

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
June 16th, 2024 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by the Mannino Family, “In honor and celebration of Honors Day, Father’s day, Christopher’s high school graduation, and Lee Norman’s 85th birthday!”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: In all times and in all places, God is with us.

P: God’s love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.

L: Shout for joy!

P: Sing praises to God!

L: Get ready to become disciples for Jesus.

P: Lord, make us ready to serve you. AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

God of abundant love, we come to you this day in the midst of a season of great growth. All around us are signs of growth, in our earth, in our families, in our nation, in our world. We come this day, seeking your healing love and abounding mercy. Open our hearts to receive all that you offer that we may become fruitful workers for you. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “We Are The Church” – UMH #558

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. We turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a “puppet master” but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION:

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God's love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 20 (NIV) - Chris Mannino

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17 (NIV) – Logan Reynolds

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG: “Jesus Loves Me“

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34 (NIV)

MEDITATION: Have a Mustard Seed Faith

RESPONSE: “Sanctuary” – FWS #2164

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

HONORS PROGRAM:

Kathy Casey: Introduction (Honoring of Choir, Acolytes, and Sunday School) Recognition of Teachers/Classes

BLESSING of GRADUATES and MISSION GROUPS:

5th-6th Grade: Xavier King, Colleen Gutowski, and J'Tashia Martin

8th Grade: Logan Reynolds

High School: Pheby Aryee, Christopher Mannino

College:

Emily Grace, from Manhattan College

James Pinto, from University of Albany

Victoria Mandara (Fran Maddalone's granddaughter), from Lehman College

Julie Laura Jacobson (June Willis' granddaughter), from Messiah University

OFFERTORY: “10,000 Reasons”

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN: “This Little Light of Mine” – UMH #585

BENEDICTION:

Feel the love of God growing within your heart. Go into God’s world, planting seeds of love, mercy, joy, and peace in all that you say and do. Be at peace and serve God. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6071/worship-connection-june-13-2021>

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 20 (NIV)

¹ May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

² May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

³ May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶ Now this I know: The LORD gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹ LORD, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight.

⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34 (NIV)

26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,

27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;

32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;

34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

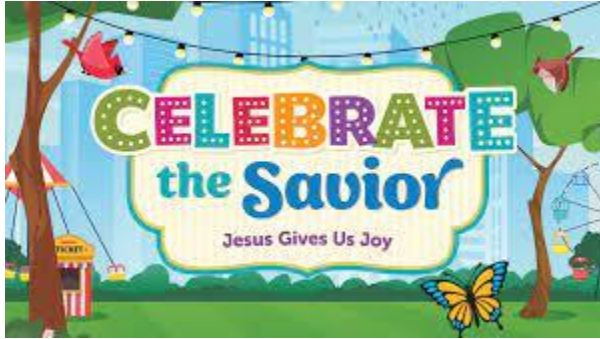
Happy Father's Day

to all our Dads and Grandfathers!



God Bless you all, always, for your love, support, encouragement, teaching and guidance, and all the sacrifices you make on our behalf... we love, appreciate and thank you!

What Is 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 for fun and fellowship the week of July 22nd through the 27th. It begins with a light supper (optional) from 4:30 - 5:00 and then VBS activities from 5:00-7:30 pm. Registration has begun so invite your family, friends, and neighbors and sign up now! (See registration form below)

Vacation Bible School

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

July 22-27, 2024, 4:30-7:30pm

Registration Form For Ages 3 and Up

Student Name:

Address:

Age and Grade entering in the Fall:

Parents Name:

Home Phone #

Work #

Church Affiliation:

Please list:

Any Allergies/Special needs: _____

Emergency Contact info: _____

Name of any other designated Driver(s) for Drop-off and/or Pick-up:

There is a \$20 donation per child for the week to help with expenses. There are scholarships available if anyone needs. In addition, if your child/children will be taking part in the light supper that begins at 4:30 an RSVP is required in advance to ensure we have enough for everyone.

By checking this box I hereby give my consent for my child's photo/image, taken during the course of Bible School activities, to be used in Church media and publications.

Registrations should be in by Sunday July 10th to the church office by phone at 914-245-4682, email: umcso.ny@gmail.com, or by mail to: UMCSO, 1176 East Main St., Shrub Oak, NY 10588. For additional info please contact Linda Hoernes or Pastor Sandy.

UMCSO SCHEDULE

email (umcso.ny@gmail.com) or call 914-245-4682 if you would like to receive Mailchimp emails.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: On summer break, resumes 9/2/24

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: On summer break, resumes 9/3/24

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: On summer break, resumes 9/3/24

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, July 6th, 9:30 am

Pastor Sandy Mantz invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study (**Will continue throughout the summer**)

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

Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2610447551?pwd=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0pIRi8rUT09>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

Passcode: 246240

One tap mobile

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+16465588656,,2610447551#,,,,*246240# US (New York)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORS DAY PICNIC: Honors Day is this Sunday, June 16th with the annual Church picnic following worship. There are sign-up sheets in the GP Room and the breezeway for food, drink, and dessert items. Everyone is welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: **Registration has begun!!** VBS starts July 22nd and goes through July 27th. We are very excited and would love for you, your family, and your friends to join us! Please sign up now, all are welcome!!

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 B'days:

Daniel Haigh	6/16
Azaria Shkoda	6/17
Twila Hunter	6/21
Charles Rigg	6/21
Lois Rispoli	6/21
Wesley Battle Jr.	6/22

Anniversaries:

Daryl and Len Lindholm	6/18
Susan and Albert Ciosi	6/21
Linda and Peter Hoernes	6/22