

August 30, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 86:1-4)**

One: Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

All: Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

One: You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.

All: Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Gracious God, Creator of the Universe, we marvel at the beauty of the oceans, the rivers, the streams, the mountains, the plains, the valleys, and the stars. When we connect with nature, we draw closer to you. Encourage us to find a quiet place with a gentle breeze so that we may reflect faithfully and grow spiritually as one with you, giving you thanks for the grandeur of this world and the magnificence of the world to come. Amen!

***Hymn** "I Need Thee Every Hour" No. 397
verses 1, 2, 5

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, as the season of summer gives way to the arrival of autumn, we are reminded how quickly our journey in this world passes, but we are also lifted up by the promise of what is to come as you call us home to the splendor of your Heavenly Kingdom. Lead us as we set our sights, not on the things of this world, but on the glory of the world to come when we will be reunited with you and all the saints forever and ever. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace, forgive us for our shallowness, our thoughtlessness, our carelessness, our humanness. We are imperfect in so many ways, yet through you, we are made whole again. Bless us, cleanse us, and purify us, so that we might be holy and pleasing in your sight. This we pray with sincere respect and reverence. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture Isaiah 65:17-19

New Testament Scripture Romans 12:9-21

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

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

***Gloria Patri** No. 70

***Hymn** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 396
verses 1, 4

Sermon "A Whole New World" 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** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 526

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand in 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 brief testimonies will be featured each week during our worship service.
- **Youth Movement:** The new youth group room has been carefully designed and put together in the past few months with the intentions to create a modern, and comfortable atmosphere for not only youth but other groups searching for a place to meet. The coffee bar feature was picked as a focal point that a majority of people all ages could appreciate. This room overall was created with the intent to house the newly invited youth program and offer a sanctuary for the young, but it is not limited! If you know someone in Grades 9-12 who might enjoy and benefit from this experience, please let us know, and we will contact them. We hope to get the group started late summer or early 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 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.
- **School Kits:** Items are being collected to help families in need of school supplies for this coming school year. Pencils, spiral notebooks, rulers, scissors, erasers, pencil sharpeners and crayons are all needed. You can drop off your donations in the narthex or the church office. Items will be put in the Outdoor Pantry.



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	Bill Stewart
Jen Moser	John Hower
April Aten	

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Karen (friend of Sandy Hower)
People in the path of the hurricane and fires



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



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 8/30	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/31	Zoom Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 9/1	Pastor Consult	11:00 am
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 9/2	Morning Circle	9:30 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/6	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 9/7	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Girl Scout Leaders	7:30 pm
Tuesday 9/8	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Thursday 9/10	4-H	7:00 pm
Saturday 9/12	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am

Please share your recipes!

New categories such as Crockpots, Instant Pots and Air Fryers.
Updated Classics Easy, good for you Any category

United Methodist Women is in the process of updating our cookbook. When the project is complete, a packet made to fit your white, three-ring binder will be available.

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. Thanks in advance for your contributions.



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through Love, Compassion,
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