

July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

*Responsive Reading (1 Peter 1:3-5)

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

All: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

One: To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you

All: Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation

Father God, our church is built on solid ground, and each stone, regardless of size, plays a vital role in the strength of our structure and the mission of our congregation, which is to serve you by serving others. Through you, we have the strength to survive the most violent of storms and to flourish during times of tranquility. Bless us as you bless this sacred house, and empower us to stand strong in the face of all adversity so that we may move boldly forward in reverence to and respect for your call to service and obedience. Amen!

*Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 731 (verses 1-2)

Unison Prayer (based on James 1:2-4)

Father, we have all been tested in recent weeks in ways that we could never have imagined, but you remind us to consider it pure joy when we face trials of many kinds because we know that the testing of our

faith produces perseverance. We pray today and every day that perseverance finishes its work in us so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, savior of humankind, we humbly beseech you, acknowledging our carelessness, our thoughtlessness, and our brazenness. We seek your grace and mercy for all that we have done and all that we have failed to do, as we also extend that same grace and mercy to those who have sinned against us. This, we pray, in praise and thanksgiving for the promise of eternal life in your Father's kingdom. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 28:16-17

New Testament

1 Peter 2:1-7

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" No. 175 (verses 1 and 4)

Sermon "Living Stones, Lasting Servants" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

No. 895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology

No. 95

*Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 529

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand on body or spirit

Announcements and Opportunities for Service in Ministry

- **Faith in Five:** We are inviting everyone to share their testimony with the congregation in the coming months if they feel comfortable doing so. Tell us about your journey and how you came to the Lord. These five-minute testimonies will be featured each week during our worship service.
- **Outreach:** Now's the time to invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, relative, or former member of the congregation to join us some Sunday for worship. Like the old Life cereal commercial, if they try it, they just might like it.
- **Youth Movement:** We are moving forward with our plans to develop a vibrant youth group here at Oak Chapel. If you know of someone in Grades 9-12 who might enjoy and benefit from the experience, please let us know, and we will contact them. We hope to get the group started later this summer or early in the fall.
- **Serenity Garden:** We are still moving forward with our plans for a Serenity Garden and a possible outdoor chapel. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Cheryl Rastetter.
- **Ideas Welcome:** If you have an idea for a form of outreach or ministry that we are currently not doing at Oak Chapel, please contact Pastor John (330-988-2577) to talk it over. No reasonable offer will be refused.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

Esther Franks	Elsie Mykrantz
Jennifer Adair	Betty Princehorn
Elaine Sprinkle	Wayne Kahrig
Betsy Bower	Dick O’Hearn
Bill Feldman	Arden Boyer
Mark and Patti Ritchey	Debi Cramer & family
Sandy Hower’s husband	Ewing Giffen

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Paul Schaffter	Family of Jim Finley
Michael Satterfield	Family of Bret Defibaugh
Family of Warren Stover	Kay
Jenny	Cameron
Sawyer	Pat (Patrick Rickard’s aunt)

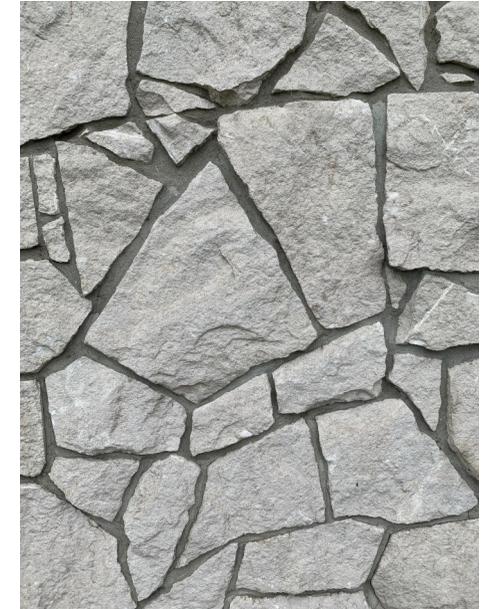
Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 7/19	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 7/20	Zoom Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 7/21	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Thursday 7/23	4-H	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead

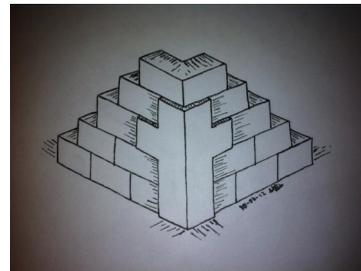
Sunday 7/26	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 7/27	Zoom Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Tuesday 7/28	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
	UMW Executive	7:00 pm

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Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.

