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Honorable Reverend Sandra B. Mantz

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Dear UMCSO Family,

June is here!! It is a beautiful time of year. I know that for many people, it is a busy month. There are blessings of life milestones such as: graduations, weddings, baptisms, vacations... the list is endless. Even though these are joyful things, they can be hectic. The Bible tells us we can experience joy and peace in our life even when everything else is very busy! We know it's true, but getting there is not easy. What it takes is the exercise of faith – allowing God to deal with things external to us, and instead focusing on what we **can** do something about – ourselves. It helps to remember that God will always walk with us and give us strength.

46 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

We are repeatedly reminded by various commentators that Psalm 46 is called, "Luther's Psalm." It inspired him to write "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Luther found courage and hope in this psalm. We rejoice because our God is a mighty God who has us in his hand. Share Christ with someone and just love one another and pray that each of us will walk with faith. Whatever you are facing, keep your eyes on Jesus! You will be blessed.

Blessings and Love in Christ,

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UPCOMING EYENTS June 2025



SUNDAYS, 10:30 AM
WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE

IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED

June 8th:

Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. A Belize inspired coffee hour will follow worship.

June 15th: Father's day, Honors day and Church Picnic following worship



Trustees Meeting:

Monday, June 2nd at 7 pm. (Zoom)

Ad Council Meeting:

Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm, GP Room

Craft Group Meeting:

Saturday, June 7th, from 10 am – 2 pm in the GP Room

Belize Meeting: Tuesday, June 10th at 6pm in the Parsonage.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE A CARD?



If you know someone who is sick or having surgery, please let us know.

Our dedicated members, Annette Reynolds & Lynne Schrot send cards on behalf of our church family. So, please let us know and we will send a card to cheer them up or encourage them.

Maxine Haigh



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lee Norman	6/3
Dylan Schiavi	6/3
Pheby Aryee	\6/4
Andy Galecki	6/4
James Hoernes	6/9
Jeannie Brunton	6/12
Hallie Robcke	6/12
Riley Jensen	6/13
June Willis	6/13
Margaret Abraham	6/15
Sophia Stella	6/15
Daniel Haigh	6/16
Azaria Shkoda	6/17
Twila Hunter	6/21
Charles Rigg	6/21
Lois Rispoli	6/21
Wesley Battle Jr.	6/22
Landy Guevara	6/23
Lynne Schrot	6/23
Lila Ryder	6/28
Jack Casey	6/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Rob and Lilia Gutowski	6/3
Brent and Kelley Horton	6/5
Dom and Kathy Schiavi	6/8
Debbie and Gary Speedling	6/14
Daryl and Len Lindholm	6/18
Susan and Albert Closi	6/21
Peter and Linda Hoernes	6/22
Norman and Margaret Reid	6/28
Pastors Enock and Iwy Yatri	6/28
Jay and Linda Drisko	6/30



ALTAR FLOWERS 2024

Thank you for your gift in providing Altar Flowers for the glory of God! Please contact Michele Squibb squibbm14@gmail.com if you would like to sign up for flowers.

UPDATES TO UMCSO CHURCH DIRECTORY



If you have any updated information or new emergency contacts, please get in touch with Maxine Haigh or the office for updating.



Also special thanks to all our volunteers who so freely and willingly give of their time and talent in the name of the Lord!

<u>Choir</u>

Al & Alice Fennell
Bev Goodman
Twila Hunter
Beverly Martinez
Marshall Moseley
Hank and Lynne Schrot
Jerome Marcelly

Altar Flowers

Annette Reynolds The Church Daryl and Len Lindholm Marshall Moseley

Liturgists

Rachel Ward Sarah Moden Alliston Annette Reynolds Doug Gaylor

The Halos

Rob Gutowski Dom Schiavi Dawn Brown Al Fennell

Education

Doug Gaylor, Russ Reynolds, Lisa Grace, Kathy Casey, Annette Reynolds, Theresa Aryee, Kathy Schiavi, Colette Carpenter, Wendy Cervini, Sarah Moden Alliston

Communications & Chimes

Deborah Vesuvio Marilyn Bucher Cliff Cullum

Audio Visual

Cliff Cullum Dylan Matthews Joey Spina Nick Aryee James Horton

Ushers

Annette Reynolds Debbie Vesuvio Barbara Conklin Doreen Matthews Kathy Schiavi Linda Hoernes Rachel Ward

Greeters

Maxine Haigh Susan Crookston Jonathan Goodman

Children's Moment

Pastor Sandy

Hospitality

Alice Fennell Sarah Moden Alliston

SPR

Annette Reynolds

North West. Co-op Parish

Dianne Benincasa Peter Hoernes

Sunday School Corner

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." -- Romans 8:14

As we wind down the school year and look forward to the summer, we are grateful that our children have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of meaningful events this year.

On **June 15**, we will be celebrating our Sunday School students with our annual **Honors Day Service**. The students will be participating in the service, and we will use the occasion to honor our graduates as well. If you have a student graduating, please reach out to Pastor Sandy so that we are able to celebrate everyone.



Please join us after the service for our **Honors Day Picnic**! BBQ Chef Doug will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, and we hope some of the congregation will sign up to provide side dishes.

We thank you for all of your support and prayers during this school year.

Yours in Christ,

The Sunday School Teachers



Prayers and Blessings to Our Confirmand of 2025 <u>Wesley Battle Jr.</u>

Who will be received into membership by Profession of His Faith on June 8, 2025

Mission Minutes

Would you like to help others in our church and community? Sign up to lend a hand with our new Helping Hands program!

How will this program work? Many of us need a helping hand sometimes -whether it's a ride to a doctor's appointment, help with raking leaves, or a minor repair around the house. This program will match people who can provide this kind of help with others who may need it.

If you would be willing to share your time and talents with others in our church, please let us know. We will be forming a group of "helpers" over the next month or two. We need to know the following information:

- Your name and contact information
- Times/days you are generally available
- What types of help you may be able to offer

You can email this information to Lisa Grace at lisa.peterson.grace@gmail.com, or you can speak to Pastor Sandy. Thank you for any help you can give!

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Requested Donation Items for Belize Trip

(Collection Box in the Breezeway)

Cut-off date for donations is June 8th

Mini Paint Pallet with Brushes

Non-toxic, Washable Markers

Yarn Rulers

Pens and Pencils Crayon and Pencil Sharpeners

Crayons Christian/Bible Story Coloring Books

Glue and Glue Sticks Children's Scissors: Regular and Serrated

Scripture Stickers Typing Sheets

Colorful Construction Paper Sunday School and VBS Craft Supplies

Colorful Craft Foam



With grateful hearts we thank and celebrate all of our Dads, Grandfathers, and every Dad-like figure in our lives.

Happy Father's Day with Love and Gratitude!



JOIN US...Sunday, June 15th for our annual Church Picnic following our Honors Day Service! Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided but please see the sign-up sheet in the breezeway and bring something to share!



CLASS OF 2025

Congratulations to all of our High School and College Graduates! We are so proud of your accomplishments and our prayers surround you as you take the next steps along your journeys.

High School Graduates

Caroline Matthews

(Graduating from Lakeland High School and will be attending IE University in Spain)

Joe Spina

(Graduating from Walter Panas High School and going on to the USMC)

College Graduates

James Pinto

(Rachel Ward)

(Graduated from University of Albany with a Master of Science in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics)

Misty Lindholm

(Daryl and Len Lindholm)

(Graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology College of Mechanical Engineering)

Michael Will

(Lisa Bucher Will) (Graduated from Suny Binghamton)

Rebecca Sienkiewicz

(Lynne and Hank Schrott)
(Graduated from St. John Fisher University with a Nursing Degree)

Julie Laura Jacobson

(June Willis)

(Graduated Messiah University with an MBA in Business)

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Sunday, June 1st</u> (Ascension/7th Sunday)

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97

Rev 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 8th (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Rom 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Sunday, June 15th (Trinity Sunday)

Prov 8:1-4,22-31 Psalm 8 Rom 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 22nd (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)

1 Kings 19:1-15a Psalm 42 Gal 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 29th (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Gal 5:1, 13-25 8:7-15 Luke 9:51-62





Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
	Monday								
1 (Ascension Sunday) (White) HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY Special Coffee Hour	Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am	4	5 Prayer Group 11:00 am (Chapel) Small Group 1	6 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	Men's Group 8:00 am			
	Women's Small Group	Ad Council Meeting 6:30 pm GP Room		1:00 pm-Zoom <u>Eve. Bible Study</u> 7:30 Zoom		Small Group Leaders 9:30 am Craft Group			
						10 am-2 pm GP Room			
8 (Pentecost) (Red) Confirmation Sunday 10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com Belize Coffee Hour	Women's Small Group 7:00 pm	10 Bible Study 10:00 am Belize Meeting 6 pm Parsonage	11	Prayer Group 11:00 am (Chapel) Small Group 1 1:00 pm-Zoom Eve. Bible Study 7:30 Zoom	Small Group 2 10:00 am	Men's Group 8:00 am			
15 (Trinity Sunday) (White) 10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com Father's Day/Honors Day/Church Picnic	16 Women's Small Group 7:00 pm	17 Bible Study 10:00 am	18	Prayer Group 11:00 am (Chapel) Small Group 1 1:00 pm-Zoom Eve. Bible Study 7:30 Zoom	20 Small Group 2 10:00 am	21 Men's Group 8:00 am Small Group Leaders 9:30 am			
22 (2nd Sunday after Pentecost) (Green) 10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com	Women's Small2Group 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am	25	Prayer Group 11:00 am (Chapel) Small Group 1 1:00 pm-Zoom Eve. Bible Study 7:30 Zoom	Small Group 2 10:00 am	Men's Group 8:00 am			
29 (3rd Sunday after Pentecost) (Green) 10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com	30 <u>Women's Small</u> <u>Group</u> 7:00 pm								