

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 14th, 2024 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given jointly by Lisa Grace, an anonymous donor, and the church, in celebration of our upcoming outreach of VBS, our youth, and all the people that make it possible.

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We come here shouting, our voices lifted in praise.

P: We come here singing, our songs full of joy.

L: We come here dancing, our hearts rejoicing.

P: To the Holy One who is worthy, all praise and glory forevermore!

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord of the dance, creator of whirling winds and shimmering flames, move in us this day. Breathe life into our songs of praise. Set our hearts ablaze to your word. May our worship bring joy to you, Lord. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Lord of the Dance" – UMH #261

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

You have called us by name, Lord, and made us your family.

Yet we do not always live as one body in Christ — we neglect to care for your creation; we forget that our neighbor is also our sister; we ignore suffering children in lands far away. Forgive us, we pray.

Loosen the chains we place on our lives — chains of burden and busyness, chains of ignorance and stress. Free us to care for your family, that we all might dance, sing, and praise your glorious name! Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION:

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

L: We belong to the king of glory who joyfully sets us free.

In Christ's healing hands, you find forgiveness.

P: In Christ's healing touch, you find forgiveness.

Glory be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (NRSV)

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Are Ye Able" - UMH # 530

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29 (NRSV)

SERMON: The Message

RESPONSE: "Spirit Song" – UMH #347

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Lord of all Hopefulness"

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" – UMH #369

BENEDICTION:

Children of God, go forth dancing, singing, and praising. Dance joy into sorrowful places! Sing hope into places of despair!

Praise God this day and always! Amen.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2934/worship-elements-july-14-2024>

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (NRSV)

6:1 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim.

3 They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart

4 with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.

5 David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

12b So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the city of David with rejoicing;

13 and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

14 David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD.

18 When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts,

19 and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,

10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:14-29 (NRSV)

6:14 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."

16 But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,

20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."

6:23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

6:24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."

6:25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

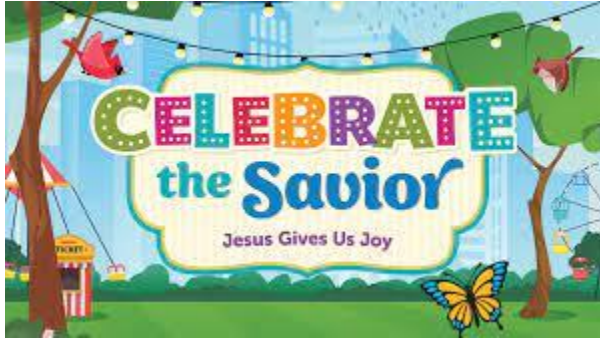
6:26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

6:27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,

6:28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

6:29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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 26th. 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 22-26, 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.

It's that time of year, friends!
As most of you are aware,
Pastor Sandy is away until July
19th. In her absence, Pastor Lori
Miller of the UMC of Katonah
will be covering pastoral needs.
If you have a need, please
make us aware as we will be in
regular contact with Pastor
Sandy, and she can make the
appropriate arrangements.



Please Note:

Our next Communion service will be on
Sunday, July 21, when Pastor Sandy
returns.

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: Off for summer, resumes 9/9/24

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Off for summer, resumes 9/10/24

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Off for summer, resumes 9/10/24

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 20th, 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services for Todd Bogardus are as follows:

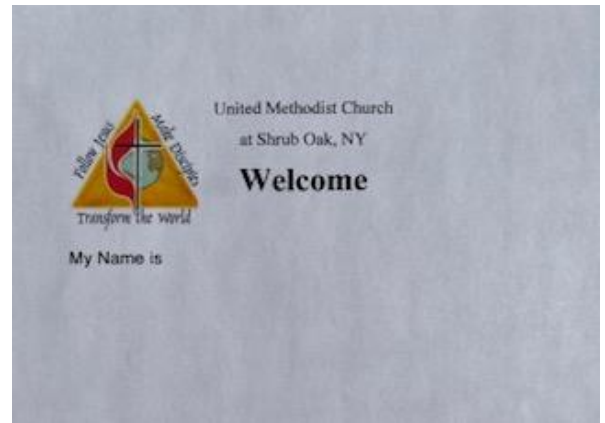
Visitation at Yorktown Funeral Home Sunday 7/14 from 2-6 pm

Funeral service here at UMCSO Monday, 7/15 at 11:00 am

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: It's Not Too Late!! Although the official deadline has passed we will still be accepting registrations! VBS starts July 22nd and goes through July 26th. We are very excited and would love for you, your family, and your friends to join us! Please sign up now, all are welcome!!

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:

Peter Hoernes	7/13
Stephanie Speedling	7/15
Pastor Enock Yatri	7/15
Chris Grace	7/16
Joya Chakravarty	7/18

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week