

September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

***Responsive Reading (Proverbs 10:8-12)**

One: The wise in heart accept commands,

All: But a chattering fool comes to ruin.

One: Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,

All: But whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

One: Whoever winks maliciously causes grief,

All: And a chattering fool comes to ruin.

One: The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,

All: But the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

One: Hatred stirs up conflict,

All: But love covers over all wrongs.

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Heavenly Father, as we pursue the pathway of righteousness, help us to be Christlike in all that we say and do so that our life may be a reflection of your Son as we seek to follow His example of love, forgiveness, hospitality, compassion, and grace. Enlighten, empower, and inspire us to treat one another as we are led by you. This we pray, in your Sacred Name. Amen!

***Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" No. 159
verses 1, 2

Unison Prayer

Almighty, Eternal, and Everlasting God, we pledge our entire being to you, knowing that you are the all-powerful, all-loving creator of the universe. May we be inspired to listen to your Holy Word and faithfully follow your commands so that we will bring honor to your Sacred Name while encouraging others to seek and follow you, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace, your sacrifice saved us, your resurrection restored us, and we are eternally grateful. May the presence of the Holy Spirit fortify us so that we can turn away from temptation and toward redemption through the light of Your Holy Word. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-13

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** "Fairest Lord Jesus" No. 189
verses 1,4

Message "Mirror Image" 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** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

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.
- **Cookbook Update:** the recipes for the cookbook expansion pack are slowly coming in. We need more! Recipes for any of the existing sections are welcome, as well as a new section for "Crockpots, Instant Pots and More". Please give them to Miriam Zech, drop them off at the office in the mailbox marked "Recipes", or email them to Bucki81@aol.com. Please write "Recipe" in the subject line.



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 | Connie Wheeler |
| Bill Feldman | Arden Boyer |
| Mark and Patti Ritchey | Bill Stewart |
| Bill Braucher | John Hower |
| April Aten | Harley Nordick |

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Family of Dick O’Hearn
Troutman Family loss of niece Missy
Dwight—friend of Stuart Mykrantz
Samantha Barrangan - Wendy Rife’s daughter
Haley - friend of Sandy Treece
Youth

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



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

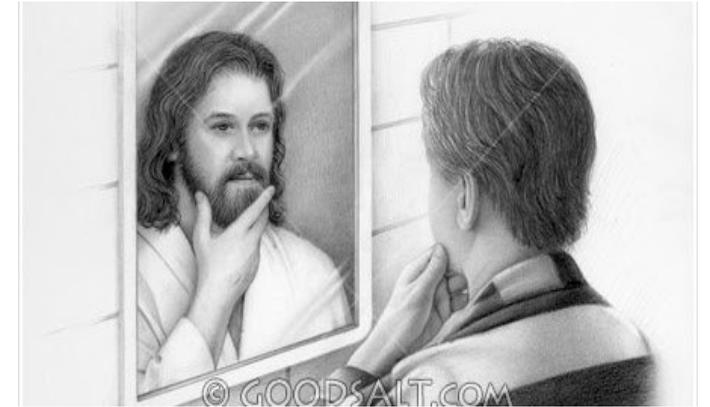
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| Sunday 9/27 | Worship | 10:30 am |
| | Youth Group | 6:30 pm |
| Monday 9/28 | Prayer Shawl | 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday 9/29 | Girl Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| Thursday 10/1 | 4-H | 7:00 pm |

Looking Ahead

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| Sunday 10/4 | Worship | 10:30 am |
| | Youth Group | 6:30 pm |
| Monday 10/5 | Retirees’ Breakfast | 8:00 am |
| | Girl Scout Leaders | 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday 10/6 | Girl Scouts | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday 10/7 | Morning Circle | 9:30 am |
| Thursday 10/8 | 4-H | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday 10/10 | UMM Breakfast | 7:30 pm |

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

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