 am (phone 1-267-807-9495; 656355452#)

CRAFTS FOR A CAUSE: Friday, 11:00 am - 12 noon (various homes)

MEN'S GROUP: Saturday 8:00 am (ZOOM)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 am in the GP room (In person)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Saturday, April 20th, 9:30 am

Pastor Sandy Mantz invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study

Date/Time: Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2610447551?pwd=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Will be meeting this Sunday, April 14th, following worship.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE: Preparations for the Rummage and Bake Sale on May 25th are in full swing! Donated items can be left in the breezeway (as long as they're out of the way of foot traffic) Please see the sign-up sheets in the breezeway if you are led to help out.

TEACHER'S MEETING: This Sunday, April 14th following worship.

YORKTOWN SPECIAL ELECTION: April 16th, the Parish Hall will be open for voting from 6:00 am – 9:00 pm.

THIS JULY: Vacation Bible School is making a comeback this July 22-27th. See details above and watch for further info coming soon.

REACH US ON FACEBOOK

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

<https://www.facebook.com/Blessedassurancetoday>

There is a link to the Church's website
Pastor Sandy will post inspirational verses regularly.

This Week's Birthdays:

Debbie Vesuvio	4/14	Phyllis Maskiell	4/15
Darrah Walls	4/14	Len Lindholm	4/16
Pat Golanec	4/15	Wendy Cervini	4/17

Anniversaries: Michael and Theresa Barnett 4/15