

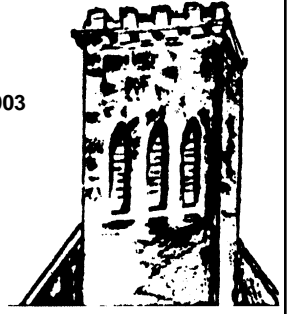
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"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

# The Chimes

Honorable Reverend Sandra B. Mantz



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I love living in the Northeast because each season has a unique beauty and majesty. I love the peace that I find on a sunny Spring day with the warm breezes or the beauty of the beach. Even the heat reminds me that God is in control of all things and I submit to that reality, the amazing glory of the Lord is proclaimed through the seasons. In Genesis 8:22 we read: *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."* Our God is awesome.

And just as we experience seasons in nature we also experience changes in our lives. *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:* (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Some "seasons" are easier than others. Despite this we are called to a life of faithfulness. Galatians 6:9 :<sup>9</sup> *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

How can we do this in the midst of our challenges? Trusting in the Lord is so helpful. I find comfort in the scriptures. Commit to study the Word of God. Each morning, as you have your morning cup of coffee or tea, take your bible and spend time reading. Be diligent about your prayer life. Pray to God when things are good and bad. Share your deepest concerns with the Lord, knowing that He will never leave or forsake you. Try to live in hope.

Victor Hugo wrote in "Les Miserables" *Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise.*

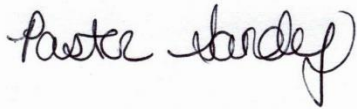
There is so much beauty around us, Praise God for all the things that you see. Living a life of faithfulness makes a difference. As you look up at stars on a clear summer night, see the majesty of God.

*“Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them.”* — Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

Our very lives are a gift from God. May you cherish them by endeavoring to serve God by reaching out in deeds of kindness and mercy. As we travel on the highways and byways of life, remember to worship God and pray for each other and the world. Let us make a difference for God and share the good news of Jesus Christ to a world that needs it.

Have a blessed May, filled with joy, love, blessings and faithfulness.

Love and Blessings in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Andy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Love and Blessings in Christ,".

## UPCOMING EVENTS May 2025



**SUNDAYS, 10:30 AM**  
WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE  
IN-PERSON & LIVE  
STREAMED

**Mother's Day:** Sunday,  
May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor's Vacation:** Pastor  
will be away from Tues.,  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – Sat., May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
**Russ Reynolds** will be  
preaching on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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### **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*



### **Small Group Leaders:**

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am  
(Zoom)

### **Craft Group Meetings:**

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June  
7<sup>th</sup>, 10 am-2 pm, GP Room

**SPR Meeting:** Tues., May 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**Belize Meeting:** Mon., May  
19<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm in the Parsonage

**Mission's Meeting:** Mon.,  
May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**Trustees' Meeting:** Mon.,  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**Ad Council Meeting:** Tues.,  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm GP Room

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*Thank you to everyone who  
donated Easter Flowers!*



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Casey	3
Logan Gaylor	3
Sundee Thomas	3
Brent Horton	7
Eric Coleman	9
Richard Haigh Jr.	11
Karla Marie Ruth	15
Joshua Moore	17
Derek Gilbert	19
Michael Will	20
Mary Washburn	21
Sharon Krueger	23
Jamal Neal-Young	24
John Neal-Young	26
Kathy Schiavi	26
Debby Haigh	27
Kim Ryder	27
James Horton	31



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Darrah and Michael Walls	6
Glory and Jacob Dharmaraj	25
Sharon and John Krueger	31



### **ALTAR FLOWERS 2025**

Thank you for your gift in providing Altar Flowers for the glory of God! Please contact Michele Squibb [squibbm14@gmail.com](mailto: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 contact 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!

#### **Choir**

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

#### **The Halos**

Rob Gutowski  
Dom Schiavi  
Dawn Zampell  
Al Fennell

#### **Altar Flowers**

Doug Gaylor  
The Emsley Family  
Church Families  
Lisa Casey

#### **Liturgists**

Rachel Ward  
Linda Hoernes  
Russ Reynolds  
Marilyn Bucher

#### **Education**

Kathy Casey and Lisa Grace

#### **Communications & Chimes**

Marilyn Bucher  
Debbie Vesuvio  
Cliff Cullum

#### **Audio Visual**

Cliff Cullum  
Joe Spina  
Dylan Matthews  
Nick Aryee  
James Horton

#### **Ushers**

Annette Reynolds  
Debbie Vesuvio  
Doreen Matthews  
Kathy Schiavi  
Barbara Conklin  
Yvonne Chung  
Linda Hoernes  
Yvonne Chung  
Freddy Arias

#### **Greeters**

Maxine Haigh  
Susan Crookston  
Jonathan Goodman

#### **Children's Moment**

Pastor Sandy

#### **Hospitality**

Alice Fennell  
Sarah Moden Alliston

#### **SPR**

Annette Reynolds

#### **Cooperative Parish**

Peter Hoernes  
Dianne Benincasa

#### **Communion Stewards:**

Rachel Ward, Peter Hoernes

## Sunday School Corner

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

The past month has been a busy one for our Sunday School, and we are grateful that our children and youth have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of meaningful events.

We started the month by celebrating Palm Sunday with our traditional Palm Parade around the church. Children learned about Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem as part of our lessons about his life and works.

On Easter Sunday, our children got a special treat as they participated in not one, but two, Easter Egg hunts. The first was a Biblical Easter Egg Hunt which took place during Sunday School. The eggs didn’t contain candy; instead they held clues that taught the children about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Many thanks to Yvonne Chung and Theresa Aryee for organizing this special event. After church, the children got to participate in a more traditional Easter Egg hunt outdoors, and this time, the eggs were full of candy!



Finally, on April 27th, several of our youth and Sunday School teachers traveled to Manhattan for the Breakfast Run. They served breakfast to some of our needy brothers and sisters, and they also distributed bags of necessities and hygiene supplies. Although the weather was chilly, they were still able to brighten the days of others with the love of Christ.

As we enter the beautiful season of spring, we are thankful that we have had so many opportunities to teach our children and youth about the love of Christ, and they have been able to help us share that love with others.

Yours in Christ,  
The Sunday School Teachers



*Dear Beloved UMSCO Family,*

*Thank you so much for the wonderful Birthday cake on Sunday, it was a delicious and wonderful surprise!! Thanks for the cards, messages, Facebook posts, surprises and blessings. I am humbled and blessed by your love and kindness. It is my profound joy and honor to serve alongside of all of you. With much Love and Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Sandy*



***<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,***

**(Philippians 1:3-5 NIV)**





***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](mailto:lisa.peterson.grace@gmail.com), or you can speak to Pastor Sandy. Thank you for any help you can give!



*In Preparation for our upcoming mission trip to Belize, from now until Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting donations from the list of supplies and materials below, for the youth of Punta Gorda. Your small act of kindness here will be a blessing to many there and greatly appreciated.*

### **Requested Items**

Mini Paint Pallet with Brushes

Yarn

Pens and Pencils

Crayons

Glue and Glue Sticks

Scripture Stickers

Colorful Construction Paper

Colorful Craft Foam

Non-toxic, Washable Markers

Rulers

Crayon and Pencil Sharpeners

Christian/Bible Story Coloring Books

Children's Scissors: Regular and Serrated

Typing Sheets

Sunday School and VBS Craft Supplies



## **LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b><u>Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(3rd Sunday of Easter)</b>  Acts 9:1- 6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Rev 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	<b><u>Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(4th Sunday of Easter)</b>  Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Rev 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
<b><u>Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)</b>  Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Rev 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	<b><u>Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)</b>  Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Rev 21:10,22– 22:5 John 14:23-29



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am (Chapel)  <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm-Zoom  <u>Eve. Bible Study</u> 7:30 Zoom	<b>2</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	<b>3</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am <u>Craft Group Meeting</u> 10 am-2 pm GP room
<b>4</b> (3rd Sunday of Easter) (White) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a> HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY	<b>5</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am  <u>SPR Meeting</u> 7 pm (Zoom)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am (Chapel) <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm-Zoom <u>Eve. Bible Study</u> 7:30 Zoom	<b>9</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	<b>10</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
<b>11</b> (4th Sunday of Easter) (White) (White) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a> <u>Mother's Day</u>	<b>12</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm	<b>13</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am (Chapel) <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm-Zoom <u>Eve. Bible Study</u> 7:30 Zoom	<b>16</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	<b>17</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am  <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am
<b>18</b> (5th Sunday of Easter) (White)  10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a> <u>Education Meeting after worship</u>	<b>19</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm  <u>Belize Meeting</u> 6pm (Parsonage)  <u>Missions Meeting</u> 7 pm (Zoom)	<b>20</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am (Chapel) <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm-Zoom <u>Eve. Bible Study</u> 7:30 Zoom	<b>23</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	<b>24</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
<b>25</b> (6th Sunday of Easter) (White) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship:</u> <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a>	<b>26</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm  <u>Memorial Day</u>	<b>27</b> <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am (Chapel) <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm-Zoom <u>Eve. Bible Study</u> 7:30 Zoom	<b>30</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am	<b>31</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am