

September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 33:4-5)**

One: For the word of the Lord is right and true;

All: He is faithful in all he does.

One: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

All: The earth is full of his unfailing love.

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Great is the faithfulness of the Lord God Almighty. His Presence brings us comfort. His Light illuminates our path. His Word informs our decisions. His Grace brings us healing. His Love brings us peace. May we join in covenant with Him as we share the great gift of faith, which lifts us up, gives us strength, and leads us to a life of service that brings honor and glory to His Holy and Sacred Name.

***Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 154
verses 1, 2, and 6

Unison Prayer

Before we knew Him, He knew us. When we walked in darkness, His light was revealed, and we began to see the path he had set before us. Lord God, we ask for continued enlightenment and clarity as we seek to walk with you and live for you today and everyday. Amen

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we are overwhelmed by your abundant grace and undeserving of your generous mercy, and so we give you thanks for your unconditional love, which enables us as sinners to stand before you and be justified. Even though our transgressions separate us

from you, you are always there to forgive us and welcome us back into a relationship with you. For this amazing gift, we offer our thanks and praise, always and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 and Matthew 16:13-20

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** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420

Message "God is Faithful" Stuart Mykrantz

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** "God Will Take Care of You" No. 130
verses 1 and 4

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand in body or spirit

- **Listen** to our worship service without ever leaving your car by tuning in to 97.9 FM on your radio.
- **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 in the coming weeks and months during our worship service.
- **Youth Movement:** If you know someone in Grades 7-12 who might enjoy and benefit from meeting with others, please let us know, and we will contact them. The first meeting of our Youth Group will be tonight at 6:30 p.m.
- **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
Bill Braucher	John Hower
April Aten	Connie Wheeler
Sandy Treece	

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Jason Shultz
People impacted by the hurricane and fires
Family of Ken Starling
Family of Joanne Spitler
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
Election process

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



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 9/20	Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
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	

Looking Ahead

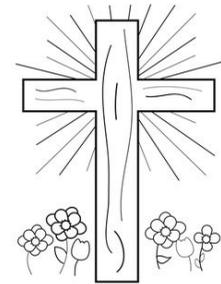
Sunday 9/27	Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 9/28	Prayer Shawl	6:30 pm
Tuesday 9/29	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Thursday 10/1	4-H	7:00 pm

Join us for Youth Fellowship tonight and most Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Gathering Grounds.



Congratulations to Tina Hurt and Bill Braucher who were married September 13.

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God is faithful

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