

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 15, 2026**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given by the Church, “In prayerful contemplation of this Lenten season as we journey to the cross. May God walk with us every step of the way.”

**GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

**P: we are called to be God’s people.**

L: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

**P: we are called to follow wherever he leads.**

L: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God’s voice,

**P: we are called to worship in wonder and praise. Amen.**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation, long ago you showed yourself to the disciples in Jesus’ transfiguration — his face glowing like a field of daffodils on a bright, spring morning. Shine in us, around us, and through us, that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people—faces transfigured in the light of your love. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** “I Stand Amazed at the Presence” - UMH #371

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Though we want to walk with Moses and see God’s holy radiance, we hide in the midst of our own desires, unable to perceive the presence of God’s grace. While we want a world of justice and peace, we walk in clouds of selfishness, unable to share God’s loving-kindness. Though we want to follow Jesus up the mountain, we cower in fear, unable to bear the light of God. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear the Good News:

In the blazing light of God's grace, Jesus touches us to say, "Get up and do not be afraid." In the name of Christ, all is forgiven. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 24:12-18 (NIV)

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS** (*children will be dismissed right after*)

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** "Be Thou My Vision" – UMH #451

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV)

**SERMON:** "Called From The Mountaintop"

1. The Glory of the Lord
2. His Presence has a Purpose
3. Listen to Him

**RESPONSE HYMN:** "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" – UMH #176 (2x)

**OFFERTORY:** Special Music Selection

**DOXOLOGY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" – UMH #103

**BENEDICTION:**

Walk in light and truth. See the light of Christ in every face. Be the light of Christ to all you meet. Amen.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4728/worship-elements-february-19-2023-option-1>

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Exodus 24:12-18** (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

<sup>14</sup> He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,

<sup>16</sup> and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

<sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

<sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## **2 Peter 1:16-21** (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

<sup>17</sup> He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

<sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

<sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things.

<sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 17:1-9** (NIV)

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.

<sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”

<sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

## **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** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, (ZOOM) Next: Feb. 16th

**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#)

**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, March 2nd, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG:** Saturday February 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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## Announcements & Upcoming Events

This Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, give *Love* away like you're made of the stuff...because you are! Happy Valentine's Day to All!!



**MONDAY WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP:** Will meet this Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on Zoom.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** is Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, marking the beginning of Lent. Services will be as follows:



12 pm at UMCSO (for Yorktown, Grace, Shrub Oak, and Peekskill churches) - 12 pm at Mt. Kisco UMC (for Katonah, Trinity Boscobel, and Mt. Kisco churches) - 7:30 pm here at UMCSO for all. (Please read on below for a full schedule of Wednesday night Lenten services.)

**LENTEN BONFIRE:** Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Light soup and salad dinner at 5:00 pm, followed by the Bonfire. Please sign up in the breezeway to bring something to share.

**TRES DIAS SECUELA:** Sat. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. 1-4 pm in the Parish Hall

**UPDATE ON JOE SPINA:** Joe has finished his advanced training at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and has transferred, on 1/27, to the US Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida for the next 9-12 months. All cards, letters, etc. for Joe can now be sent to his **new address:**



SPINA, JOSEPH  
440 ROBERTS AVE.  
PMB #2368  
PENSACOLA, FL 32511


**BOWLING FELLOWSHIP:** Bowling Fellowship continues! The group, now known as "**The UMCSO Holy Rollers,**" meets on Sundays at JV Lanes and all are welcome. Bowling is from 2-5 pm (1:30 if you want to practice) See the sign-up sheet in the breezeway or just show up! Contact Wesley Battle Sr. (914-837-4835) for more information.

## ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN SERVICES

*"You know you are on the way when you accept there is no way to God except through Gethsemanes where you say, not my way done, but only, always, Your way.*

~ Ann Voskamp: *(On the Way, a Lenten Journey)*

*Join the Northern Westchester Cooperative Parish for*



*Ash Wednesday*

{INTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN}

FEBRUARY 20 18  
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12 PM SERVICES AT MOUNT KISCO UMC AND THE  
UMC AT SHRUB OAK

7:30 PM AT THE UMC AT SHRUB OAK

THE NORTHERN WESTCHESTER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COOPERATIVE PARISH  
INVITES YOU TO  
WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

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JOIN US EACH  
WEDNESDAY DURING  
LENT AS WE SHARE

THE  
'FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT'  
GALATIANS 5, 22

6PM FOR SOUP SUPPER



7PM WORSHIP SERVICE  
(IN-PERSON OR ZOOM)

CONTACT CHURCH LOCATION  
FOR ZOOM LINK



PLEASE BRING A NON-  
PERISHABLE FOOD  
ITEM FOR THE  
OFFERING

5 CONVENIENT  
LOCATIONS

FEB 25: GRACE UMC  
337 PEEKSKILL  
HOLLOW RD  
PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579

MAR 4: YORKTOWN UMC  
2300 CROMPOUND RD  
YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY  
10598

MAR 11: KATONAH-PURDYS  
UMC  
5 BEDFORD RD  
KATONAH, NY 10536

MAR 18: PEEKSKILL UMC  
1040 MAIN STREET  
PEEKSKILL, NY 10566

MAR 25: SHRUB OAK UMC  
1176 E MAIN STREET  
SHRUB OAK, NY 10588



## **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:**

Linda Stella	2/15
Nancy Mannino	2/16

## **Anniversaries This Week**

Garrett and JoAnn Stokes	2/20
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