

**United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 22, 2026 First Sunday In Lent**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given by Marshall Moseley, “In honor of my 5 grandchildren and my 2 great-grandchildren.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

**P: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

L: When we confess our transgressions, Christ’s grace and forgiveness encompass us.

**P: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

L: Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

**P: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Amen**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** “ Praise Medley” – The Halos

**PRAISE SHARING**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Gracious and Loving God, we seek the freedom found in the grace we receive through Christ Jesus. We seek to know more fully your great love. Turn us from our temptations. Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ, that as we examine our lives and live out these days, we may become examples of your abundant love for all people. May your Divine Spirit tend us as angels attended Jesus in the wilderness, and may we feel revived and sustained to follow Jesus. Amen.

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness, we too struggle with desires for power, glory, or riches. Teach us to turn from these temptations and to turn toward the power of scripture and prayer. Center us in our faith. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear the Good News:

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 91 (NIV)

Romans 10:8-13 (NIV)

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

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** "Wade in the Water" – FWS #2107

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

**SERMON:** "Travel Into the Desert"

1. The Provision of God
2. God Offers Deliverance
3. We Are Never Alone

**RESPONSE HYMN:** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" – UMH #703

**OFFERTORY:** "Over my Head" - The Halos

**DOXOLOGY**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "We Shall Overcome" – UMH #533

**BENEDICTION:**

And so now go—knowing that God's steadfast love surrounds you, knowing that Christ leads through your temptations, knowing that the Holy Spirit tends you with care. Go in peace. Stay in Courage. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Psalm 91** (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2-3</sup> I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

<sup>5-6</sup> You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,

<sup>10</sup> no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

<sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

<sup>15-16</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

**Romans 10:8-13** (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

<sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

<sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

<sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## GOSPEL READING

### Matthew 4:1-11(NIV)

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

<sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

<sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## 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: March 16<sup>th</sup>

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG:** Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 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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**Announcements  
&  
Upcoming Events**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Lenten Bonfire and Pot Trust, originally scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, has been cancelled due to weather concerns and ground conditions on the back lawn.

**TRES DIAS SECUELA:** Here this Saturday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. from 1 - 4 pm in the Parish Hall



**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, FEB 22<sup>nd</sup> for COFFEE HOUR:** Come join in the celebration of Black History Month as our members share gifts of cultures and cuisine with us.

**LENTEN SERVICES:** There will be a service each Wednesday of Lent at a different church. The first service, on February 25<sup>th</sup>, will be held at Grace UMC. Please see the flyer below for full schedule and details.

**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. Bowling is from 2-5 pm (1:30 if you want to practice) All are Welcome!! Contact Wesley Battle Sr. (914-837-4835) for more information.

## 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)*

**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**

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

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

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

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**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:**

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| Maria DeMartino  | 2/23 |
| Barbara Conklin  | 2/26 |
| Suzanne Libfield | 2/26 |
| Rosalin Darling  | 2/28 |

### **Anniversaries This Week**

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| Rich Jr. and Debby Haigh       | 2/25 |
| Daniel Sr. and Jennifer Pagano | 2/25 |