

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
August 9th, 2026 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Dawn and Chris Brown, “In honor and celebration of Rosie’s First Birthday!!!”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

P: We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus’ call.

L: Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

P: Lord, help us hear your voice.

L: Come, place your trust in Jesus.

P: Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives. AMEN.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “To God be The Glory” – UMH #98

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, you know us too well. You know how easy it is for us to come to you and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well. But when the waters get rough and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in fear. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Over the wind and the waves you call to us to place our trust in you. That’s not so easy for us. We are so used to getting lots of reassurances and written guarantees of safety. But still, you call to us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and to respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Don't be afraid. Jesus is with you at all times. You are healed, forgiven, and loved. Come and live in the love of the Lord. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:5-15 (NIV)
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (NIV)

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "It is Well With my Soul" – UMH #377

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

SERMON: Facing the Storm

1. Focus on God
2. Get Out of the Boat
3. Proclaim Jesus is Lord

RESPONSE HYMN: "Stand by Me" – UMH #512

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me" – FWS #2151

BENEDICTION:

Neither wind nor waves can swamp you! Place your trust in God's mercy and love. Go into the world in peace, confident of God's presence and love for all creation. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 10:5-15 (NIV)

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.”

⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down)

⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (NIV)

¹ Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

⁵ Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

⁶ you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

¹⁶ He called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food;

¹⁷ and he sent a man before them—Joseph, sold as a slave.

¹⁸ They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons,

¹⁹ till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the Lord proved him true.

²⁰ The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free.

²¹ He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessed,

²² to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.

⁴⁵ Praise the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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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OUR NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE: Will be next 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: Saturday, 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/Blessedassurancetoday>

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

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Birthdays

Laura Walls	8/13
Rachel Ward	8/13
Antonia Supino	8/14
Susan Crookston	8/15
Albie Sacchelli-Gouveia	8/15
Mary Vance	8/15
Kaitlyn Will	8/15

No Anniversaries This Week