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"OUR THIRD CENTURY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD"

The Chimes

Honorable Reverend Sandra B. Mantz, Pastor



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Dear UMCSO Family,

Happy September!! As each year passes, I have become so appreciative of all the seasons. But I get particularly nostalgic in the fall. I appreciate the beauty of nature when autumn leaves turn different colors and gracefully fall down from the trees. I just love the warm colors of the yellows, oranges, reds, and crimsons that autumn brings our way. The very air itself seems to hold a clean crispness as the squirrels' scamper around, greedily stuffing acorns in their jaws and sneaking bites of the pumpkins on the porch.

I even enjoy the sounds of walking through the dried leaves, watching them spin in the dance of a graceful descent and land. I still enjoy walking through those musty leaves and hearing the sounds of the crumpling under my foot.

And there is nothing like a cup of tea or coffee and a delicious apple crisp to warm my spirit and makes the house smell delightful too. I try to have a thankful heart, no matter what the season is. I am so grateful!! I am grateful for family and friends, but

especially the Lord, who will never leave or forsake us. There is so much beauty in God's creation, I pray I will never take that for granted. The seasons change but our Lord continues to walk with us.

There is a lot to get stressed about. Our world is challenging. Do not live in fear.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. ~ John 14:27

Remember, F.E.A.R is: False Evidence Appearing Real.

To live out your lives with a thankful heart: Pray, make it a habit to praise God, thanking Him for His ever-present vigilance and love. Read the Word of God. Do not be intimidated by it. It holds all the truths to surviving as Christians on this

earth. It is God's word, rich and full of tips for victorious living. The **Bible**: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

Live a faithful life. Be a light in our dark world. Love one another too. God will meet our needs, His power is accessible to all of us. God is awesome. May God bless you all richly.

Blessings and Love in Christ,
Pastor Sandy

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2026



SUNDAYS, 10:30 AM
IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED

Super Sundae: Sept. 13th, Sunday School starts again with Blessing of backpacks during worship followed by an ice cream social during coffee hour.

Cooperative Parish Picnic: Sat., Sept. 19th, here at UMCSO. Time to be announced.

Farmer's Market: Every 3rd Sat. of the month in Peekskill. Next date is Sept. 19th. There are a couple more dates available before the season ends and that means a couple more opportunities for outreach. Volunteers to man a table are always an appreciated blessing.

Rally Day: Sunday, Sept. 20th, kicks off the new school year with our annual Pancake Breakfast at 9:15 am.

Women's Fall Tea: Saturday, Sept. 26th from 2-5 pm.



Trustees: Resumes their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at 7 pm on Zoom.

Tuesday Bible Study: Resumes its weekly meetings on Sept. 15th at 10 am. (GP Room)

Thursday Eve. Bible Study: Resumes weekly meetings on Sept 17th on Zoom.

Ad Council Meeting: Wed., Sept. 23rd at 6 pm. (GP Room)

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Resumes weekly on Sept. 27th at 9:30 am (GP Room).

Teacher's Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 27th following worship.

Bowling Group: Resumes weekly meetings on Sundays at JV Lanes from 2-5 pm and all are welcome

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Kayla Francis	02
Lisa Gaylor	02
Mary Supino	02
Curt Conklin	03
Colette Carpenter	08
Cliff Cullum	10
Jim Davis	11
Daryl Francis	12
Michael Stella	12
Helen Sacchelli-Gouveia	12
Victoria Akulich	15
Fran Maddalone	17
Locksley Philips	21
Inza Martinez	22
Theresa Barnett	23
Christopher Mannino	23
Daniel Pagano Jr.	28
John Krueger	29
Jim Matthews	29
Shirley Townsend	29
Bryson Reed-Stokes	30

Megan and James Gale	02
Lindsey and Derek Gilbert	10
Kim and Bill Ryder	14
Patty and Larry Robcke	18
Gayle and John Spina	20

Happy...
Everything!

In case you've been wondering where we've been, here's a look back at what we've been up to...

We've celebrated Birthdays...



July

Alan Fennell	2
Kelley Horton	3
Felicia Robcke	3
Stephanie Reynolds	4
Asha Sundeep Thomas	5
Beverly Goodman	6
Jeannie Maher	6
Dolsen Eccles	8
Jareath Martin	8
Daryl Lindholm	10
Mike Mancusi	10
Lisa Grace	11
Agata Shkoda	12
Peter Hoernes	13
Stephanie Speedling	15
Enock Yatri	15
William Melvin Jr.	15
Christopher Grace	16
Joya Chakravarty	18
Jacqueline Arias	24
Linda Purcell	30
Jo Ann Stokes	30
Dawn Brown	30
Evan Yatri	31

August

Jaxon DeMaria	1
Marissa Montaldo	2
Fran Davies	4
Jonathan Goodman	6
Laura Walls	13
Rachel Ward	13
Antonia Supino	14
Susan Crookston	15
Albert Sacchelli-Gouveia	15
Mary Vance	15
Kaitlyn Will	15
Christian Carpenter	16
Kevin Thomas	17
Pastor David Mantz	18
Chad Golanec	21
Charles Horton	23
Allie Zonetti	23
Carley Battle	25
Joy Santaroni	25
Alice Fennell	26
Mary Lou Gladwell	30

and Anniversaries...

July

Lynne and Hank Schrot 30

August

Kelly & Michael Barnett	01
Alice & Alan Fennell	02
Doreen & Jim Matthews	04
Leslie & Peter Sutton	06
Tawyanna & Daryl Francis	25
Bjorg & Rev. Jim Davis	29



*We've had Family Night,
complete with food, fun
fellowship, ...and of
course the usual
"Chaos!"*



*Our annual Tag Sale was a huge success but no event would be
complete without some playtime and Jeremiah Dogs!!!*



*We welcomed
**Khloe Francis, Colleen
Gutowski, and Thomas
Antonucci** as official
new members!*



We celebrated Honors Day, Father's Day and our Annual Church Picnic...



and July was busy with two Mission Trips:

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and 3 Baptisms



*What a busy and Blessed summer it's been!
Praise God!*

Sunday School Corner

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

~ Mark 10:14

As summer draws to a close, and children go back to school, we are excited to begin our Sunday School year as well. We will be hosting not one, but two special events to kick off the year!

On **September 13**, we will be celebrating **SUPER SUNDAE**. First, we will have a **Blessing of the Backpacks** during the Children's Moment, so make sure that your young people bring their backpacks for this special time with Pastor Sandy. We will kick off our new curriculum in Sunday School, and during coffee hour, we will mark the beginning of the year with a special treat of ice cream sundaes for one and all!



Then on **Sunday, September 20**, we will enjoy our **Rally Day Pancake Breakfast** at **9:15 am**. The whole church family is welcome!

We look forward to a new year of supporting and growing our Sunday School. To help spread the word, on the **third Saturday of each month**, we have set up a table at the **Peekskill Farmers' Market** to try to share some of the great things we are doing with our kids and to try to build the Sunday School. We would love more people to be involved in this initiative – if you are interested, please contact Lisa Grace or Kathy Casey.

We encourage all of our children and youth to attend Sunday School this year, and we encourage family members to support them. Together, we can make a difference in our families, our community and our world!

Yours in Christ,
The Sunday School Teachers



As Summer draws to an end we are gearing up for the start of a new year. Here's a look ahead at what's coming up!...

Please Mark Your Calendars for These



Super Sundae: Sunday Sept. 13th. Blessing of the backpacks during worship and ice cream sundaes for all during coffee hour.

United Women of Faith Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 18th at 5:30 at Grace UMC

Cooperative Parish Picnic: Sat., Sept, 19th, time TBD

Rally Day: Kicks off the new school year with our Pancake Breakfast at 9:15 am

Women's Fall Tea: Saturday, Sept. 26th, From 2-5 pm

Parsonage Open House: October 18th following worship

Trunk or Treat/Pumpkin Patch: Sunday, Oct. 25th from 1-3 pm

Annual Holiday Craft Fair: Saturday, November 14th, 9 am-3 pm

(This list will undoubtedly grow in the coming weeks and months so please watch your Bulletins and Mailchimps for updates and/or further details)



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS
SEPTEMBER 2026

<u>Sunday, September 6th</u> (15th Sunday after Pentecost) Exod 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Rom 13:8-14 Matt 18:15-20	<u>Sunday, September 13th</u> (16th Sunday after Pentecost) Exod 14:19-31 Exod 15:1b-11, 20-21 Rom 14:1-12 Matt 18:21-35
<u>Sunday, September 20th</u> (17th Sunday after Pentecost) Exod 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Phil 1:21-30 Matt 20:1-16	<u>Sunday, September 28th</u> (16th Sunday after Pentecost) Exod 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Phil 2:1-13 Matt 21:23-32



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30pm ZOOM	4 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call	5 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am Labor Day Wknd, No Sml Grp Leaders
6 13 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com</u>	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30pm ZOOM	11 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call	12 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am
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20 18 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com</u> Rally Day with Pancake Breakfast at 9:15 Sunday Morning Bible Study starts again	21 <u>Women's Small Group</u> 7:00 pm (Zoom)	22 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am GP Room	23 Ad Council Meets 6 pm GP Room	24 <u>Prayer Group</u> 11:00 am Chapel <u>Small Group 1</u> 1:00 pm <u>Bible Study</u> 7:30pm ZOOM	25 <u>Small Group 2</u> 10:00 am Conference Call	26 <u>Men's Group</u> 8:00 am Women's Tea at UMC SO 2-5 pm
27 19 th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 10:30 am <u>Worship, Sanctuary</u> <u>On-line Live Worship: www.umcso.com</u>	28	29 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am GP Room	30			