

September 6, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

***Responsive Reading (Proverbs 14:23-27)**

One: All hard work brings a profit

All: But mere talk leads only to poverty.

One: The wealth of the wise is their crown

All: But the folly of fools yields folly.

One: A truthful witness saves lives

All: But a false witness is deceitful.

One: Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress

All: And for their children it will be a refuge.

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the labor that provides food, clothing, and shelter for our loved ones. We also praise your name for the opportunity to toil in your service. Grant us the wisdom to direct our energy toward the noble causes that fulfill your will and bring honor and glory to your name. Amen!

***Hymn** "To God Be the Glory" No. 98
verses 1, 2

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this weekend of respite, guide us to a place of quiet reflection, where we can gather our thoughts, reduce our stress, fortify our talents, and unleash our desire to continue to work for the glory of your Kingdom in this world and in the world to come. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving and Forgiving God, we repent of our sins, expressing both sorrow and regret for our words and actions that fall short of our covenant with you.

Thankfully, through your loving sacrifice, we are lifted up, cleansed, and purified. Today, we once again pledge a renewed commitment to obedience and holiness in order that we might draw ever closer to you and so others will see and believe. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading Psalm 127

Second Scripture Reading Joshua 24:14-15

New Testament Reading Colossians 3:23-24

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** "I Surrender All" No.354
verses 1, 3

Sermon "A Labor of Love" 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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15

Jesus is the host at the Communion table.

At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus is welcome at the table.

Presentation to God of Our Gifts
***Doxology** No. 95

***Hymn** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" No. 514
verses 1, 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. 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	Connie Wheeler

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Karen (friend of Sandy Hower)
People impacted by the hurricane and fires
Family of Ken Starling
Family of Joanne Spitler

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



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/13	Worship	10:30 am
Tuesday 9/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 9/16	Outreach	9:30 am
Saturday 9/19	District UMW	

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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through Love, Compassion,
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