

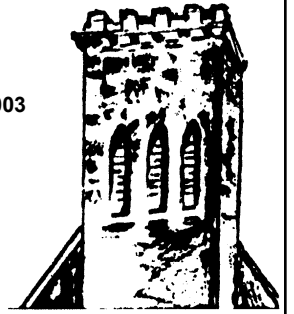
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"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

# The Chimes

Honorable Reverend Sandra B. Mantz



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Next Deadline 8/15/25

Dear UMCSO Family,

We just spent a few days in Owens Cross Roads, Alabama. We were visiting my husband's cousin, Tim, and his wife Kathy. His cousin is a Dean at Alabama A&M in Huntsville.

They are part of a Senior Softball league in Huntsville. I decided to go to the game. It was exciting, fun and entertaining. This was a 65 and over group composed of many who played sports for years.



Right next to the fence behind home plate, just to the left, was a Killdeer who just laid her eggs. Killdeer are graceful plovers who are often seen feeding and even nesting in habitats like athletic fields and golf courses. This particular mom had chosen a softball field in Huntsville AL.

Each time someone walked by her, close to the nest, the Killdeer Mama bird would flare out her wings at an awkward angle, give out quivering calls, and flash her rump. She would hobble away from the nest, feigning a broken wing in an attempt to lure potential predators away, leaving her eggs dangerously exposed. As you can imagine, given the foot traffic and activity of a ball field, this happened repeatedly throughout the day.



Mama made a valiant effort to protect her young family; continuing her performance, squawking loudly in protest, and protectively watching her four eggs from afar. Despite all this, the truth is, she had chosen a dangerous spot. I pray they will all be okay but another hard truth is that choices can have lasting consequences. Thankfully, we have a Lord who will not leave us or forsake us.



**11** For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13

What a wonderful promise for all of us. Let us trust in all of our decisions.

*“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.” Psalm 32.8*

So, as we travel through the summer, may God bless us, keep us safe, and guide our choices.

Love and Blessings in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Andy". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

# UPCOMING EVENTS July/August 2025



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

## JULY/ AUGUST

**ASP TRIP:** McDowell County,  
West Virginia. June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**U.M. ARMY TRIP:** Great Hill  
UMC, Seymour CT. July 13<sup>th</sup> –  
19<sup>th</sup>.

**BELIZE TRIP:** Punta Gorda,  
Belize; Central America  
July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>

**Special Coffee Hour Send-off  
for Joe Spina:** August 17<sup>th</sup>  
following worship

## SEPTEMBER

**Rally Day** – September 7th



**Trustees:** next meeting TBD

**Education:** August 17<sup>th</sup>  
following worship

**AD Council Meeting:**  
August 19th, 6:30 pm in the GP  
Room

**Missions:** August 24<sup>th</sup> following  
worship

## 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 and Lynne  
Schrot, send cards to those who  
aren't well. So, please let us  
know and we will send a card to  
cheer them up or encourage  
them.

~ Maxine Haigh

## UPDATES TO UMCSO CHURCH DIRECTORY



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



Please contact Michele Squibb  
[squibbm14@gmail.com](mailto:squibbm14@gmail.com)  
If you would like to sign up for  
flowers on the altar.



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Lynne & Hank Schrot 30

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Kelly & Michael Barnett	1
Alice & Alan Fennell	2
Doreen & Jim Matthews	4
Leslie & Peter Sutton	6
Tawyanna & Daryl Francis	25
Bjorg & Rev. Jim Davis	29



### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Alan Fennell	2
Kelley Horton	3
Felicia Robcke	3
Stephanie Reynolds	4
Asha Sundee Thomas	5
Beverly Goodman	6
Jeannie Maher	6
Dolsen Eccles	8
Jareath Martin	8
Daryl Lindholm	10
Mike Mancusi	10
Lisa Grace	11
Agata Shkoda	12
Peter Hoernes	13
Stephanie Speedling	15
Enock Yatri	15
William Melvin Jr.	15
Christopher Grace	16
Joya Chakravarty	18
Jacqueline Arias	24
Linda Purcell	30
Jo Ann Stokes	30
Dawn Brown	30
Evan Yatri	31

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### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Marissa Montaldo	2
Fran Davies	4
Jonathan Goodman	6
Laura Walls	13
Rachel Ward	13
Antonia Supino	14
Susan Crookston	15
Albert Sacchelli-Gouveia,	15
Mary Vance	15
Kaitlyn Will	15
Christian Carpenter	16
Kevin Thomas	17
Pastor David Mantz	18



### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS Cont'd**

Chad Golanec	21
Charles Horton	23
Allie Zonetti	23
Carley Battle	25
Joy Santaroni	25
Alice Fennell	26
Mary Lou Gladwell	30



### **Ushers**

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

### **Altar Flowers**

Kathy Casey  
Jean Engel  
Debbie Vesuvio  
Linda and Peter Hoernes  
Daryl and Len Lindholm

### **Communications & Chimes**

Debbie Vesuvio  
Marilyn Bucher  
Cliff Cullum

### **Audio Visual**

Cliff Cullum  
Joe Spina  
Dylan Matthews  
James Horton  
Nick Aryee

### **Choir**

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

### **Liturgists**

Rachel Ward  
Russ Reynolds  
Wesley Battle Jr.  
Logan Reynolds  
Annette Reynolds  
Marilyn Bucher

### **Lay Leaders**

Marilyn Bucher  
Kathy Schiavi

### **Greeters**

Maxine Haigh  
Susan Crookston  
Jonathan Goodman

### **SPR**

Annette Reynolds

### **Hospitality**

Alice Fennell  
Sarah Moden Alliston

### **Education**

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

### **North Westch Co-Op Parish:**

Dianne Benincasa



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER**

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

On **Sunday, June 15**, we celebrated our Sunday School. On **Honors Day**, our children, youth and teachers all participated in the service, and we honored them for the completion of a successful year. After the service, we enjoyed a delicious barbecue with our church family. Special thanks to Logan Gaylor for his amazing skills at the grill!

At this time, we would like to thank all of the members of the congregation who have given their support to the Sunday School and its programs. We would also like to encourage anyone interested to volunteer with our Sunday School next year. We are still in need of teachers, substitutes and helpers. It is truly a fun and rewarding way to give back to our church, so please let us know if you are interested. You can speak to any of the teachers or Pastor Sandy, and we will be happy to help you figure out the best way for you to be involved.



Finally, remember to mark your calendars for our **Rally Day breakfast on Sunday, September 7**. We will be welcoming the children and celebrating the start of a new school year!!

We wish you a blessed and safe summer!

Yours in Christ,  
The Sunday School teachers

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIPS**

*"How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring  
good news..."  
Isaiah 52:7*



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June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Team: Cory Casey, Lisa Casey and PJ Colman, Jaymen Cervini, Leo Gutowski.



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July 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Team: Doug Gaylor, Lisa Grace, Beth Gilleo, Wesley Battle, James Horton.



**BELIZE TRIP:** Punta Gorda, Belize; Central America

July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>

The Team: (From our Church) Pastor Sandy, Rachel Ward, Yvonne Chung, Peter Hoernes, Rob, Lilia, Leo and Colleen Gutowski.

(From other area churches) Monique Blount, Dr. Sandra Fairweather.

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your Plans”  
Proverbs 16:3

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS Mark Your Calendar

### JULY

**July 6<sup>th</sup>:** Please note there will not be Communion Service on July 6<sup>th</sup>, we will postpone until Pastor is back on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>:** The team leaves for Belize; Please pray for safe travels and fruitful missions!

### AUGUST

**August 10<sup>th</sup>:** Communion Sunday for this month will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> when Pastor returns from Belize. (not the 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**August 17<sup>th</sup>:** Church Picnic Send-off for Joe Spina following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet in the breezeway to bring something!

**Also on the 17<sup>th</sup>:** Education meeting following worship

**August 24<sup>th</sup>:** Mission Committee Meeting following worship


### SEPTEMBER

**September 7<sup>th</sup>:** Rally Day, Blessing of Backpacks, and Pancake Breakfast

## **LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS** **JULY 2025**

<b><u>Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Gal 6: (1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	<b><u>Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Col 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
<b><u>Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 or 82 Col 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	<b><u>Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Hos 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Col 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13

## **LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS** **AUGUST 2025**

<b><u>Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b> <b>(8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Hos 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Col 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	<b><u>Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Isaiah 1:1,10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40
<b><u>Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Heb 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	<b><u>Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b>(11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Jer 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Heb 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
<b><u>Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup></u></b> <b>(12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Jer 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Heb 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	



Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Every Sunday is Food Sunday!</b></p>		<b>1</b> <u>AM Bible Study</u> 10 am GP Room	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>Prayer Group C</u> 11:00 am Chapel <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm - Zoom <u>Eve. Bible Study</u> 7:30 Zoom	<b>4</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conf. Call	<b>5</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am
<b>6</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) <u>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u>	<b>7</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7 pm Zoom	<b>8</b> <u>AM Bible Study</u> 10 am GP Room	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <u>Prayer Group C</u> 11:00 am Chapel <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm - Zoom <u>Eve. Bible Study</u> 7:30 Zoom	<b>11</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conf. Call	<b>12</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
<b>13</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) <u>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u>	<b>14</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7 pm Zoom	<b>15</b> <u>AM Bible Study</u> 10 am GP Room	<b>16</b>	<b>17</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>18</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conf. Call	<b>19</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am
<b>20</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) <u>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u> <u>HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY</u>	<b>21</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7 pm Zoom	<b>22</b> <u>AM Bible Study</u> 10 am GP Room	<b>23</b>	<b>24</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>25</b> <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conf. Call	<b>26</b> <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
<b>27</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) <u>10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u>	<b>28</b> <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7 pm Zoom	<b>29</b> <u>AM Bible Study</u> 10 am GP Room	<b>30</b> Team leaves for Belize	<b>31</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		



# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conf. Call	2 <b>Men's Group</b> 8:00 am <b>Small Group Leaders</b> 9:30 am
3 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green ) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u>	4 <b>Women's Small Group</b> 7 pm Zoom	5 <b>AM Bible Study</b> 10 am GP Room	6	7 <b>Prayer Group</b> 11:00 am Chapel <b>Small Group 1</b> 1:00 pm-Zoom <b>Eve. Bible Study</b> 7:30 Zoom	<b>Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conf. Call	9 <b>Men's Group</b> 8:00 am
10 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green ) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u> <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	11 <b>Women's Small Group</b> 7 pm Zoom	12 <b>AM Bible Study</b> 10 am GP Room	13	14 <b>Prayer Group</b> 11:00 am Chapel <b>Small Group 1</b> 1:00 pm-Zoom <b>Eve. Bible Study</b> 7:30 Zoom	15 <b>Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conf. Call	16 <b>Men's Group</b> 8:00 am <b>Small Group Leaders</b> 9:30 am
17 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u> <b>Church send-off picnic for Joe Spina</b> <b>Antash family Baptisms</b> <b>Education Meeting following worship</b>	18 <b>Women's Small Group</b> 7 pm Zoom	19 <b>AM Bible Study</b> 10 am GP Room <b>Ad Council Meeting</b> 6:30 pm GP Room	20	21 <b>Prayer Group</b> 11:00 am Chapel <b>Small Group 1</b> 1:00 pm-Zoom <b>Eve. Bible Study</b> 7:30 Zoom	22 <b>Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conf. Call	23 <b>Men's Group</b> 8:00 am
24 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green)  10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u> <b>Mission Meeting following worship</b>	25 <b>Women's Small Group</b> 7 pm Zoom	26 <b>AM Bible Study</b> 10 am GP Room	27	28 <b>Prayer Group</b> 11:00 am Chapel <b>Small Group 1</b> 1:00 pm-Zoom <b>Eve. Bible Study</b> 7:30 Zoom	29 <b>Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conf. Call	30 <b>Men's Group</b> 8:00 am
31 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a></u>						