

March 13, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 27: 4-5) Rosie Troutman

One: One thing I ask from the Lord,

All: This only do I seek:

One: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord,

All: All the days of my life.

One: For in the day of trouble,

All: He will keep me safe in his dwelling;

One: He will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent,

All: And set me high upon a rock.

\*Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me" No. 463

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Rosie Troutman

Everlasting God, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, the One and Only. You are the God of all who walk the earth, and you know each of us by name. You seek us even when we turn away from you, and you are always there for us, to lift us up and bring us hope. For this great and glorious gift, we exalt your name as the name above all others, in this world and the next. Amen!

Time of Reflection Rosie Troutman

Unison Prayer Rosie Troutman

O God of glory, your light shines brightly even in the dead of night. We ask your blessings upon all of us because we have strayed from you in the past week. Bring us back to the foot of the cross and instill in us an attitude of repentance as we hold fast to the undeniable truth of your Word, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, you have made for us the ultimate sacrifice, yet we continue to respond with disinterest and disobedience. Still, you call us into your presence as the only acceptable atonement for our transgressions, So we respond with sincere repentance and deep gratitude in veneration for your Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John

Potpourri of Parables

- Parable of The Lost Sheep Luke 15:3-7 CEB

- Parable of The Lost Coin Luke 15:8-10 CEB

- Parable of The Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-35 CEB

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 "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire" No. 492

Choir Anthem "In The Presence"

Message "One is the 'Only-est' Number" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*= please stand in body or spirit

Sunday Evening Lenten Series

Our Sunday Evening Lenten Series continues tonight. Join us at Wooster United Methodist Church downtown where Pastor Jon Heavilin will deliver the message. The remainder of the schedule is listed below.

Date	Location	Message
March 13	Wooster UMC 243 N. Market Street, Wooster	Jon Heavilin
March 20	Moreland UMC 138 Moreland Road, Wooster	John Finn
March 27	New Pittsburg UMC 9670 Ashland Road, Wooster	Jim Cooper
April 3	Church of the Cross UMC 5100 Cleveland Road, Wooster	Mike Law

Oak Chapel's Office Copier

The office color copier (Xerox WorkCentre 6655) is six years old. The annual maintenance contract has increased 10% each year. It will cost \$500 more to extend this contract another year than to maintain a new copier. In addition, the scanning function (Scan to USB) is not working consistently. The Trustees have decided to purchase a new Xerox color copier using the Copier Set-Aside Funds. The question is what do we do with the old copier? ComDoc will remove it and properly dispose of and destroy the hard drive for security purposes free of charge. However, if there's someone in the congregation who would like to have it, we can make it available. The new copier will be here in 4-6 weeks. We need a 2-week lead time to arrange the removal by ComDoc. Let Stuart know if you are interested in the copier by March 21.

Rummage Sale

Our good friends at Church of the Cross (5100 Cleveland Road) are hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Support their church and find your hidden treasure!



### Oak Chapel Praises and Prayers for the Week

God of all Creation, we call on you during this time of strife and ask that you bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is devastation, and peace where there is conflict. This we pray in your Mighty Name. Amen!

### International Crises Often Hit Close to Home

Despite the more than 5,000 miles that separate Wooster from Ukraine, there are connections right here in our church. Elizabeth Feldman reports that Jeffrey, the son of good friends of hers in Dayton, and his wife Vlada, who is from Ukraine, are asking for prayers for Vlada's parents. They had been living in a root cellar in Ukraine before attempting to escape to the Romanian border last Sunday. Join us as we pray for their safety. Elizabeth also has a friend in Cincinnati whose parents and siblings live in Romania. Prayers would be appreciated for her family as well.

### Praises

- Christy Rickard's improving health
- Chase's continued growth and development
- The induction of Callie Burgess, granddaughter of Gene and Joyce Varns, into Beta Club Honor Society
- The improved health of Gene Varns' friend Brad Moore
- Safe travel for Sheri Finn after her car broke down last week
- Safe travel for the Troutmans as they returned home from Florida

### Prayers

- Tom Rife's recovery from surgery for a broken leg
- Christa, a young widow who is going through numerous issues with children, employment, and emotional stress
- Heidi Arnold as she undergoes treatments for brain cancer
- Christy Rickard's mother-in-law as she recovers from a broken shoulder
- Doug Henshaw's former co-worker whose wife passed last week as well as health concerns for him and his daughter
- Safety for Kim and Pam Domer during their Nomads trip in Georgia
- Betsy Bower as she continues to recover at Smithville-Western Care Center
- The people of Ukraine caught in the crossfire of war

### Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week

Sunday 3/13	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
	Sunday Lenten Service	7:00 pm
Monday 3/14	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday 3/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 3/16	Choir	7:00 pm

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/20	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
	Sunday Lenten Service	7:00 pm
Monday 3/21	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance	6:00 pm
	Trustees	6:30 pm
	Administrative Council	7:00 pm
Tuesday 3/24	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 3/23	Choir	7:00 pm



### Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (February 2022): \$2,937

- 02/06 - \$583
- 02/13 - \$3,649
- 02/20 - \$2,144
- 02/27 - \$1,204

As of 02/28/2022, we received about 65% of our budgeted income for the month of February and 67% YTD. After two years of COVID, Oak Chapel is still alive and well!

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*Serving God and Community  
 through Love, Compassion,  
 Fellowship and Caring*

Today's Message...

***"One is the 'Only-est' Number"***