

May 1, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 130) Pastor John

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

All: Lord, hear my voice.

One: Let your ears be attentive...

All: To my cry for mercy.

One: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,

All: Lord, who could stand?

One: But with you there is forgiveness,

All: So that we can, with reverence, serve you.

One: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,

All: And in his word I put my hope.

*Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" No. 79

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Pastor John

Almighty God, we believe in you and we pledge our support for your Holy Church. Bless us, guide us, and equip us as we reach out to those who need to hear your Word and ultimately develop a relationship with you so that your church may grow and prosper from this world to the next. This we pray with hopeful anticipation and expectation. Amen!

Time of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination

Lord Jesus, you are the light of our life. Help us to reflect that light through your Word and our actions, so that others will see, believe, and follow you. May our efforts help to bring growth and prosperity to your sacred church while also bringing honor and glory to your hallowed name, now and forever. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Merciful God, we continue to struggle in our efforts to be obedient and often fall short of the call to do your will. In your infinite grace and mercy, we seek your forgiveness as we also plead for the strength and discipline to honor you through our obedience. This we pray with humble contrition. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

Old Testament Reading – Philemon 1:4-7 CEB

New Testament Reading – Colossians 4:2-6 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 "Blessed Assurance" No. 369

Choral Anthem "Holy is The Lamb"

Message "One on One" Steve Moore

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 98

*Benediction Pastor John

Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*



Evangelism Sunday

Evangelism is defined as "spreading the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness." It is a fundamental responsibility passed down to us through Scripture from Jesus himself in the Gospel of Matthew in which he encourages us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." As disciples of Christ here at Oak Chapel, our call to invite others into active engagement with the church is ongoing. We have designated today as Evangelism Sunday. Steve Moore, who will be coordinating our effort, will share his testimony and speak about the church's vision and plan for witnessing to others in the coming months.

Community Impact Day

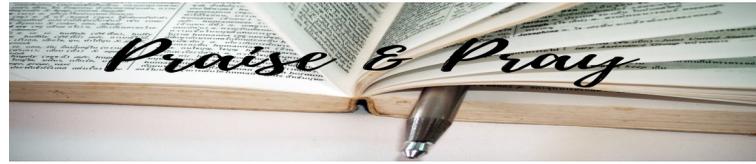
Saturday, May 14, is Community Impact Day. Join us between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon. for a series of projects, including international relief and work on a local Habitat project. We will begin with a light breakfast and conclude with a light lunch! All are welcome!

Birthday Party Invitation

We would like to invite our church family to help Gene Varns celebrate his 70th birthday on Saturday, May 14, from 5-8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please come for food and fellowship. No presents please; only your presence!

Goodwill Campaign Concludes Successfully

Thanks to all who donated to our Goodwill Campaign! Because of you, we filled both bins, providing valuable items for our neighbors in need and raising some funds for the church. Thanks so much for your participation!



Lord Jesus, we are so grateful for your many blessings! Hear our prayers of praise as well as our concerns as we lift them before you at this time...

Praises

- * Tom Rife's continued recovery
- * Heidi Arnold's completion of radiation treatments
- * Connie Garg's successful procedures
- * Nancy Miller's successful surgery
- * Jensen's successful heart transplant

Prayers

- * Sandy Hower's classmates for health concerns
- * Christy Rickard's health concerns

Shoes for Orphan Souls

Oak Chapel is participating in Shoes for Orphan Souls, an international humanitarian aid project that provides NEW shoes and socks to orphans and vulnerable children in the United States and throughout the world. From now through May 6, you can donate NEW shoes through this program, and they will be received by the world's neediest children. There is a box on the left side of the Narthex for donations.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Oak Chapel will hold its annual night at the ballpark when we travel to Canal Park for a game between the Akron Rubber Ducks and the Erie SeaWolves on Friday, July 22, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased through Stuart Mykrantz. Join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week

Sunday 5/1	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/2	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 5/3	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 am
	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 5/4	Choir	7:00 pm

Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/8	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 pm
Monday 5/9	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Administrative Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday 5/11	Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday 5/14	Men's Breakfast	7:30 am
	Community Impact Day	8:30 am
	District Conference	10:00 am
	Party for Gene Varns	5:00 pm



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (March 2022): \$2,662

Received last month:

- 03/06 - \$3,629
- 03/13 - \$2,276
- 03/20 - \$2,810
- 03/27 - \$1,177

As of 03/31/2022, we received about 93% of our budgeted income for March and 76% YTD. The Food Pantry continues to be well supported. Thank you Oak Chapel!

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*

Today's Message...
"One on One"
Steve Moore