

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Doug Gaylor, “In honor and celebration of my wife, Lisa Gaylor’s birthday! With love from the whole family!”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Welcome to this community of faith.

P: We come seeking hope and courage for the future.

L: Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

P: We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.

L: Here you will find Jesus who will take your burdens on himself.

P: Lord, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love. AMEN.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Our world is in such peril. Heal these wounds and quiet the words of war. Help us to be those who bring peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; anoint us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” – UMH #89

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 12:1-14 (NIV)
1 Corinthians 11:23-34 (NIV)

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “In Remembrance of Me” – FWS #2254

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

SERMON: The Blessings of Communion

1. In Remembrance
2. Unity of the Church
3. Examine Yourself
4. Rededicate Your Life to God

RESPONSE HYMN: “O, How He Loves You and Me” – FWS #2108

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross” – UMH #301

BENEDICTION:

You are prepared to walk away from the darkness into the light. Go into this world confident in Christ’s love and God’s eternal presence with you. Go to be a witness for good and a bearer of peace to all you meet. Go in peace! AMEN.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 12:1-14 (NIV)

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,

² “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.

⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.

⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs.

¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

¹² “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. (over)

¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

1 Corinthians 11:23-34 (NIV)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,

²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

³¹ But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

³² Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together.

³⁴ Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.

¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’

¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

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: September 21st.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: **(Resumes on 9/15)** Tuesday 10:00 am (In Person)

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

SMALL GROUP 1: Thursday, 1:00 pm (ZOOM)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: **(Resumes on 9/17)** 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: Mon., 9/14 at 7 pm (Zoom)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Next meeting: Saturday September 19th, 9:30 am (Zoom)

Pastor Sandy Mantz invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study **(Meetings resume Sept 17th)**

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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SMALL GROUPS ARE RESUMING SOON:

The following groups will resume their normal meeting schedules in Sept. as follows:

Trustees Meetings - 9/14, at 7 pm on Zoom
Tues. Morning Bible Study - 9/15, 10:00 am GP Room
Thurs Eve. Bible Study - 9/17, 7:30 pm Zoom
Sun. Morning Bible Study - 9/27, 9:30 am GP Room
Bowling Group - 9/27, 2-5 pm JV Lanes

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.



Super Sundae: Sunday Sept. 13th. Blessing of the backpacks and ice cream sundaes at coffee hour.

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

Cooperative Parish Picnic: Here at UMCSO, Saturday, Sept. 19th, at 1:30 pm.

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

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

Parsonage Open House: Sunday, Oct. 18th following worship.

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

Birthdays

Colette Carpenter	9/08
Cliff Cullum	9/10
Jim Davis	9/11
Daryl Francis	9/12
Michael Stella	9/12

Anniversaries This Week

Lindsey and Derek Gilbert 9/10
