

November 8, 2020
Youth Service Sunday

Opening Conversation

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes J.J. Cline

Prelude Jen Moser

***Hymn** “O, God Our Help in Ages Past” No 117
(Verses 1, 3 and 4)

***Prayer of Assurance and Affirmation** Bridget Kitchen
Almighty God, we give you thanks for your presence in our lives. We know that we can always go to you for advice, guidance, affirmation, and assurance. So once again today, we come before you as a church looking to become multi-generational, with an infusion of young people to complement those longtime members who have so faithfully served you and so caringly mentored others along the way. We ask your blessings on Oak Chapel so that we may not only survive, but also thrive for many years to come. Amen!

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come to you in reverent prayer, seeking to preserve and promote your Holy Church, which has served this community for more than 200 years. Help us, guide us, and bless us as we move forward, so that this church may stand strong and serve as a sanctuary for all who seek refuge in you. Amen!

Call to Confession J.J.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we are a faithful community of disciples, but as imperfect beings we fall far short of your glory, so we come before you, repenting of our sins and seeking your forgiveness, which cleanses and purifies. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 26:3-4

Old Testament Reading Philippians 4:4

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** “Near to the Heart of God” No. 472

Sermon “Searching for Positivity” J.J. Cline

Our Morning Prayer Erica Boyer

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 Simon Kitchen
*Doxology No. 95

***Hymn** “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” No. 160
(Verses 1, 3 and 5)

Benediction and Postlude

*=please stand in body or spirit

Today’s Worship Service is led by J.J. Cline (Youth Coordinator), as well as Erica Boyer, Bridget Kitchen, and others. Please welcome this intrepid group as they lead us in worship this morning. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated!

Youth Group: Our Youth Group meets the first and third Sunday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Grounds. Our leader provides a lesson that is followed by an open discussion. We also have time for fun, games, and a light snack. Please join us!

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 next 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.

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

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.

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

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

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Rev. Keith Bohley
Betty Copus
Mike and Ruth
Friends of Tina Braucher
Our Nation

Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 11/8	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 11/9	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 11/10	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Saturday 11/14	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am
	UMW Unit Meeting	10:30 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 11/15	World Thank Offering	
	Acorn Deadline	
	Worship	10:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 11/16	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	7:00 pm
Tuesday 11/17	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 11/18	Outreach	9:30 am
Friday/Saturday 11/20-21	Girl Scout Overnight	

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