

October 25, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John

Prelude Jen Moser

***Responsive Reading (Proverbs 31:8-9)**

One: Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,

All: For the rights of all who are destitute.

One: Speak up and judge fairly;

All: Defend the rights of the poor and needy.

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 61
verses 1, 2

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation**

Almighty God, we have been silent for far too long. It is now time for us to raise our voices, affirm our beliefs, and speak the truth in a loving and compassionate way. May you bless our efforts by granting us the strength and courage to hold fast to our convictions and firm in our faith. This we pray in your Most Holy Name. Amen!

Faith in Five: Ewing Giffin Shares His Testimony

Unison Prayer

Lord Jesus, empower us to speak for ourselves and to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the underprivileged, and even the unfaithful — that all may see your light, feel your presence, and follow your Word so that their lives, and the lives of others the world over may be reformed, reconciled, and redeemed now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Grand and Glorious Savior, we failed you in our words,

our actions, and even our thoughts. We have also failed in our decision to remain silent in the face of injustice. Forgive us through your generous mercy and heal us through your abundant grace so that we will turn away from sin and toward the light of salvation. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading I Peter 13:13-18

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** "My Hope Is Built" No. 368
verses 1, 2

Sermon "Let Your Voice Be Heard" 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 Lord's Prayer No. 895

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

***Hymn** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 430
verses 1,4

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.

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.

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

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.



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
Tina Braucher	Bill Feldman
Esther Franks	Wayne Kahrig
Elsie Mykrantz	Betty Princehorn
Christy Rickard	Mark and Patti Ritchey
Elaine Sprinkle	Bill Stewart
Connie Wheeler	Roger Burckhart

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Rev. Keith Bohley
Betty Copus
Sheri Finn's brother, Tom
Shanna Finn Hildebrandt's father-in-law, Marcello
Family of Dean Banta-husband of Janice Schar Banta
Carol Gossage's Family—death of her brother Jim

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 10/25	Speak Up Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 10/26	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Tuesday 10/27	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Looking Ahead		
Sunday 11/1	Worship Charge Conference Youth	10:30 am 4:00 pm 6:30 pm
Monday 11/2	Retirees' Breakfast Bible Study Girl Scout Leaders	8:00 am 9:30 am 7:30 pm
Tuesday 11/3	Election Day Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 11/4	Morning Circle	9:30 am

Financial News:

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

Received last month:

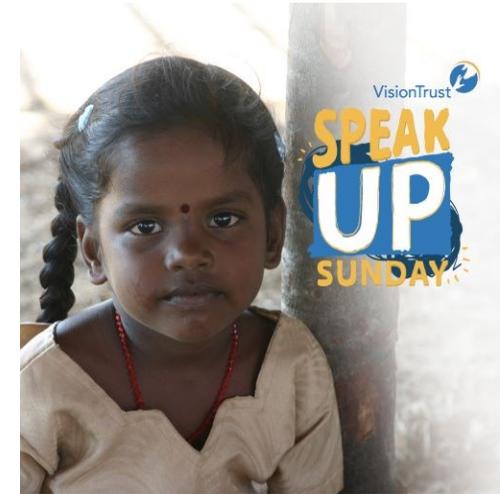
09/06 - \$2,133.00
09/13 - \$2,028.33
09/20 - \$1,848.00
09/27 - \$873.00

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!

Join us from our parking lot at 97.9 FM

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