

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT SHRUB OAK

MARCH 1, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

COMMUNION SUNDAY

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Debbie Vesuvio, "In humble recognition of, and gratitude for, the angels in my midst."

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We come this day hoping to encounter Christ.

P: We come with burdens and questions that only He can answer.

L: May we open our hearts to Him.

P: May our lives be healed and strengthened for service. AMEN.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious and glorious Lord, we come, as did Nicodemus, with questions on our hearts and in our lives. We come hoping someone can help us find answers and healing. But we are also hardened with doubts about self, others, and even you. Grant us healing and openness to your spirit that we may be better servants of your Word, your Will, and your Way. In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" – UMH #369

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 121 (ESV)

Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

HOLY COMMUNION: *(Children will be dismissed right after)*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "You are my All in All"

GOSPEL: John 3:1-21 (ESV)

SERMON: Invitation to a Grace-filled Life

1. Come into the Light
2. The Lord is our Keeper
3. The Gift of Grace

RESPONSE HYMN: “O How He Loves You and Me” – FWS #2108

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”

BENEDICTION:

As you leave this place, lift up your eyes to the Lord! The One who sent Jesus Christ, as salvation for all the world, will never desert you. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore. Go now in peace, with God’s blessing. Amen

<https://ministrymatters.com/2020-02-05-worship-elements-march-5-2023/>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 121 (ESV)

121 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-21 (ESV)

³ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

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¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 pm, (ZOOM) Next: March 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 March 7th and 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=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0pIRi8rUT09>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

Passcode: 246240

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**Announcements
&
Upcoming Events**



JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, March 1st, for COFFEE HOUR: Come join in the celebration of Black History Month as our members share gifts of cultures and cuisine with us.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026: Begins this Sunday, March 1st. In lieu of an official meeting this week, we ask that you attend the coffee hour celebrating Black History Month for fellowship. Thereafter, meetings will take place every Sunday following worship in Pastor Sandy's office unless otherwise specified.

EDUCATION MEETING: This Sunday, March 1st, following worship

TRUSTEES MEETING: Monday, March 2nd, 7 pm on Zoom



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Begins Sunday, March 8th at 2 am. Please don't forget to adjust your clocks ahead 1 hour before bed on Saturday, the 7th.

LENTEN SERVICES: There will be a service each Wednesday of Lent at a different church. This week's Lenten service, March 4th, will be held at Yorktown UMC. It begins with a lite soup supper at 6 pm followed by the service at 7 pm. Please see the flyer below for full schedule and details.

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

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

Holy Week Schedule 2026



Palm Sunday, March 29th:

Traditional Service 10:30 am

Palm Parade

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd:

7:00 pm Service

Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3rd:

Prayer Vigil Hours 12:00pm – 3:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th:

Sunrise Service: 7:00 am

Traditional Service: 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt Following Service

The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening services will be live streamed
and can be viewed on our website:

UMCSO.com and Select the Live Stream Worship Tab

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

This Week's Birthdays:

Cindy Ayling	3/2
Nigel Ferreira	3/2
Stanley Mochulsky	3/3
John Ayling	3/4
Jessica Abraham	3/5
Tony Capozza	3/5
Marshall Moseley	3/7

No Anniversaries This Week