

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
June 8th, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Jean Engel, “In honor of my Grandchildren’s June Birthdays; Gregory Sambrana, Allison McIntyre, and Genevieve Robertie.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

P: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

L: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

P: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

L: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

P: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day! Amen

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” – UMH #519

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We cannot help but observe the alienation of your people from each other. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins. These sins cause such division and hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News

Dear ones, fear no more! The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love, given to you by Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven, thanks be to God. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8177/worship-connection-may-28-2023>

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS: Blessing Bags

HYMN of PREPARATION: "Breathe on me, Breath of God" – UMH #420

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27 (NIV)

SERMON: A Pentecost Message

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CONFIRMAND

RESPONSE HYMN: "Seek Ye First" – UMH #405 (2X)

RIGHT OF CONFIRMATION: of Wesley Shane Battle Jr

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" – FWS #2129

BENEDICTION:

Awesome Spirit! You have inspired us this day to be witnesses to God's love and power. Help us to be joyful in our service and strong in our faith for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we go in peace, with God's peace in our hearts. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3845/worship-connection-pentecost-sunday-2022>

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”

⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:8-17, 25-27 (NIV)

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you.

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



God Bless Our Confirmand of 2025

Wesley Shane Battle Jr.

Born: 6/22/2011

Parents: Carmery and Wesley Battle

Sponsor: Rev. Sandra B. Mantz

Received into membership by Profession of His Faith

June 8, 2025



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025

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

Middle School

Wesley Battle Jr.

(Graduating Peekskill Middle School and going on to Peekskill High School)

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)

Carley Marae Battle

(Graduating from Peekskill High School and going on to Manhattanville University)

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)

Lydia Aryee

(Graduated from the University of Mount Saint Vincent with her B.S. in Psychology)

Nick Aryee

(Graduated from Manhattanville University with his B.S. in Nursing)

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!



Requested Donation Items for Belize Trip

(Collection Box In the Breezeway)

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

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 (In Person)

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)

TRUSTEE'S MEETING: First Monday of every month, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

Next: June 2nd

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Saturday, June 7th and June 21st, 9:30 am (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

Passcode: 246240

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CRAFT GROUP: (originally scheduled to meet on Saturday, June 7th, from 10 am-2:00 pm) **HAS BEEN CANCELLED** for this week. Next date to be determined.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: This Sunday, June 8th, Pentecost Sunday.

BELIZE DONATIONS: The cutoff date to donate items for the Belize Mission is Sunday, June 8th.

HONOR'S DAY, FATHER'S DAY AND CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday, June 15th. Picnic following worship, please sign-up in the breezeway to bring a salad or dessert if you're able.

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 Birthdays:

James Hoernes	6/9
Jeannie Brunton	6/12
Hallie Robcke	6/12
Riley Jensen	6/13
June Willis	6/13

Anniversaries This Week:

Dom and Kathy Schiavi	6/8
Debby and Gary Speedling	6/14