

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak**  
**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Second Sunday After Epiphany**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given by Patty Antonucci, “In loving memory of Joseph Maskiell Jr.”

**GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: How can we keep still this day?

**P: There is joy in this place!**

L: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

**P: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.**

L: Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

**P: Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! AMEN.**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life.

Some of us come after wandering off.

Others come sensing that you are as close  
as their very breath.

From our many journeys,  
welcome us with your love.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,  
that we might sense your presence in our lives.

In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” - UMH #400

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Beloved One, thank you for loving us. Help us sense your steadfast love, even when we feel unsure or unworthy. Help us sense your presence, especially when we are feel alone. Guide us home when we wander off. Claim us as your delight and your crown of beauty, that we might shine with your love and readily share your gifts with others. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

You are no longer abandoned, deserted, or defeated. In God's steadfast love, and through the Spirit's powerful presence, you are claimed as God's delight. You are gifted to serve God's world with love. Amen

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Isaiah 62:1-5 (NIV)

Psalm 36:5-10 (NIV)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

**HYMN of PREPARATION:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – UMH # 384

**GOSPEL:** John 2:1-11 (NIV)

**SERMON:** Making Preparations

1. Beauty of Love
2. Getting Ready
3. Glory Revealed
4. New Wine is Needed

**RESPONSE HYMN:** "Fill My Cup" – UMH #641 (2x)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:** Special Music Selection

**DOXOLOGY:**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Spirit of God" - FWS #2117

**BENEDICTION:**

Look around you, dear people. God's joy is poured out for you so that you might be a blessing to others. God will continually walk and work with you, relieving your burdens and giving you strength. Go into God's world, rejoicing! AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11814/january-19-2025-second-sunday-after-epiphany>

\* <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3501/worship-connection-january-19-2025>

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Isaiah 62:1-5** (NIV)

<sup>62</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

<sup>3</sup> You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married.

<sup>5</sup> As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

### **Psalms 36:5-10** (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.

You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

<sup>7</sup> How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **John 2:1-11** (NIV)

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,

<sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

<sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup> "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,

<sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside

<sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **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)

**PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday, 11:00 am (Chapel)

**SMALL GROUP 1:** Thursday, 1:00 pm (ZOOM)

**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 MEETING:** Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025 at 9:30 am. (ZOOM)

**TRUSTEE'S MEETING:** First Monday of every month, at 7:30 pm (Zoom)

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### **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=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0pIRi8rUT09>

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**VALENTINES:** We will be making Valentine's cards on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, during Sunday School AND coffee hour, so everyone can get involved in spreading the love!

**MISSION MEETING:** Mission meeting, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, following worship.

**SOUP- ER BOWL OF CARING:** Is Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, following worship and during coffee hour.

**CRAFT GROUP:** Will meet on Feb. 9th following worship to discuss future plans.

**ASH WED:** March 5, 2025

**LENTEN BONFIRE/POT TRUST DINNER:** This year's Lenten Bonfire and Pot Trust dinner will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the breezeway if you'd like to bring a soup or a salad to share. (No Desserts) All are welcome!

**CONFIRMATION:** There will be a Confirmation class this year for anyone 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Please speak to Pastor Sandy for more details.

## **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:**

Linda Hoernes	1/21
Thomas Antonucci	1/23
Peter Sutton	1/23
Sawyer Gilbert	1/24

### **No Anniversaries this week:**