

October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 106:1-3)**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: His love endures forever.

One: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

All: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

***Hymn** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" No. 66
verses 1, 2

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Lord God, we hear your voice, but too often we fail to respond, claiming that we just don't have the time. Awaken us from our slumber, inspire us with your Word, and encourage us through your love so that we might answer your call and serve you as we serve others with joy and adoration each and every day. Amen!

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, we enter your sacred sanctuary this morning with great anticipation, as we look forward to worship and fellowship, as well as the opportunity serve you. Speak to each of us, so that we will have both clarity in your vision, and courage in our response to live out our call, to be holy and faithful disciples, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Precious Savior, we acknowledge our transgressions and renounce our sinful behavior. Once again, we seek your forgiveness as we also resolve to reject the weakness of the flesh and embrace the power of the Spirit. Enlighten us and empower us in the week ahead so that when we encounter temptation and evil, we may turn from it and direct our full and complete attention on you. This we pray in your Great and Glorious Name! Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Philippians 4:4-13

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** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" No. 128
verses 1, 3

Sermon "Practice Makes Perfect" Pastor John
(Well, Almost)

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 Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

***Doxology** No. 95

***Hymn** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" No. 671

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand in body or spirit

Oak Chapel's 'Top 10' Plans and Strategies for 2021

Oak Chapel's theme for 2021 is "Inside-Out." It reflects our efforts to turn the church inside-out and make it more accessible to friends, neighbors, and other members of the community at large. Our goal is to take the message of God to the people, to a place where they are comfortable, and eventually invite them into active involvement (and perhaps even membership) in the church. Our plans and strategies for the coming year include the following...

Youth: Our top priority is to establish an active and vibrant youth fellowship that includes not only members of the church, but also others in the community, especially those who do not have a home church. We have already begun this effort, and we're hopeful that this group will expand throughout the coming year.

Growth: We hope to grow our church by reaching out to our neighbors as well as former members who have left the church and have not been worshipping elsewhere. We want to make Oak Chapel an attractive and welcoming destination for anyone in the community.

Outreach: We will continue our outreach efforts as we expand our Food Pantry operation, which provides items for those in need in our community. We also want to explore more global options as well.

Serenity Garden: We are continuing with our plans to develop a Serenity Garden on the grounds of the church where people can pray, mourn, and be joyful in the peace, privacy, and solitude of an outdoor setting. Most of this work will take place in the spring.

Outdoor Chapel: In line with the Serenity Garden, we are hoping to create an outdoor chapel, where we can worship in warmer weather, as well as hold weddings, funerals, community gatherings, and other events.

Sunday School: We hope to restart our Sunday School program and add a young adult class as well as a youth class, both of which have been dormant for several years.

Vacation Bible School: Speaking of youth, we hope to sponsor a novel Vacation Bible School in the summer. We are looking for creative ideas and committed disciples to make this work.

Oak Chapel's 'Top 10' Plans and Strategies for 2021 continued

Stewardship: We will make a concerted effort to address financial stewardship in the coming year. Although we have a very giving congregation, we believe that it is important to provide additional education and insight for all of us.

Audio-Video Enhancement: We are looking to introduce two video screens to our sanctuary to enhance worship, aid in education, and assist other presenters in our sanctuary. The roughly \$6,500 project will require some fundraising in the coming months.

Community Partnership: We are looking into a partnership with "O-Huddle," a local Christian-based, youth-mentoring organization, to see if we can assist one another in our efforts to provide spiritual exposure and nurturing to young people.

There will be a Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 20 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in New Pittsburg.
2:30—7:00 pm

Betty Princehorn has moved into a new apartment. She has the same phone number.
Her new address is:
1003 Soda Park Dr
Temperance MI 48182

Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (September 2020): \$1,799

Received last month:

09/06 - \$2,133.00	09/13 - \$2,028.33
09/20 - \$1,848.00	09/27 - \$873.00

As of 09/30/2020, we received about 96% of our budgeted income for the month of September and 79% YTD. The fundraiser this month (Fair Parking) was cancelled. Nonetheless, the financial numbers still improved over last month. Oak Chapel is alive and well!!

Our Prayer List

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

Our Church Family

Jennifer Adair	April Aten
Betsy Bower	Arden Boyer
Bill Feldman	Esther Franks
Wayne Kahrig	Elsie Mykrantz
Betty Princehorn	Christy Rickard
Mark and Patti Ritchey	Elaine Sprinkle
Bill Stewart	Connie Wheeler

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Rev. Keith Bohley
Family of Dick O'Hearn
Troutman Family, loss of niece Missy
Dwight, friend of Stuart Mykrantz
Haley, friend of Sandy Treece
Youth

Former Oak Chapel Pastor, Keith Bohley, has been hospitalized with several cardiac issues. He would be lifted up by a card or letter from you.
Rev. Keith Bohley
9081 Chatham Road, Medina, Ohio 44256

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 10/11	Worship	10:30 am
Tuesday 10/13	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Thursday 10/15	Lions Club	6:30 pm
	ACORN deadline	9:00 pm
Saturday, 10/17	BAZAAR	10:00 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 10/18	Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 10/19	Trustees	6:30 pm
Tuesday 10/20	Eastbrook Mission Barn	7:00 am
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Thursday 10/22	Bookworms	7:00 pm
	4-H	7:00 pm
Saturday 10/24	UMW Annual Celebration	

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