

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
June 7th, 2026 – Second Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Kathy and Dom Schiavi, “In celebration of their 30th Anniversary!”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come, all who need help!

**P: Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**

L: Come, all who desire blessing!

**P: Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

L: Come, all who long for salvation!

**P: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world. Amen**

PRAISE and WORSHIP:

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “Lead on, O King Eternal” – UMH #580

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 12:1-9 (NIV)

Psalm 33:1-12 (NIV)

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “He Touched Me...” - UMH #367

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NIV)

SERMON: In the Shadow of Bethel

1. Obedience Leads to Blessing
2. Sing Joyfully to the Lord
3. Follow and Believe

RESPONSE HYMN: “Lead me, Lord” – UMH #473 (2x)

OFFERTORY: “We Come to Worship”

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Victory in Jesus” – UMH #370

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-9 (NIV)

12 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Psalm 33:1-12 (NIV)

¹ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

² Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

⁵ The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰ The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

¹¹ But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NIV)

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."

¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.

²¹ She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes,

²⁴ he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.

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

Passcode: 246240

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Our Annual Rummage Sale is THIS Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Clean and lovingly used items can be dropped off beginning May 30th through June 5th. We are also looking for volunteers to help bring all items over to the Parish Hall Friday night, June 5th. Please let Annette Reynolds or Linda Hoernes know if you can help.

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.

CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES: Please submit names of this year's graduates to the church office or Pastor Sandy so that we can celebrate their accomplishments on Honors day!

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

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.

Can We Have Your Attention, **Pleeease?!**

UPDATES TO UMCSO CHURCH DIRECTORY



The summer passes by quickly and we'd like to have a new updated directory ready when things get rolling in September. We work very hard to keep our contact information up to date but we do understand that people are busy and things are always changing. If you're not sure what information we currently have on file for you please reach out to Maxine Haigh or Marilyn Bucher to review it. If changes to your phone #s, addresses, emails, emergency contacts, etc. are necessary the forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Likewise, if you know someone who may have had a change of information please encourage them to get in touch.

REACH US ON FACEBOOK

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

<https://www.facebook.com/Blessedassurance.today>

There is a link to the Church's website
Pastor Sandy will post inspirational verses regularly

Birthdays

James Hoernes	6/9
Jeannie Brunton	6/12
Hallie Robcke	6/12
Riley Jensen	6/13
June Willis	6/13

And a Belated Happy Birthday to Cheryl Brooks whose B'day was 6/3

Anniversaries this week

Dom and Kathy Schiavi	6/8
Debbie and Gary Speedling	6/14