

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
October 4, 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Patricia Watkins,
“In honor and celebration of JeTasia’s birthday!”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.

P: We come seeking peace and quiet for our souls.

L: Rest your spirits. Quiet your hearts. God is with us.

P: Praise be to God who calls us to come away. Amen

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious and Patient God, as we come to you this day, we are mindful of the many ways in which we have so easily turned our back on you. Turn us around again, O Lord. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive your Holy word that we may again walk in the path of true discipleship. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” – UMH #77

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 19 (NIV)
Philippians 3:3-14 (NIV)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:



Jaxon Nico DeMaria

Born: August 1, 2025

to parents

Jessica Santoro and Joseph DeMaria

Sponsors

Marissa Montaldo And Will Buckhout

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II: UMH #39

HOLY COMMUNION: UMH #12 (*Children will be dismissed right after*)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “He Touched Me” – UMH #367

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

MEDITATION: Keep Moving Forward

RESPONSE HYMN: “I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me” – FWS #2153

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” – UMH #133

BENEDICTION:

The Banquet of God’s love has been given to you. You have received blessing upon blessing. Go now into the world in which noise and confusion reign. Bring peace and hope in Christ’s Name to all you meet. God’s peace and love be with you now and always. AMEN.

https://ministrymatters.com/2020-08-01_worship_connection_october_8_2023/

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 19 (NIV)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Philippians 3:3-14 (NIV)

³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh –

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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: 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>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

PLEASE BE AWARE: The breezeway renovation is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 12th. If all goes well, we expect it to be completed before it impacts foot traffic or parking the following Sunday (10/18). If there are any changes or updates we will keep you posted each step of the way.

TEACHER'S MEETING: Monday, 10/5 at 7 pm on Zoom

WOMEN'S FALL TEA: Saturday, Oct. 17th, From 2-5 pm

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

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! Pastor Sandy will also do a blessing of the animals for anyone who wants to bring their pets!

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/Katonah.asp.

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

Emily Grace	10/04
Gayle Spina	10/04
Derek Walls	10/05
Je'Tesia Watkins	10/05
Chris Closi	10/09
Greg Gale	10/10

Anniversaries This Week

Doug and Lisa Gaylor	10/07
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