

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 20th, 2024 – Laity Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by The Emsley Fund, “In celebration of the late Stewart J. Reynolds’ birthday, and in remembrance of his parents, Bertha A. Holmes and Newman Lounsberry Reynolds; and grandparents Sarah J. Lounsberry and Samuel H. Reynolds.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We are called to be witnesses who bring life to light.

P: We know the Spirit guards for safe keeping every life entrusted to God.

L: We listen for the altar call of grace at every address.

P: We know grace is a prayer for help answered.

L: In all that we do, we are growing together in God’s grace, ever at work for the life of the world.

P: We thank God that the same Savior who accompanies us leads us to bear witness to grace at work in others. Amen

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/laity-sunday-2024-rise-up-and-retain-the-spirits-good-and-beautiful-things>

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

God of majesty and might, blow through this place like a mighty wind. Inspire us with your presence. Cover us with your love, that we might be your people, serving others with care and compassion. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful” – UMH #89

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We pray for forgiveness this day. For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking glory rather than humility, forgive us. For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us. Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and your people. Guide us to your side, that we might be your hands of healing and compassion for a world in need. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News

Christ, our High Priest, guides us gently back to the path—the path of walking with God and serving our neighbor. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven! We will be with God in paradise! In the Name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven thanks be to God. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 104 (NIV)
2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NIV)

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:

HYMN of PREPARATION: “I’m Going to Live...” – FWS #2153

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)

SERMON: Will You Partake of The Cup?

1. Servanthood
2. A Message From Our Certified Lay Speakers; Dianne and Russ
3. The Call is For All of Us

RESPONSE: “Oh, How He Loves You and Me” – FWS #2108

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “I’ll Fly Away“

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Here I Am, Lord” – UMH #593

BENEDICTION:

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God’s blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God’s love and peace to all whom you meet. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104:1-9,24 (NIV)

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

² The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the
heavens like a tent

³ and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the
clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

⁴ He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

⁵ He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.

⁶ You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment; the waters stood
above the mountains.

⁷ But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took
to flight;

⁸ they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the
place you assigned for them.

⁹ You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the
earth.

²⁴ How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth
is full of your creatures.

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NIV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.

⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

³⁸ “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹ “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,

⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

A “Thank You” from Dave Zugner...

I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to Barbara Conklin and Susan Crookston. You ladies topped off a wonderful day at UMCSO for me by supplying all the food following Dot's memorial service. I thank you, whole-heartedly, for the excellent job you did. During my many years in church I was always told that Methodists can't meet without eating; you ladies have carried out that tradition in fine form, Thanks again!



Blessings,
Dave Zugner

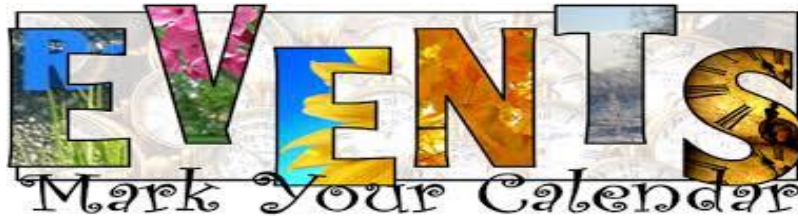
A Time of Remembrance



Each year we remember members and friends of the church who have united with the “Church Triumphant” since our previous Time of Remembrance.

All Saints Sunday is November 3rd. If you would like to remember a family member, friend, or neighbor who passed away this past year, please call or e-mail the church office (914-245-4682 or umcso.ny@gmail.com) with their name and date of passing **by October 27th**. Their names will be read and chimes rung during worship.

MORE UPCOMING



October

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

26th: ASP Monster Dash, FDR State Park at 9:30 am (see Chimes for more details)

November

3rd: All Saints Sunday, Rev. David Mantz Guest Preacher

24th: NWCP Thanksgiving Service at Grace UMC, 4:00 pm

December

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

7th: Craft Fair 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

8th: Caroling at the mall (following worship)

14th: Cookie Swap

21st: Tres Dias Christmas Secuela 2:00 pm in the GP Room

Live Nativity 5:30 pm (meal in Parish hall)

22nd: Christmas Pageant

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.19th, 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

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!

AD COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm in the GP Room.

KATONAH ASP MONSTER 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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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:

Wesley Battle	10/20
Maureen Magley	10/21
James Pinto	10/21
Alexandra Beliakovich Shkoda	10/22
Cassie Gaylor	10/23
Glen Bucher	10/25
Cathy Galecki	10/25

Anniversaries:

Mary and Nigel Ferreira	10/22
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