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Take Time to Pause and Refresh

August has arrived, and it's time to ask, "Have you taken your summer vacation yet?"

I know, it's been a crazy year. Many of us who enjoy summer vacations or even mini-getaways have had to change or cancel our plans because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Still, it is important for all of us to plan for some sort of retreat where we can refresh and reflect, even if it's in our own backyard.

The 23rd Psalm paints a beautiful picture of contentment, beginning with the proclamation that the Lord is our shepherd, and as a result we lack nothing. We might long for the things of this world, but he promises to provide what we need while offering assurance about eternal glory in the world to come.

In the meantime, he brings us peace and comfort by providing green pastures and quiet waters — pure and clean — free from human pollution and destruction. This time and this place combine to refresh and restore our soul.

When it's time to awaken from our slumber, we are lifted up by the knowledge that he guides along the right paths, and even when we walk through the deepest, darkest valley, when death lurks on our doorstep, we will fear no evil, for he is with us. As the faithful, loving, caring, and compassionate shepherd, He



watches over us with his rod and his staff, which provide comfort and protection, especially in the presence of our enemies. He anoints our head with oil, and our joy overflows.

His goodness and his love are not a passing fancy. In fact, both will follow us and surround us all the days of our lives, and in the end, when our journey in this world concludes, we have complete assurance that we will dwell in the House of the Lord, forever.

We've all be stressed out at one time or another during the past five months, and God our Shepherd understands that, but we are wise to remind ourselves that he is always with us; that he will never leave us; that his loving arms embrace and protect us; and that he only wants the best for us.

So take heart, and take time to refresh and restore. Worry not about tomorrow. Instead, set your sights on the horizon when he will come in glory. In the meantime, let us be loyal, faithful, and true as we work to bring forth his Kingdom here at Oak Chapel and around the world.

Until we meet again, Be Blessed

Pastor John Fin

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside still waters, He restores my
sole. He leads me in paths of righteousness for
his name's sake. Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil, for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a
table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup
overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life, and I shall
dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
Psalm 23—English Standard Version

Crabby Kitchen Lady—While sheltering in place, has anyone wondered where some of their kitchen items are? You might check the church kitchen. And check the refrigerator while you are at it! There is a science experiment growing in a Tupperware bowl in the back fridge!! CKL



Grumpy Custodian

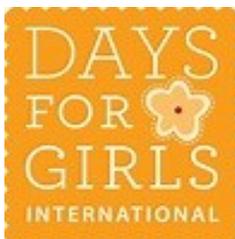
Now that we are coming back into the building, please be diligent about turning off all lights when you leave. I have frequently found lights left on, especially in the basement hall. The newer restrooms have auto-off switches but all of the others are manual! Please remember the Custodian is short and doesn't want to climb ladders to change light bulbs more than necessary :)



Outreach

Four individuals from our church went to Eastbrook Mission Barn to help

verify UMCOR kits. It was good to be able to serve at Eastbrook once again. Our next trip is planned for Saturday, August 22. There will be opportunities for both kit verification and ramp construction. Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we step out to serve the Lord.



We will begin meeting again on August 11 at the church and continue on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Oak Chapel is now an official Days for Girls Team! As a Days for Girls team, we sew reusable

sanitary products for girls in underdeveloped countries. Most of us have taken a brief time off to sew masks for Wooster Community Hospital and our families and friends. Anyone not comfortable with meeting at the church is welcome to take items home to work on. We welcome new members anytime.



Weekday Bible Studies

The Monday morning Bible Study is studying the Book of James, a study by N.T. Wright. They meet at 9:30 am via Zoom. If you are interested in joining this group

please contact Pam Domer at oakchapelumc@yahoo.com or at the church office at 330-264-2537.



Bookworms— The United Methodist Women's Reading

Program offers a wide variety of books to read and discuss as a group.

Bookworms, our local chapter of this program, meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the SingMar room.



Branches have been trimmed on the pin oak and sweet gum trees. We have been upgraded by MCTV with fiber optic for our

computer internet. Security Projects:

- ⇒New outdoor lighting will be installed soon.
- ⇒Wire mesh security panels will be placed on the east windows of the fellowship hall.
- ⇒The grating on the west side of the building where the building was compromised has been secured.
- ⇒We will be painting the windows on the west and south sides of the sanctuary.



Shred Day—August 15, 2020

Behind Buehler's Milltown Residential and Businesses welcome Office kinds of paper Advertisements No newspapers or magazines No phonebooks No Styrofoam

For more information go to this website: https://www.timetorecycle.org/events/wooster-milltown-buehlers-shred-day/recycleday-shred-day-milltown-2020_chamber-ad-2/

Health and Wellness Corner ~ Heat Illness

With the hot temperatures that we are expecting, this is a good review.

- ♥ Heat cramps happen when your body has a loss of salt, usually from heavy sweating.
- ♥ Heat rash can develop on your skin from sweating.
- ♥ Heat stroke and heat exhaustion are more serious and need immediate attention.
- ♥ Heat exhaustion is your body's reaction to heavy sweating and loss of salt. You may feel weak, very fatigued, thirsty, and even nauseous. People will usually recover with hydration and rest.
- ♥ Heat stroke can be very dangerous! This happens when you stop sweating which means your body cannot cool itself and your body temperature can rise very quickly, within 10 to 15 minutes. This can be deadly if not treated quickly!
- ♥ Please stay hydrated. Drink water consistently when exercising, working in the yard, or any kind of activity that increases your body temperature to avoid heat illnesses.
- ♥ Please also take breaks to cool down. Try to stay cool and safe! Enjoy the outdoors!



City of Flags Chorus invites you to donate your gently worn, used and new shoes. All styles and sizes accepted. Contact Cindy Mykrantz, 330.439.4288 or cindy.mykrantz@gmail.com.

And don't forget to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate.

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size.



Art & Soul is cancelled until further notice. Art is a great stress reliever in these anxious times. Pinterest has many great ideas.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Elizabeth Feldman
- 9 Jim Pfander
- 12 Miriam Zech
- 17 Connie Garg
- 18 Pat Rickard
- 19 Harper Miller



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Jan and Paul Kauffman
- 30 Sheri and John Finn

Wish your neighbor a happy day!

This information comes from our membership database. Please contact the church office if there are any corrections.



Feed My Sheep

Oak Chapel will continue to collect food on the first Sunday of each month as we come to the Lord's table. Food collected now will help support our in-

house food pantry. Any surplus items will be shared with People to People. Donations of ready-to-eat canned goods, paper and hygiene products are needed at this time.



Cindy Mykrantz and Robin Kitchen have designed a layette bundle that we would love to share in our neighborhood.

They can be found in the classroom across from the church office. Or call Cindy Mykrantz. If you take a layette, please sign the clipboard or let Cindy know so she can replenish. Donations are always welcome.



I want to send a shout out to all of those who have been working behind the scenes doing great things

during this crisis. Making masks for others, starting our outdoor food pantry, working on the Youth room, and helping at Eastbrook are just a few things our congregation has done. They are not under the “UMW umbrella,” but they definitely fit the UMW Purpose “... to expand concepts of mission through participation.” Thanks to you!

Cookbook Update

I am sure you have been cooking terrific food while staying home! It is time to collect recipes for the **Expansion Pack** for our white ring binder cookbook. **WE NEED RECIPES FROM EVERYONE!** We are looking for items to add to existing sections and really want recipes for a new section—Crockpots, Instant Pots, Air Fryers and More. As these appliances have become a growing part of our kitchens, people are looking for tasty ideas.

Recipes do not have to be complicated or “gourmet.” Please type or plainly print your recipes and make sure it has a title. You can give them to Miriam, put them in a marked mailbox in the Office, or email them to Bucki81@aol.com. Please type “recipes” in the subject line or something like that. September 1 is the deadline to see how many we can get before the Fair!

Recipe for Life

- 1 cup good thoughts
- 3 cups kindness
- 1.5 cups kind deeds
- 2 cups understanding
- 2 cups consideration for others
- 4 cups prayer and faith

The Bazaar is still on the calendar for this year. If you find yourself with spare time, craft something!

Until we meet again
Stay Safe and Stay Well.
Miriam Zech, UMW President



We are all getting used to our new normal. Social distancing, wearing masks, and spending most of our time at home. Remember you are not alone and try to focus on the blessings God has given us! The Membership Care Committee wants

you to know we are here for you and will do our best to meet any needs. *Christy*

The Membership Care Committee has a list of homebound members who are called by one of the committee members on a regular basis.

Please contact Christy Rickard, 330-264-3830 with any member needs.

We would like to encourage the congregation to send cards to home bound and those who have had illnesses that we have been praying for.

Cheryl Rastetter continues to coordinate getting meals to those members of our church who have been ill or in the hospital. If this is an area where you could help, such as cooking or delivering, please call Cheryl at 330-262-9369.

Photos for the Church Directory previously scheduled for May 5 have been postponed due to COVID 19.

Please see Christy Rickard if you have a request for speaker topics that would be of interest.

We look forward to caring for our Church members with a caring and compassionate attitude looking to God for guidance.

May God be with you all. Praying for better days and for the health and wellness of our congregation and the world.



Friends Together—We will not be planning any activities due to Coronavirus restrictions at this time, but feel free to contact Rosie Troutman if you have ideas for the future.

Men’s Breakfast—Stay tuned for the return to Green Leaf Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. All men and boys are welcome.



Oak chapel will not participate in the Buy-Way Sale this summer. With Covid 19 again on the rise, Ad Council opted for maximum safety of our members and guests.

AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10:30am - Worship	27 9:30am - Zoom Bible 6pm - Prayr Shawl	28 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - UMW Exec	29	30	31	1
2 10:30am - Worship	3 8am - Retirees' Brkfst 9:30am - Zoom Bible 7:30pm - GS Leaders	4 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	5	6	7	8
9 10:30am - Worship	10 9:30am - Zoom Bible 6pm - Finance 7pm - Ad. Council 7:30pm - Trustees	11 1pm - Days for Girls 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	12	13 7pm - 4-H	14	15 Acorn Deadline Shred Day Buehlers 10:30am - UMW Unit
16 10:30am - Worship	17 9:30am - Zoom Bible	18 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	19	20	21	22 Eastbrook Mission
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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

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“Serving Christ and Community through Love, Compassion, Fellowship and Caring”

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