

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
September 27, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Tawyanna Francis, “In celebration of Kayla’s and Daryl’s birthdays!”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Jesus has called us here this day.

P: Help us follow God’s will, with true humility.

L: Come, now is the time to worship.

P: Now is the time of healing, restoration, and hope. AMEN.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP HYMN: “Blessed be Your Name” - Halos

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving God, we come this day to worship with so many things on our hearts and minds. We are drawn away by problems and cares. Heal our spirits. Open our hearts. Help us be your disciples. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Song of Love”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

How quick we are to say yes to you, O Lord, and then we turn around and forget our bold words of commitment. We really want to serve, but we are very weak and are easily drawn away by cares and fears. We pledge ourselves to working for your kingdom but find ourselves pulled this way and that by other demands on our time and energy. Forgive us, O Lord, when we so quickly drop our commitments to serving you. Heal our spirits and give us the bold courage to truly be your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God knows our hearts and our spirits. God sees our struggles and forgives our weakness. Know that it is in God’s healing love that you live and move and have your being. Rejoice, for God is with you always. AMEN

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 98 (NIV)
Philippians 2:1-16 (NIV)

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "I Was Created"

GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17 (NIV)

SERMON: Sing a New Song!!

1. Shout for Joy
2. Make God's Joy Complete
3. Live Lives of Joy

RESPONSE HYMN: "Lord, Be Glorified"

OFFERTORY: "I Exalt Thee"

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "The Lily of the Valley" – FWS #2062

BENEDICTION:

Go bravely and boldly into this world of confusion and pain. Bring God's healing words of love and forgiveness. Know the power of mercy and grace in your life, and use those wonderful gifts to serve God by serving the people. Go in peace, love and joy. AMEN.

https://ministrymatters.com/2020-08-25_worship_connection_october_1_2023/

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 98 (NIV)

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Philippians 2:1-16 (NIV)

² Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing,

¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17 (NIV)

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

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: October 19th.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday 10:00 am (In Person)

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday, 11:00 am (Chapel)

SMALL GROUP 1: Thursday, 12:30 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: **(Resumes 9/27)** 9:30 am in the GP room

TRUSTEE'S MEETING: First Monday of every month. Next: Oct. 5th (Zoom)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Next meeting: Saturday Oct. 3rd and 17th, 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>

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS
and
UPCOMING EVENTS**

WOMEN'S FALL TEA: This Saturday, Sept. 26th, From 2-5 pm

TEACHER'S MEETING: Sunday, Sept. 27th following worship.

SMALL GROUPS RESUMING THIS WEEK:

Sun. Morning Bible Study – Starts on 9/27, 9:30 am GP Room

Bowling Group – Starts on 9/27, 2-5 pm JV Lanes

GRACE UMC ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER: October 3rd from 2-4 pm at Grace UMC. Please see the flyer in the breezeway for full details, all are welcome!

CRAFT GROUP: Is meeting again in preparation for our annual craft fair in November. Meeting dates are:

Fri. 9/25 at 5 pm

Sat. 10/3 at 10 am,

Sat. 10/17 at 10 am

Sat. 11/7 at 10 am

DISTRICT TRAINING DAY: Saturday, Oct. 10th here at UMCSO, 10 am – 12 pm with lunch following. Come Worship, Learn, and Connect - and discover what the roles of our committees are.

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, Oct. 18th following worship.

TRUNK OR TREAT/PUMPKIN PATCH: Sunday, Oct. 25th from 1-3 pm.

ANNUAL ASP WALK: Sign up to come walk, run, or stroll with us. Saturday, Oct. 31st at FDR Park, 9:30 am. You can sign up at www.runsignup.com/Katonahasp.



ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, November 14th, 9 am-3 pm.

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.

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

John Young	9/25
Daniel Pagano Jr.	9/28
John Krueger	9/29
Jim Matthews	9/29
Shirley Townsend	9/29
Bryson Reed-Stokes	9/30
Tawyanna Francis	10/02
Margie Carlock	10/03
Daniel Pagano Sr.	10/03

Anniversaries This Week

Tommy and Maria DeMartino	10/02
Tony and Patricia Capozza	10/03
Russ and Annette Reynolds	10/03