United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Twila Hunter, with Happy Birthday wishes for Desray and in memory of my mother, Linnette."

CALL TO WORSHIP:
L: God, we know you are with us.
P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
L: You have showered your love upon all generations,
since the beginning of time.
P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
L: Guide us now through this time of worship,
and into the week ahead.
P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. Amen

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:
God, you are God forever. This alone is cause for celebration, but we also know that we are your people! As we feel your love washing over us now, may we love you with every part of our being: heart, mind, body, and soul. We celebrate your love in our lives, and we ask for your help as we try our best to boldly share the good news of your love with others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who models the way for us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" – UMH #110

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God's love has been poured over us to heal and nourish our thirsting spirits. We have been forgiven. Now we are challenged to go forth in peace, love and hope to a hurting world. Thanks be to God for all God's mercies shown continually to each one of us. AMEN.

https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/8468/worship-connection-october-25-2020

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 34 NIV
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 NIV

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:



Payton Ashleigh Cohan

Born: January 26, 2015

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" - UMH #724

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46 NIV

SERMON: "The View From the Mountaintop"

1. Love the Lord
2. Discipline and Grace
3. Let God Change You!

RESPONSE HYMN: "Change my Heart, O God" - FWS #2152

OFFERTORY: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” – UMH #117

BENEDICTION:
L: Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.
P: God’s love goes with us!
L: Go to follow Christ’s example in loving God, self,
and neighbor.
P: God’s love goes with us!
L: Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.
P: God’s love goes with us!
L: As you leave this place, may God’s love surround you, uphold you, and empower you to be agents of love in this world. Amen.

https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/1809/worship-elements-october-25-2020

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 34 (NIV)

34 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan,

2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea,

3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.

4 Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

5 And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said.

6 He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

8 The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land.

12 For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 (NIV)

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

2 Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”

4 A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning:

6 In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

13 Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

16 May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

17 May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-46 (NIV)

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

44 "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."'

45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"

46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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: November 16th.

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)

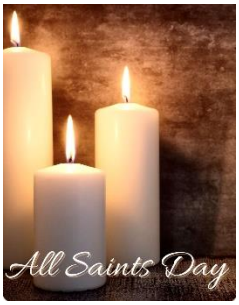
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 am in the GP room

TRUSTEE'S MEETING: First Monday of every month. Next: Nov. 2nd (Zoom)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Next meeting**:** Saturday Nov.7th and 21st, 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=MXVlUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09
Meeting ID: 261 044 7551
Passcode: 246240
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ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: **Is Next Sunday, November 1st. Please submit the names of friends, family, and loved ones who've passed since Nov. 2, 2025 to the office by next Thursday, October 29th if you would like them remembered during worship. You can put them in the collection plate, on Debbie's desk, or email them to umcso.ny@gmail.com.**

TRUNK OR TREAT/PUMPKIN PATCH: **Sunday, Oct. 25th from 1-3 pm. Pastor Sandy will also do a "Blessing of the Animals" for anyone who wants to bring their pets.**

AD COUNCIL MEETING: **Monday, October 26th at 7 pm on Zoom.**

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 **or register there.**

CRAFT GROUP: **Next meeting is: Sat. 11/7 at 10 am.**

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

GREETERS NEEDED:



There is an old quote that says, *"People will forget what you said, they will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel."*

We look forward to anyone who would be willing to be a Greeter on Sunday mornings to help welcome new faces and potential new members. Please sign up in the GP Room or speak to Pastor Sandy, Maxine Haigh, Debbie V, or Peter Hoernes.

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

Birthdays

Glen Bucher	10/25
Cathy Galecki	10/25
Billy Ryder	10/29
Bob Davies	10/31

No Anniversaries This Week