

September 13, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

***Responsive Reading (Proverbs 2:6-8)**

One: For the Lord gives wisdom;

All: From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

One: He holds success in store for the upright,

All: He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,

One: For he guards the course of the just

All: And protects the way of his faithful ones.

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Almighty God, the arrival of autumn reminds us that each new season brings change, and that we must be prepare accordingly, but we take comfort in the fact that you are one steady and stable, persistent and perpetual, unbroken and unceasing force in our life — the one we can count on to bring us comfort in times of grief, assurance in times of uncertainty, hope in times of adversity, and peace in times of turmoil. For these and your many other blessings, we offer our sincere appreciation and adoration, now and forever. Amen!

***Hymn** "Faith of Our Fathers" No. 710

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, now that summer has passed, we turn our attention to the work of the church as we look to redouble our efforts to renew and revitalize the mission to which we are called. Give us strength and grant us clarity as we seek to reach out to others and invite them to enter into a relationship with you so that they might experience the blessings and rewards of your sacred covenant. This we pray with the full confidence and assurance that your kingdom will flourish here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, it is you and you alone who assures us of the promise of redemption through your courageous sacrifice and your mighty resurrection. Help us to see the light and turn away from the darkness, so that we are better equipped to flee from temptation and stand strong against the evil that lurks among us. Grant us peace and protect us from the ways of the one who seeks to destroy. This we pray with great hope, comfort, and peace. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 54:2-5

New Testament Reading II Timothy 4:1-5

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

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

***Gloria Patri** No. 70

***Hymn** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No.399
verses 1, 3

Sermon "Inside Out/Upside Down" 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** "Go Forth for God" No. 670
verses 1, 2, and 4

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand in body or spirit

- **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 7-12 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.



Our Prayer List

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

Our Church Family

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| 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 |
| Bill Braucher | John Hower |
| April Aten | Connie Wheeler |

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Jason Shultz
People impacted by the hurricane and fires
Family of Ken Starling
Family of Joanne Spidler
Samantha Barrangan - Wendy Rife’s daughter
Haley - friend of Sandy Treece
Missy - Bob and Rosie Troutman’s niece
Wayne County Care Center residents and staff

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



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

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| Sunday 9/13 | Worship | 10:30 am |
| Tuesday 9/15 | Acorn Deadline | |
| | Girl Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| Saturday 9/19 | District UMW | |

Looking Ahead

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| Sunday 9/20 | Worship | 10:30 am |
| Monday 9/21 | Trustees | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday 9/22 | Outreach | 9:30 am |
| | Girl Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| | UMW Executive | 7:00 pm |
| Thursday 9/24 | Bookworms | 7:00 pm |
| Friday—Sunday | Annual Conference | |

Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (August 2020): \$1,496
Received last month:
08/02 - \$1,163.00
08/09 - \$3,099.00
08/16 - \$1,489.50
08/23 - \$984.00
08/30 - \$365.00

As of 08/31/2020, we received about 95% of our budgeted income for the month of August and 77% YTD. The fundraisers this month (Buy-Way Sale) and next month (Fair Parking) have been cancelled. Nonetheless, the financial numbers still improved over last month. Oak Chapel is alive and well!

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