United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
November 22, 2026
Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Michele Squibb, "In celebration of her 75th Birthday on November 28th!"

CALL TO WORSHIP:
L: Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!
P: Praise God with generosity and compassion!
L: Sing to the Lord with acts of kindness!
P: Give God glory with missions of mercy!
L: Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!
P: Praise God with justice and righteousness! Amen

PRAISE AND WORSHIP VIDEO

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:
Glorious God, shine upon us with your Spirit of wisdom and truth. Enlighten our hearts. Help us to know the hope to which we are called. Reveal your ways, that we might share hope and joy in all that we do, and all that we say.
In the light of Christ's love, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" – UMH #694

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of glory, we do not always see your glory in the world around us. When we see a person in need, it is not easy to look him in the eye. When we hear a cry for help, it is not easy to offer her quick assurance. When we know of a lonely prisoner, it is not easy to make that unannounced visit. Forgive us when we fail to see you in our everyday lives. Forgive us when we are afraid to act, afraid to care. Encourage us, God of glory. Help us to see others with the eyes of compassion, that we might be your loving presence in the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:
There is immeasurable greatness in the power of God for those who believe. Trust in the Lord, for God's grace is real. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is above all and in all, you are forgiven! Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NIV)
Psalm 100 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "We Gather Together" – UMH #131

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)

SERMON: The Shepherd and the Sheep

1. True Heart of the Shepherd
2. The Sheep, His Pasture
3. God's Heart, Our Heart

RESPONSE HYMN: "Let All Things Now Living" - FWS #2008

OFFERTORY HYMN: Special Music Selection

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God" – UMH #102

BENEDICTION:
L: Go to seek the lost and bind up the injured.
P: We will strengthen the weak, and encourage the fainthearted.
L: Go to seek justice and love mercy.
P: We will help the world know the feast
of God's justice and the grace of God's mercy. Amen

https://ministrymatters.com/2019-07-01_november_22_2020_reign_of_christ_christ_the_king_proper_29/

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NIV)

11 "'For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep
and look after them.

12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I
look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were
scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and
I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of
Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be
their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they
will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign
LORD.

16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and
strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd
the flock with justice.

20 "'Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will
judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21 Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with
your horns until you have driven them away,

22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between
one sheep and another.

23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them;
he will tend them and be their shepherd.

24 I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them.
I the LORD have spoken.

Psalm 100 (NIV)

[1] Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

[2] Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

[3] Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

[4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

[5] For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will
sit on his glorious throne.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people
one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will
put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by
my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the
creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed
clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison
and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a
stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we
see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell
you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave
me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did
not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of
these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal
life.”

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: December 21st.

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: Dec. 7th at 7:30 (Zoom)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Next meeting**:** Saturday Nov. 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

BREEZEWAY CONSTRUCTION: **The breezeway project has begun! Access to the building during the week may be limited during this process. We will keep you informed of any possible interruptions to foot traffic, parking, or weekly meetings and which entrance(s) are best suited for Sundays.**

CHARGE CONFERENCE: **Saturday, November 21st at Peekskill UMC, 2 pm.**

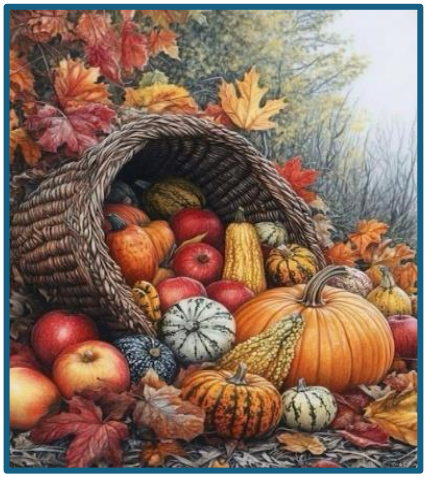
THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND: **is the deadline for Harvest Basket donations.** ***(Please see full announcement below for full details)***

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.



<u>HARVEST BASKETS:</u> This Sunday is the last day for basket donations as they will be packed this Sunday in the GP Room and prepared for delivery.



<u>Trim a Tree</u> is next Sunday, Nov. 29th following the service. There is a signup sheet in the GP Room for anyone who can volunteer to plan a craft idea, bring the necessary craft supplies, and man the table.

REACH US ON FACEBOOK

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https://www.facebook.com/Blessedassurancetoday

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

Birthdays

Michael Barnett Sr.	11/23
Jamen Cervini	11/27
Michele Squibb	11/28

No Anniversaries This Week