

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 29th, 2024 – Ninteenth Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Susan Crookston, “In remembrance of Norman Crookston; a wonderful husband, and amazing father to his children, and a man of deep faith and love for the Lord.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

P: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

L: We struggle and worry.

P: God’s loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

L: Listen for God’s call to you.

P: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance. Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ’s Name. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Trust and Obey” – UMH #467

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Patient Lord, we know that you call us to service, but we often feel inadequate. We love to make excuses for not doing something or for doing something only half-heartedly. Remind us again of your loving and guiding presence. Forgive us when we stumble and falter. Turn us again to you, serving joyfully and confidently. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News:

Beloved Ones, you are the salty people - those who bring flavor to living. Your spirit of love and confidence gives hope to others. Remember that the Lord is always with you. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven thanks be to God. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 124 (NIV)
James 5:13-20 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN of PREPARATION: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" – UMH #496

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50 (NIV)

SERMON: Righteous Living

1. Trust God
2. Live a Prayerful Life
3. Leave Footprints of Grace

RESPONSE: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" – UMH #334

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Be Not Afraid"

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "We Are Called" – FWS #2172

BENEDICTION:

Go in peace to serve the Lord. Remember the healing love that has taken place in your life. Be open to all the wonders and opportunities that God puts before you. Go in peace. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3097/worship-connection-september-29-2024>

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 124 (NIV)

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side— let Israel say—

² if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us,

³ they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us;

⁴ the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,

⁵ the raging waters would have swept us away.

⁶ Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

James 5:13-20 (NIV)

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back,

²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50 (NIV)

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me,

⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us.

⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

⁴² “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.

⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ^[44]

⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ^[46]

⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,

⁴⁸ where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

MORE UPCOMING



September 29th: Breakfast Run. **Donation box in the breezeway for the following items:**

- Men's t-shirts in dark colors (M, L and XL)
- Men's Black Socks
- Washcloths
- Toothbrushes and trial size toothpaste
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo (trial size)
- Deodorant (trial size)
- Gallon size plastic bags
- Sandwich size zip lock plastic bags
- Small brown paper lunch bags

October 13: Open House at the Parsonage following worship

October 20th: Trunk or Treat, (1- 3 pm)

October 26th: ASP Monster Dash, FDR State Park at 9:30 am (see Chimes

December 1st: Trim a Tree (12pm – 3pm with pizza lunch)

December 7th: Craft Fair

December 8th: Caroling at the mall (following worship)

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, GP Room

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#)

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, Oct. 5th, 9:30 am

TRUSTEES MEETING: First Monday of every month, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

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

MISSIONS MEETING: This Sunday, Sept. 29th, following worship service.

OPEN HOUSE: Pastor Sandy and the Mantz family Invite you all to their annual open house at the Parsonage on October 13th following worship. Please feel welcome to stop by.

TRUNK OR TREAT: October 20th is our annual Fall Festival! Put on your costume and join us, from 1-3 pm, for Trunk or Treat, Pumpkin Painting, Hayrides, and more!

KATONAH ASP MONTER DASH: Saturday, October 26th, 9:30 am at FDR Park. (Please see Chimes for registration details)

A MESSAGE FROM HANK SCHROT: The Men's Tres Dias Weekend

Dear Men of UMCSO,

On October 31-November 3, I have the privilege and honor to be leading a Christian Men's Tres Dias Weekend. This is a 3-day event held at Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining, NY.

Several men from UMCSO will be attending and I would like to extend an invitation to any man interested in attending with us.

If you do not know what Tres Dias is, and would like more information, please feel free to speak with me any time in church or call me at: 914 500-7479 (C)

Peace and grace,

Hank Schrot

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<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:

John Krueger	9/29
Jim Matthews	9/29
Bryson Reed-Stokes	9/30
Tawyanna Francis	10/2
Margie Carlock	10/3
Gretchen Gale	10/3
Daniel Pagano Sr.	10/3
Emily Grace	10/4
Gayle Spina	10/4
Je'Tesia Watkins	10/5
Derek Walls	10/5

Anniversaries:

Tom and Maria Demartino	10/2
Tony and Patricia Capozza	10/3
Larry and Maureen Magley	10/3
Russ and Annette Reynolds	10/3
