

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
June 14th, 2026 – Third Sunday After Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday



God Bless Our
Confirmands of
2026

Khloe Isabella Francis

Born: 11/11/2013

Parents: Daryl and Tawyanna Francis

Sponsor: Theresa Aryee

Putnam Valley Middle School

Colleen Adira Gutowski

Born: 4/2/2013

Parents: Rob and Lilia Gutowski

Sponsor: Charlotte Neal -Young

Hackley School

Thomas James Antonucci

Born: 1/23/2013

Parents: Patricia Antonucci and Michael Antonucci

Sponsors: Russell Reynolds & Peter Hoernes

Copper Beech Middle School

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Theresa Aryee, "In celebration of Pheby's birthday!"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.

P: Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

L: Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

P: May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.

L: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

P: As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship, witness and service bring honour to God's Holy Name. Amen.

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PRAISE and WORSHIP:

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" – UMH #77

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, You know everything about me. Every word I speak, every thought I think, every deed I do - You know them all, even before I do. So take a good look at me now. Look deep into my heart and soul. Point out the things that displease You, the thoughts and actions I need to change. Show me how to live as You would want me to live. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good news; God loves us very much. God loves us enough to forgive us again and again and again. God loves us so much that God lived among us, died, and rose again in Jesus of Nazareth. So whatever you forget, always remember that God loves you and forgives you.

Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 1:1-8 (NIV)

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "We Are Marching..." - FWS #2235b

GOSPEL: John 15:1-17(NIV)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CONFIRMANDS

RITE OF CONFIRMATION – UMH #33

OFFERTORY: "Just As I Am"

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" – UMH #593

BENEDICTION:

L: As we go now to our daily living,
may the Spirit come to us in new and exciting ways:

P: as a gentle whisper, in dreams, in silence, in prayer;

L: as a strong wind, in lives filled with love and compassion;

P: as a mighty storm, in exuberant hearts of joy.

L: So let us go now, filled with the Spirit all our days!

A: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 1:1-8 (NIV)

¹ The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin.

² The word of the LORD came to him in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah,

³ and through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem went into exile.

⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷ But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-17 (NIV)

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

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: July 13th

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: TBD

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Next meetings: Saturday July 4th and
18th, 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 SUNDAY: This Sunday, June 14th is Confirmation Sunday. Please plan to attend to support and welcome our newest members.

HONORS DAY/ FATHER'S DAY/ CHURCH PICNIC: Next Sunday, June 21st, we celebrate our students, teachers, all our recent graduates, and Dads! If any graduate's names have not yet been submitted please make sure you get them into the church office this week. All are welcome to join us following worship for our annual Church Picnic!!!

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.

ASP TRIP: please pray for the ASP team, Cory and Lisa Casey, Jamen Cervini, and Leo Gutowski, who will be out in the world doing God's work from June 27th – July 5th.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING AND PICNIC: Sunday, July 12th at the Parsonage following coffee hour.

ALSO ON JULY 12th: Grace UMC will be joining us for worship as Pastor Sandy officiates at the Baptism of two of their members.

Can We Have Your Attention, Pleeease?!



Please take a minute to check in with Maxine Haigh or Marilyn Bucher to make sure we have your most current contact information on file. If updates are needed you can print and use the form below or you can find forms in the back of the sanctuary. If you know someone whose information may have changed, please bring them a form or ask them to get in touch with us.

First and last Name: _____

Family members residing with you:

Current Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home and Cell #s: _____

Month and Day of: Birthdays _____

Anniversary _____

Emergency Contacts: _____

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

Margaret Abraham	6/15
Sophia Stella	6/15
Daniel Haigh	6/16
Azaria Shkoda	6/17
Twila Hunter	6/21
Charles Rigg	6/21

Anniversaries this week

Daryl and Len Lindholm	6/18
Susan and Albert Closi	6/14