

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 7th, 2024 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by the Reynolds family, “In celebration of Stephanie’s birthday!”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

When our bodies feel unable, and the voices around us criticize us as weak and worthless, God calls to us and says: “open your heart to your weaknesses and my strength.” When we persist in the false belief that we must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our independence. God calls to us and opens our hearts to our weakness and strength. May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness and the power of God’s love.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving God, who opens our hearts to the mysteries of faith in ordinary and extraordinary moments, please come near to us today. Make known among us and within us, your strength, that we might experience your power that uses what the powers of this world call weakness to demonstrate your almighty love to all. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” – UMH #77

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and others. We confess the heartbreak, worry and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive. We have failed to love others as you love us. In Jesus’ name we pray and ask for your forgiveness. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION:

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the good news as we place our trust in the Lord. The news of salvation, liberation from sin, brokenness and isolation from God. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: James 5:10-11 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Joyful, Joyful..." (vs. 1&3) UMH #89

GOSPEL: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (NIV)

SERMON: "Strength In Weakness "

RESPONSE: "Freely, Freely" – UMH #389

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Find us Ready"

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" – UMH #672

BENEDICTION:

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. And may you all be blessed along every step of your path by our Holy Father. May the sun shine upon you, and may your every day be filled with joy and laughter. Go in peace. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:10-11

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

GOSPEL READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (NIV)

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—

⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses.

⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,

⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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:

We will not be celebrating Communion
until Pastor Sandy returns on July 21

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 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>

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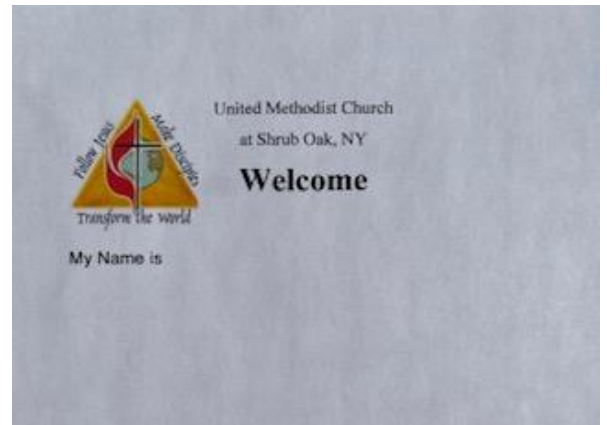
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration has begun!! 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.

This Week's B'days:

Dolsen Eccles	7/8
Jareath (JD) Martin	7/8
Daryl Lindholm	7/10
Mike Mancusi	7/10
Lisa Grace	7/11
Agata Shkoda	7/12
Peter Hoernes	7/14

Anniversaries:

none this week