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"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

# *The Chimes*

Honorable Reverend Sandra B. Mantz, Pastor



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Dear UMCSO Family,

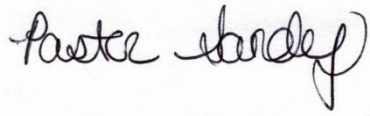
I love November; I love the sights and smells of this time of year. Thanksgiving in particular has a special place in my heart. Growing up, Thanksgiving Day would begin with a trip to church. Our church had a special 8:30 am Service of Thanks. It was a moving service where people would give testimonies about how thankful they were to God for blessings and mercy received over the year. Our family would then travel by car from Connecticut over the Tappan Zee Bridge on to Montclair New Jersey, where my grandmother would provide a veritable feast for not only all of our relatives, but anyone who happened to drop by or who needed a meal. She was born in North Carolina and along with that came a southern tradition and feast. This feast included Turkey, Ham and usually another meat occasion something exotic like Possum (that someone brought), sweet potato casserole, at least two kinds of "greens," homemade cranberry sauce, breads, nuts, stuffing, potato salad, pies and always a coconut cake. There was more too. And, while I remember the food, it was the love of God and thankfulness that took place in my heart. Over the years I have been blessed by the love of kindhearted souls who took me in while I was in college in Wisconsin where I shared Thanksgiving with them. I also invited people to our home while in Seminary because Yale was so close to my home in Fairfield, CT. For the three years I was there a half a dozen friends would join us at the Thanksgiving table.

As I have grown older, I have continued the tradition. While living upstate, we opened our home to all who needed a place to spend the Holiday. Typically, we had between 21 -27 at the meal. I replicated my grandmother's and mom's Holiday traditions and menu, and even included something like Wild Boar or Venison. As I think of Thanksgiving I do so with a grateful heart because of what God continues to do for me.

It is all about God, really, and giving back at least a portion of what God has given to us. In absolutely everything, give thanks to God. First, because we owe him thanks for all he's given us, and second, because an attitude of gratitude is the best medicine for the damaging and destructive emotions in the stressful lives we live today. The secret of thankfulness is that it changes us. It lifts our spirits and is a tool to get us through when times are difficult. A thankful heart enjoys a blessing many times. Psychologists tell us that an "attitude of gratitude" is the single healthiest attitude we can have in all of life. The attitude of thankfulness produces more positive emotional energy than any other. Gratitude is the antidote for all those negative emotions and negative experiences in our lives.

Our God is a faithful God!! Let us be truly thankful.

Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Andy", written in a cursive style.

<sup>18</sup> *give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **November 2025**



#### **SUNDAYS, 10:30 AM**

WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE IN-PERSON &  
LIVE STREAMED

#### **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**All Saints Sunday:** If there is someone that you would like remembered on that day, please let Pastor Sandy know or call the church office

**Open House at the Parsonage:** following worship. Please sign up in the breezeway to bring something to share.

**Bowling Fellowship** Begins at JV Lanes

#### **November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Craft Fair/Bake Sale:** Please come out to support the many creative talents of this church family. 9 am – 3 pm

#### **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** Will be packed on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and food items will be collected up to that day. Donations may be put in the collection box in the breezeway.

**Charge Conference:** 3 pm at Yorktown UMC



**Craft Meeting:** Saturday, Nov. 1st, 10 am – 1 pm, GP Room.

#### **Small Group Leaders:**

Sat. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> on Zoom

**Trustees Meeting:** Monday, Nov. 3rd at 7 pm (Zoom)

**Mission Meeting:** Monday, Nov. 3 at 6pm on Zoom

**Ad Council:** Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 7 pm, GP Room

**Education Meeting:** Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, following worship.



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

### **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 UMC SO CHURCH DIRECTORY**



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



Albert Closi	11/2	Emily Galecki	11/15
Nigel Ferreira	11/3	Debra Ruth Mancusi	11/16
Caroline Matthews	11/3	Theresa Aryee	11/17
Ricky Haigh III	11/5	Steven Speedling	11/19
Daniel Pinto	11/5	Leslie Sutton	11/19
Patricia Antonucci	11/7	Grace Reynolds	11/20
Susan Closi	11/7	Linda Drisko	11/21
Anthony Supino Jr.	11/7	Leo Gutowski	11/21
Craig Davis	11/8	Dylan Matthews	11/21
Michelle Galecki	11/8	Jessica Santoro	11/21
Carmery Battle	11/10	Michael Barnett Sr.	11/23
Donovan Matthews	11/10	Jamen Cervini	11/27
Khloe Francis	11/11	Michele Squibb	11/28
Charlie Donadio	11/13	Greyson Bucher	11/29
Iwy Yatri	11/13	Marilyn Bucher	11/29



Debra & Mike Mancusi	16
Jacqueline & Fernando Arias	17
Theresa & Augustus Aryee	20
Cherie & Locksley Philips	25



## Sunday School Corner

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." ~3 John 1:4*

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Here at our church, we have so many blessings for which we can thank our Lord. One blessing was the very successful **Trunk or Treat** event on October 19. Children were able to go "trunk or treating" at some beautifully decorated cars. They also painted pumpkins and enjoyed donuts and apple cider. The hayride through the cemetery was a real highlight. Many thanks to all of our volunteers for making the whole event possible, and especially to the Supino family for running the hayride.



Looking ahead, mark your calendars for **Trim-A-Tree** on **November 30!!** So, as we prepare for Thanksgiving this year, let us remember all the ways our Lord blesses us and think of how we might share His blessings with others.

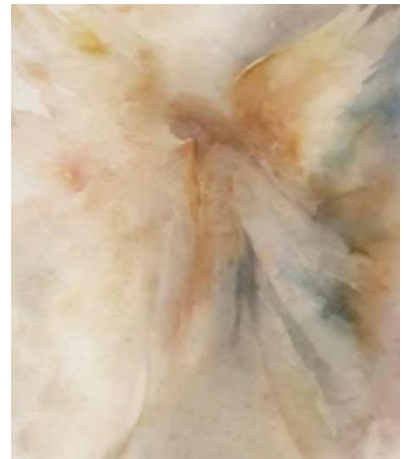
The Sunday School Teachers

# FALL BACK!! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 2nd, 2025



**Don't Forget** to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 1st.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:** Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Saints Sunday. For last minute name submissions please speak to Pastor Sandy.



**OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE**  
Also on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Open House at the Parsonage. Please come by and visit and bring something to share. The sign-up sheet is in the breezeway.





**HARVEST BASKETS:** We will be sponsoring our annual Harvest Basket outreach program to support those in our local community who may be in need this holiday season. If you'd like to donate, we accept non-perishable foods (as listed below) or monetary donations toward an ACME gift card intended for purchasing a Thanksgiving turkey. We kindly request all donations be received by, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We also ask that you check the "best by" dates to ensure freshness for Thanksgiving. The bags will be packed in the GP Room on that day for delivery. If you would like to gift a check or cash, please contact Kathy Casey at: [luminany@aol.com](mailto:luminany@aol.com)

**Suggestions:** Cranberry Sauce, Canned vegetables, Canned Yams, Boxes of Stuffing, Boxes/Pouches of Mashed Potatoes, Jars/Pouches of Gravy, Canned Fruit, Boxes/Pouches of Brownie, or Cookie Mix. We thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to another year of this great mission.

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## **FALL CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE**

**Sunday, November 15, 2025  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm**



**PLEASE COME OUT TO BROWSE,  
SHOP, OR JUST TO SUPPORT THE  
MANY CREATIVE TALENTS OF  
THIS CHURCH FAMILY. HOPE TO  
SEE YOU THERE!**





## **Bowling Fellowship Sundays!**

We hope you'll join us for these upcoming Sundays of continued fellowship and fun. You can sign up in the breezeway or contact Wesley Battle Sr. for more information.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** If you have a child going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade, please speak to Pastor Sandy or Kathy Casey regarding upcoming confirmation classes.

**A NOTE ABOUT PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have prayers you would like put out on the Church Prayer Chain please submit them directly to Fran Maddalone at: [fmm515@aol.com](mailto:fmm515@aol.com). If you send it anywhere else it will not be seen or posted in a timely manner.

**JOE SPINA'S ADDRESS:** Anyone wanting to reach out to Joe with prayers, encouragement, and warm thoughts from home can send them to:

RCT Spina, Joseph  
Kilo Co 3<sup>rd</sup> RTBN, Platoon #3100  
Box 16330  
Parris Island, SC 29905-6330

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING!** We are excited to be starting a Young Adult Group at UMCSSO this fall! If you are a young adult, please fill out this survey so we can find a good time for our first meeting. If you know of a young adult who may be interested, please forward this link to them, or have them speak to Pastor Sandy or Lisa Grace. We look forward to growing this new ministry!

**Young Adult Meeting Survey**



## **LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **NOVEMBER 2025**

<b><u>Sunday, November 2nd</u></b> <b>(21st Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	<b><u>Sunday, November 9th</u></b> <b>(22nd Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Hag 1:15b - 2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38
<b><u>Sunday, November 16th</u></b> <b>(23rd Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118 or Isaiah 12 2 Thess 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	<b><u>Sunday, November 23rd</u></b> <b>(24th Sunday after Pentecost)</b>  Jer 23: 1-6 Luke 1:68-69 Col 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
<b><u>Sunday, November 30th</u></b> <b>(1st Sunday of Advent)</b>  Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matt 24:36-44	



# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1 Men's Group</b> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am <u>Craft Meeting</u> 10 am – 1 pm GP Room
<b>2 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> (Green ) <b>HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a> All Saints Sunday Open House at Parsonage Bowling Fellowship: JV Lanes 1:30-5:00	<b>3 Women's Small Group</b> 7:00 pm (Zoom) <u>Trustees Meeting</u> 7 pm (Zoom) <u>Mission Meeting</u> 6 pm (Zoom)	<b>4 Bible Study</b> 10:00 am	<b>5 Ad Council Meets</b> 7 pm GP Room	<b>6 Prayer Group</b> 11:00 am <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30pm ZOOM	<b>7 Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conference Call	<b>8 Men's Group</b> 8:00 am
<b>9 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> (Green ) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a>	<b>10 Women's Small Group</b> 7:00 pm (Zoom)	<b>11 Bible Study</b> 10:00 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Prayer Group</b> 11:00 am <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30pm ZOOM	<b>14 Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conference Call	<b>15 Men's Group</b> 8:00 am <u>Small Group Leaders</u> 9:30 am <u>Craft Fair/ Bake Sale</u> 9 am – 3 pm
<b>16 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> (Green) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a> Education Meeting after worship	<b>17 Women's Small Group</b> 7:00 pm (Zoom)	<b>18 Bible Study</b> 10:00 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Prayer Group</b> 11:00 am <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30pm ZOOM	<b>21 Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conference Call	<b>22 Men's Group</b> 8:00 am
<b>23 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> (Green) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a> Charge Conference: <a href="#">Yorktown UMC 3:00 pm</a>	<b>24 Women's Small Group</b> 7:00 pm (Zoom)	<b>25 Bible Study</b> 10:00 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Prayer Group</b> 11:00 am <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30pm ZOOM	<b>28 Small Group 2</b> 10:00 am Conference Call	<b>29 Men's Group</b> 8:00 am
<b>30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> (Purple) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> On-line Live Worship: <a href="http://www.umcso.com">www.umcso.com</a> Trim a Tree 12-3 pm With Pizza!						