

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given by the Hoernes family, “In loving memory of Linda’s mother, Barbara Reed.”

**GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: In the midst of life’s storms, God is there.

**P: What have we to fear?**

L: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

**P: Of whom shall we be afraid?**

L: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

**P: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. AMEN.**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Lord, we have come this day, seeking your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear the words of hope and compassion. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully all of our days. AMEN.

**OPENING HYMN:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” – UMH #89

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

## **SILENT CONFESSION:**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear the Good News

Fear not! God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives.  
Place your trust in God always. AMEN.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (NRSV)

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (NRSV)

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” FWS #2158

**GOSPEL:** Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

**SERMON:** Withstanding Life's Storms

1. Our God Is Faithful!
2. Don't Give Up!
3. Peace Be Still

**RESPONSE:** Cares Chorus (2x) – FWS #2215

## **PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** Special Music Selection

## **DOXOLOGY**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “It Is Well With My Soul” – UMH #377

## **BENEDICTION:**

As the Lord has given to you such peace and healing, now go into the world offering God's love and hope to others. Go in peace and remember that God goes with you. AMEN

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2857/worship-connection-june-23-2024>

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32** (NRSV)

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

23 Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

24 they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

26 They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

27 they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

29 he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

30 Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

## **2 Corinthians 6:1-13** (NRSV)

1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

2 For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

3 We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,

4 but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;

6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,

7 truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

8 in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;

9 as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed;

10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

11 We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

12 There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

13 In return - I speak as to children - open wide your hearts also.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Mark 4:35-41** (NRSV)

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



# Honors Day and Church Picnic 2024



# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!

(Registration forms, shown below, can be found at the back of the sanctuary, in the breezeway, and in the GP Room.)

# 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:

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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 10<sup>th</sup> to the church office** by phone at 914-245-4682, email: [umcso.ny@gmail.com](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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>

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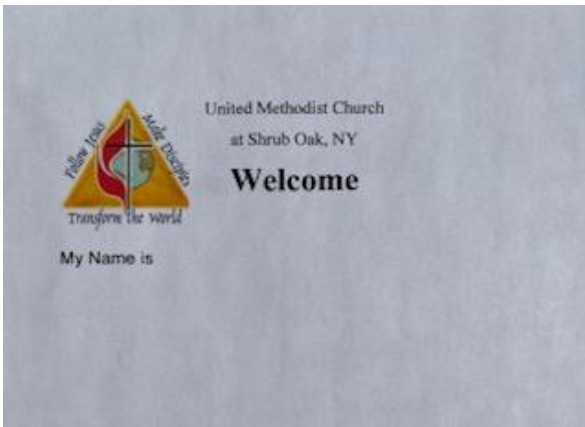
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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### NAME TAGS:



We would like to encourage you to remember to wear your name tags. We have some newer families and frequent visitors and it would be a great way for them to put names with faces. If anyone has lost or misplaced theirs, and needs a new name tag, please see Marilyn Bucher or let someone in the office know.

**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.

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**This Week's B'days:**

Landy Guevara 6/23  
Lynne Schrot 6/23  
Lila Ryder 6/28  
Jack Casey 6/30

**Anniversaries:**

Margaret and Norman Reid 6/28  
Pastors Iwy and Enock Yatri 6/28  
Linda and Jay Drisko 6/30