

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

May 24, 2026 - Pentecost Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Cheryl Brooks, “In honor of my mom, Karla Ruth, in celebration of her Birthday and Mother’s Day this month.”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

P: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

L: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

P: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

L: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

P: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day! Amen

PRAISE and WORSHIP:

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Spirit of God” – FWS #2117

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We cannot help but observe the alienation of your people from each other. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins. These sins cause such division and hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News! Dear ones, fear no more! The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love, given to you by Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven, thanks be to God. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8177/worship-connection-may-28-2023>

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

1 Corinthians 12:3-13 (ESV)

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "O Spirit of the Living God" - UMH #539

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23 (ESV)

SERMON: Breath of Life

1. Come Holy Spirit
2. Dream Dreams
3. We are All Needed

RESPONSE HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" – UMH #393 (2x)

OFFERTORY: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Forward Through the Ages" – UMH #555

BENEDICTION:

Awesome Spirit! You have inspired us this day to be witnesses to God's love and power. Help us to be joyful in our service and strong in our faith for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we go in peace, with God's peace in our hearts. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3845/worship-connection-pentecost-sunday-2022>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

1 Corinthians 12:3-13 (ESV)

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23 (ESV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

A Memorial Day Message



A testament to the courage of those who served and sacrificed beneath its colors; that star-spangled banner yet waves. Waves not because the wind wills it, but carried on the breath of every service member who gave their lives protecting it. In the name of your loved ones we offer our heartfelt

love and gratitude and our prayers are with you. As we reflect on the cost of freedom, may we also rejoice in the hope we have in Christ. Let us live in a way that honors both – with courage, faith, and love.

From our hearts to yours – God bless you this Memorial Day.

UMCSO WEEKLY 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.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: Meets once a month at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
Next meeting: June 8th

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: June 8th, 7 pm
(Zoom)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Next meetings: Saturday June 6th and
20th, 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

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CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026: Meets every Sunday following worship, upstairs in classroom #21 unless otherwise specified.

BREAKFAST RUN: On Sunday, May 31st, our youth and teachers will make their way to NYC with provisions for the those in need. The following list are the requested items, and the collection box is in the breezeway, please donate as you are able: (of greatest need are items in red)

Men's dark colored summer t-shirts: (Med, Lg, X-Lg)

Men's black socks

Wash cloths

Bar Soap

Tooth paste and Toothbrushes

Trial size Shampoo and Deodorant

Packing of breakfast meals will be Sunday morning, May 31st at 6 am followed by departure to NYC.

FAMILY NIGHT: Come join us, Friday, June 5th at 5 pm for our next family night! Weather permitting we may meet outdoors this time. Bring family and friends and please sign up in the breezeway to bring a Pot Trust dish to share.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING: Sunday, June 7th at 5pm in the GP Room.

BOWLING FELLOWSHIP: The "UMCSO Holy Rollers" meets on Sundays from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at JV Lanes. (1:45 if you want some practice time). All are welcome!

SUMMER 2026 YOUTH MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES: UM Army trip dates this year are July 5th – July 11th. Anyone interested in participating should contact Doug Gaylor.

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

Birthdays

Jamal Neal -Young	5/24
William Montana	5/25
Victor Chung	5/25
John Neal-Young	5/26
Kathy Schiavi	5/26
Debby Haigh	5/27
Kim Ryder	5/27
Kaitlyn Pagano	5/29
Elizabeth (Izzy) Mantz	5/30

Anniversaries this week

Pastor Raj and Glory Dharmaraj 5/25