

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
June 14th, 2026 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
HONORS DAY

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Hank and Lynne Schrot, “In honor and celebration of Lynne’s birthday!”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,

A: let’s praise God together!

L: For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes, and providing what we need:

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<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/intergenerational%20worship>

PRAISE and WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear God, sometimes we feel afraid. Give us your spirit of power. Sometimes we feel upset. Give us your spirit of love. Sometimes we feel confused. Give us your spirit of self-control. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to live in us. Amen.

<http://practicingfamilies.com/>

OPENING HYMN: “We Are The Church” – UMH #558 (vs 1,2,4,5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, for the times we’ve hurt you, forgive us. For the times we’ve hurt others, forgive us. For the times we’ve hurt ourselves, forgive us. For we are made in your image and it is very good. Amen

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SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Beloved, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 1:6-9 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS/SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPPET SHOW

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "This Little Light of Mine" - UMH #585

GOSPEL: Luke 9:23-25

MEDITATION

HONORS PRESENTATIONS

OFFERTORY: "Yes, He Did"

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me" – UMH #191

BENEDICTION:

May our love be like salt that makes life tasty and worthwhile. May our Christian living be a light to those who live in darkness. May our Christian communities be cities of light to be seen from afar as signs that God lives and works in his people. And may God bless you all for this mission: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go now, and let the light of Christ shine

on all those who live around you. **Thanks be to God!**

~ posted on [Liturgy Alive](http://www.bibleclaret.org/liturgy/CycleA/). <http://www.bibleclaret.org/liturgy/CycleA/>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joshua 1:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷ “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:23-25 (NIV)

²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

L: The word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God.



Congratulations to our
CLASS OF 2026!

College Graduates

Samantha Palumbo

(Betsey Reynolds Goldhorn)

(Graduated from CUNY on 5/28/26 with her Master's Degree in
Disability Services)

Daniel John Haigh

(Maxine Haigh)

(Graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Rhode Island with a
Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering)

Ben Brooks

(Cheryl Brooks, Karla Ruth)

(Graduated from SUNY Oswego with a BS in Business)

Middle School Graduates

James Horton

(Brent and Kelley Horton)

(Graduated from Saint Patrick's School and attending Archbishop Stepinac High
School in September)

Elementary School Graduates

Jareath Watkins

(Graduating from Van Cortlandtville Elementary School and entering Copper Beech Middle School in September)

And a special Congratulations to...

Dan Pinto

(Rachel Ward)

(on passing the Professional Engineer Civil Transportation Examination and earning his PE Licensure designation)

We are so proud of your accomplishments and our prayers surround you as you take the next steps along your journeys.

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). **Thursday night Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer and will meet again in Sept.**

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 (**No meetings for the summer, resumes in Sept**)

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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HONORS DAY/ FATHER'S DAY/ CHURCH PICNIC: This 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!!!

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.

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!

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

Wesley Battle Jr. 6/22

Landy Guevara 6/23

Lynne Schrot 6/23

Anniversaries this week

Susan and Albert Closi 6/21

Linda and Peter Hoernes 6/22