

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
August 16th, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Jeannie and Rick Brunton, “In honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary!!!”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God’s love.

P: God’s love flows through our lives!

L: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

P: this is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.

L: Let us rejoice on this day!

P: Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us. AMEN.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

As summer draws to a close, we begin to focus our attention to the activities of autumn. For some it will mean preparing children for school; for others youth will be preparing to enter college or the work force or perhaps military service. Be with these precious ones as they embark on life’s journeys. Be with each one of us as we encounter life’s challenges. Open our hearts to receive your healing mercy and your transforming love. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Blessed Assurance” – UMH #369

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 133 (NIV)
Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Fairest Lord Jesus” – UMH #189

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:25-30 (NIV)

SERMON: Living a Life of Praise

1. The Blessings of Community
2. Clothed With Righteousness
3. Give Your Burdens to Jesus

RESPONSE HYMN: “Softly and Tenderly...” – UMH #348 (vs 1,2,4)

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Blest be the Tie That Binds” – UMH #557

BENEDICTION:

May God’s mercy and peace go with you as you re-enter God’s world to serve those in need. Go in peace. AMEN.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 133 (NIV)

¹ How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:25-30 (NIV)

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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: August 17th

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: **On break until Sept.** 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 break 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 August 1st and 15th, 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=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FARMER'S MARKET EVENT FOR THIS SATURDAY IS CANCELLED

OUR NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE: Is this Sunday, August 16th when Pastor returns.

THE YOUNG ADULT PICNIC: Which was scheduled for Friday, July 31st, has been cancelled and the group will be notified of a new date.

SMALL GROUPS SUMMER SCHEDULE: Please see the above "Weekly Schedule" for all groups that are breaking for the summer.

BOWLING FELLOWSHIP: Bowling group is also on break until Sept.

PUTNAM VALLEY FOOD PANTRY: Is experiencing a great need for women's feminine products. There will be a collection box for supplies in the breezeway that will be delivered to Grace UMC every Wednesday. Please donate as you're able.

TO ANYONE DROPPING OFF DONATIONS: If you are dropping off clothing or any other items, PLEASE, clearly label the items with the intention (Rummage sale, craft room, etc). We cannot be responsible for items left unattended outside.



Rally Day: Sunday Sept. 13th. Breakfast and blessing of the backpacks

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

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

Parsonage Open House: Sunday, Oct. 18th

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

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

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

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Birthdays

Chris Carpenter	8/16
Kevin Thomas	8/17
Pastor David Mantz	8/18
Chad Golanec	8/21

No Anniversaries This Week