

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 23, 2025 – Christ the King Sunday
Thanksgiving Sunday



*In loving memory of our friend and sister in Christ,
Jean Engel, now carried in the arms of Angels,
surrounded by the company of Heaven, and seated
with the Savior.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Theresa Aryee,
“In grateful thanksgiving for God’s mercies on my family.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

P: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

L: Praise be to God who provides for us.

**P: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by
the ways in which we live and care for others.**

L: Hallelujah!

P: AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives--with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others--that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” - UMH #694

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word “holiday” is actually comprised of two words: “holy and day.” Forgive us when we treat the “holiday” as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of Passion about the love you have given to us and about the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear the Good News: Though hosts encamp around you, uttering messages of fear and dread, place your trust and hope in God who lavishly provides for you and who calls you beloved. Rejoice, for God is with you. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 (KJV)

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS *(Children will be dismissed right after)*

HYMN of PREPARATION: “We Gather Together” – UMH #131

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-34 (ESV)

SERMON: “Consider the Lilies”

1. Cultivate an Attitude of Gratitude
2. Give Thanks...Always?
3. God Loves and Provides for Us

RESPONSE HYMN: “Let All Things Now Living” – FWS #2008

OFFERTORY: “Just as I Am”

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Now Thank We All Our God” – UMH #102

BENEDICTION:

Beloved of God, place your whole trust in God’s absolute abundant love. Feel the powerful presence of God in your life and know that God’s blessings are with you. Go in peace, and may God’s peace always be with you. **AMEN.**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 100 (KJV)

¹Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

²Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

³Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-34 (ESV)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,

²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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. Next: Monday, December 1st, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Saturday, December 6th, 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

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Welcome Home and
Congratulations
Private Joseph Spina!

Heartfelt prayers and congratulations to Joe, who has graduated from Basic Training and is now a full-fledged Marine!

May God go with him into every assignment, guard him fiercely, and protect him always.

Joe's address will be changing in the coming weeks and we will post that information when we get it. In the meantime, cards, letters, etc. can be sent to John and Gayle and they will see to it that he gets them.

Please continue to pray for Joe and the Spina and Bucher families.

John and Gayle Spina

60 Ridge Rd.

Garrison, NY 10524

Announcements and Upcoming Events



HARVEST BASKETS: This is the final week for non-perishable foods (as listed below) or monetary donations! Please get last minute donations in as early as possible as the baskets will be packed after worship this Sunday, Nov. 23rd.

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.

Become a Holy Roller!! Bowling Fellowship Sundays Have Begun!

Join in the fun of our Bowling Fellowship Sundays! The group, now known as **"The UMCSO Holy Rollers,"** meets on Sunday at JV Lanes and all are welcome. See the sign-up sheet in the breezeway or contact Wesley Battle Sr. (914-837-4835) for more information.

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Bowling Fellowship Sundays!

Location: Jefferson Valley Bowling Lanes
Sundays (Start date: October 26 or November 2)

Time: 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Warm-up: 1:30 – 1:40 PM

Bowling begins: 1:50 PM

Cost: \$23 per person

Duration: 16 weeks — includes 3 games each week, prizes, and a dinner celebration at the end of the season!

Whether you're a seasoned bowler or simply looking for fellowship and fun, all are welcome! Bring your family and friends and be part of this joyful new ministry.

Sign up today and let's roll together in faith and friendship!

For more information or to sign up, contact:

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ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE: Meets this Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00 pm at Yorktown UMC.



NOVEMBER 27, 2025:

WISHING ALL OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!



TRIM A TREE IS NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH!!: We'll all meet in the GP Room after worship to make decorations and then head into the sanctuary for Carols and decorating! Everyone is invited to join in so bring a friend!

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

YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING! We are excited to be starting a Young Adult Group at UMCSO 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](#)

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<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:

Michael Barnett Sr.	11/23
Jamen Cervini	11/27
Michele Squibb	11/28
Greyson Bucher	11/29
Marilyn Bucher	11/29
Samantha Palumbo	11/29

Anniversaries This Week

Locksley and Pastor Cherie Philips	11/25
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