

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (from Psalm 84)

Leader: How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord Almighty!

People: Our hearts long to be in the presence of our living God.

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and they swallow a nest near the altar of the Lord.

P: How blessed are those who dwell in Your house, O God! We will praise You forever!

L: Blessed are those whose strength is found in the Lord, whose hearts are set on the journey toward Him.

P: We come seeking Your presence, trusting Your goodness, and rejoicing in Your love.

L: For one day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere!

ALL: The Lord is our sun and shield, our strength and our hope. Let us worship God with joyful hearts! Alleluia!!

***Opening Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" Page 529**

Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession (from Ephesians 6:10-20)

Leader: Gracious and mighty God, we confess that we do not always put on the full armor You provide.

People: We try to face life's battles in our own strength rather than relying on Your power. We allow fear to overcome faith, anger to replace love, and doubt to weaken our trust in You.

L: We sometimes neglect the truth, fail to practice righteousness, and forget to carry the good news of peace into the world.

P: Forgive us when we are unprepared to stand against temptation and when we forget the power of prayer.

L: Clothe us anew with Your truth, righteousness, faith, and salvation.

P: Give us courage to stand firm, wisdom to recognize evil, and hearts committed to Your Word.

ALL: Strengthen us through Your Holy Spirit so that we may live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the Good News! Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

People: Through the love and grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and strengthened for every battle we face.

L: Our troubles do not define us, our failures do not defeat us, and our fears do not have the final word. Christ has overcome the world, and His peace is ours to receive.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God! Amen

Offering

Stewardship Moment: Making a Lasting Difference

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***Hymn "Near to the Heart of God" Page 472**

Scripture: Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 16:33

Sermon: *God Gives Us Strength and Protection*

Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

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Benediction

Lay Readers

Patty Morell 8:30am

Julie Immelt Whelden 10:00am

Coffee Hour

Mary and Natalie Hale

Michele Damelio

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium.

If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew.

Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

Holiday Fair Sugar Cookie Christmas Saturday, November 21

Donate items for the gift baskets

We need fudge, hot fudge sauce, chocolate treats - anything chocolate! Simple recipes are available if you need ideas.

Decorative jars of M&M's or gourmet chocolate baskets

Questions? Contact Kathy Silvia at 508-400-2964 or Cindy Frazier at 518-791-4063.

Food Pantry

Starting in October, we are collecting cranberry sauce and stuffing.

October birthdays are posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office as well as in the Tidings.

If you'd like to read our weekly church newsletter, go to our website www.ostervillechurch.com click "sign up" for weekly emails. submit your email and you will be subscribed.

**The Harvest Dinner is Nov 7th at 6pm-Tickets are for sale-
Adults \$15—Kids \$5**

Trustees Committee Meeting on Tuesday October 20th at 7pm

Finance Committee Meeting October 22nd -4:30-5:30pm

Women's Meeting- October 27th at 6pm

Growing Your Faith Through Hard Times with Mary Beth Taylor

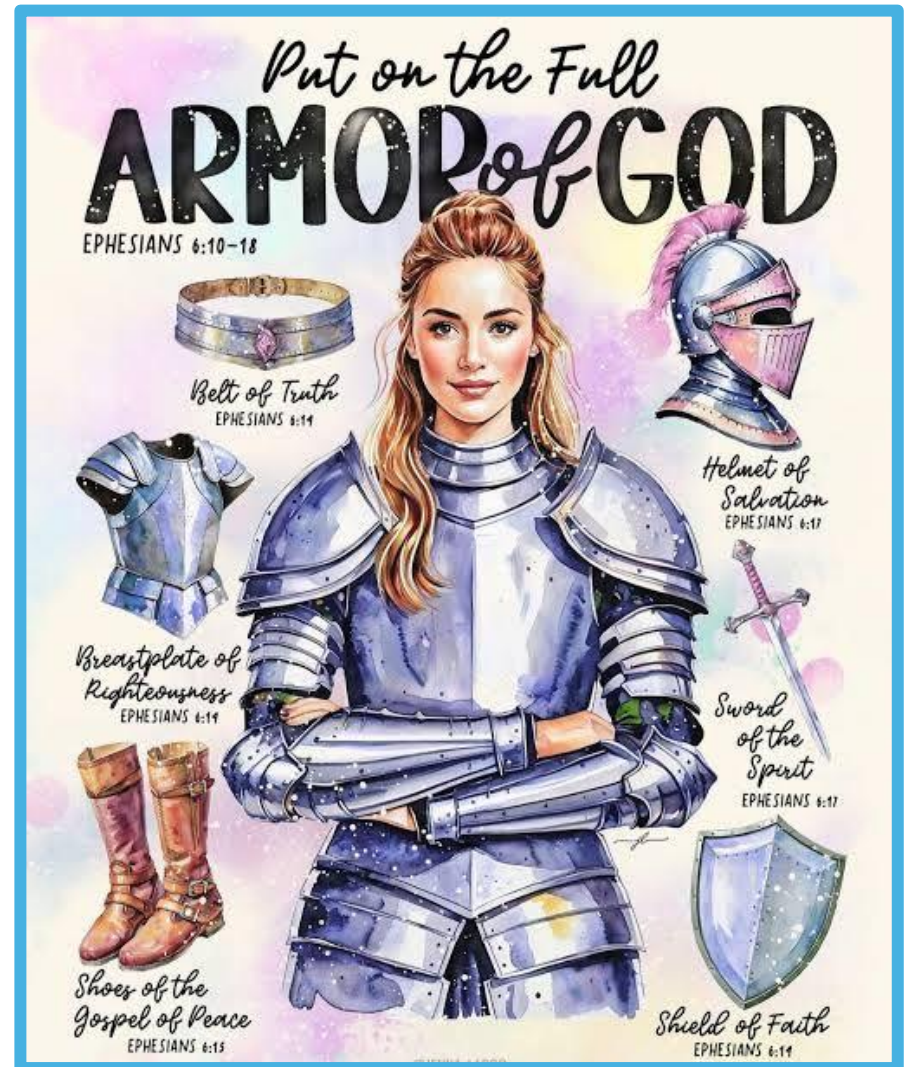
Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

Rainbow's End Thrift Store Open Wed -Sat 10:30 AM to 3 PM

SAVE THE DATE—ALL ARE WELCOME

**November 1st at 2:30pm is our Annual Charge Conference at
UMC South Yarmouth
318 Old Main Street
South Yarmouth, MA 02664**



**The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026**

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