Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship
Leader: God has blessed us with gifts, talents, and opportunities to make a difference in this world.
People: We give thanks for the ways God has worked through us to touch the lives of others.
Leader: Every act of kindness, every prayer, every gift, and every word of encouragement can plant seeds of faith that continue to grow.
P: We gather today to remember that what we do for Christ and for others can have an impact far beyond our own lifetimes.
L: Help us to be faithful stewards of all You have entrusted to us, sharing generously and serving joyfully.
ALL: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to make a lasting difference in the lives of others. Alleluia!

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Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Honoring Our Veterans

God Bless America

Prayer of Confession (from Mark 12:38-44)
Leader: Gracious and loving God, we confess that too often we measure life by what we have rather than by what we give.
People: We seek recognition for our good deeds, worry about what others think, and sometimes give from our abundance without offering you our whole hearts.
L: Forgive us when our faith becomes more about appearances than devotion.
P: Forgive us when we overlook the humble, the struggling, and those whose quiet acts of love go unnoticed.
L: Teach us to be generous, not simply with our money, but with our time, our compassion, and our lives.
P: Give us the faith of the widow, who trusted you enough to give from her heart. Help us to remember that you see beyond outward appearances and treasure the love and sincerity of every offering.
ALL: Transform our hearts, O God, that we may live not for human praise, but for your glory.
In the name of Jesus Christ, who gave everything for us, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
L: Hear the good news: God does not measure us by the size of our gifts, the greatness of our accomplishments, or the praise of others. God looks upon our hearts and welcomes us with grace and love.
People: Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our hearts are renewed, and we are given a fresh start.
L: We are free to live generously, love deeply, and serve faithfully, trusting that even our smallest acts of kindness matter to God.
ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering

Stewardship Moment: Making a Lasting Difference--Jack Cotton

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***Hymn "Something Beautiful" Page 394 x 2**

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:7-16, Mark 12:38-44

Sermon: ***Making a Lasting Difference***

Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

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Benediction

Lay Readers		*Coffee Hour*
Allen Morell	*8:30am*	*Diane Santoro*
Laura Melix	*10:00am*	*Sharon Kaczmarczyk*

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 November, we are collecting Mashed Potatoes and Gravy (not in glass jars).

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.

Please pick up your pledge packet in the Solarium today. Each envelope has a name. If you don't find yours, we have extras. This saves us money in postage.

Alternative Giving for Christmas:

We have the perfect Christmas gifts you can give to those who truly do not need any more things! Alternative Gifts can be given in their honor with your donation. You will get a specific Ministry Card for your recipient that will support the Ministry of your choice. The *Alternative Giving for Christmas* Campaign begins on Sunday, 11/8, and wraps up on Sunday, 12/6. Outreach Team members will be in the Solarium after both services every Sunday to facilitate your participation. We welcome you to join us in celebrating and supporting A Baby Center (ABC), Champ Homes, HAC (Housing Assistance Corporation through BIC cards), the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF), Miracle Kitchen, Unsheltered Veteran Heroes, our church Foster Child, Bright Promise Preschool Scholarships, our International UMC Missions in Sierra Leone, plus *Dress-A-Live Doll and Teens Love Christmas Too p*rograms. Checks should be made payable to *UMCO.* In the memo section please write the name of the Ministry you wish to support.

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



A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which were worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."- Mark 12:38-44

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Pledge Sunday
November 8, 2026

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