

May 8, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 148) Steve Moore

One: Praise the Lord.

All: Praise the Lord from the heavens;

One: Praise him in the heights above.

All: Praise him, all his angels;

One: Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

All: Praise him, you highest heavens

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

All: For at his command they were created,

One: He established them for ever and ever –

All: He issued a decree that will never pass away.

*Hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King” No. 62

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Steve Moore

Most Merciful God, you have planted in us the heart of a servant. We pray for your guidance as we look to apply the gifts you have bestowed upon us to assist others. In our preparation to be of service, we ask that you inspire us to embrace these opportunities in the hope that our actions will bless others and bring honor and glory to your Sacred Name. Amen!

Time of Reflection Steve Moore

Prayer of Illumination Steve Moore

Gracious and Glorious God, you call on us to serve one another in love and humility. Guide us to those in need while also leading them to us so that we can ease their burden and elevate their spirit. This we pray with great devotion and dedication in your Holy Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, we have seen the darkness, and we have seen the light. We know what is true and we know what is not. Even though we continue to fall short of your glory, our devotion to you is steadfast. So today we confess our sins and seek a renewal in our faith. Grant us the clarity and the discipline to avoid temptation and reject evil so that our covenant with you will be strengthened, from this day forward, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

First Scripture Reading — II Corinthians 9:1-7 CEB

Second Scripture Reading — I Peter 4:7-11 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 “He Leadeth Me” No. 128

Choral Anthem “Psalm of the Shepherd”

Message “Service with a Smile” Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn “A Charge to Keep I Have” No. 413

*Benediction Pastor John

Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*



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!

Volunteers Needed for Hospice

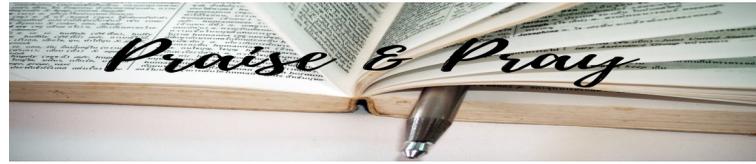
LifeCare Hospice is in need of volunteers to support its mission with terminally ill people and their families. Volunteers will be trained in direct patient care, bereavement support, and administrative assistance. If you are interested in learning about this opportunity, please call the volunteer office at 330-264-4899.

All-Daughter Dinner

Oak Chapel’s All-Daughter Dinner returns after a two-year hiatus on Thursday, May 19, at 6 pm. Please join us for a special evening.

Shoes for Orphan Souls Concludes Tomorrow

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. Tomorrow is the last day to 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.



Heavenly Father, as we celebrate our relationship with you, we also give you thanks for the opportunity to serve you by serving others. Bless our efforts to be of service, and hear our prayers as we lift them before you at this time...

Praises

- * Betsy Bower's return home after several months of rehabilitation
- * The improving health of Joyce Rickard
- * Christy Rickard's improved health and new position as she returns to work
- * Carol Gasser's daughter and son-in-law as they deal with a variety of health issues
- * Phyllis Weaver's nephew, Jamie, who is recovering from open-heart surgery
- * Katy Domer, who has recovered from a bout with Covid
- * The growing number of attendees in worship at Oak Chapel

Prayers

- * Steve ** who was hit while riding his bicycle
- * The family of Linda Brinkerhoff who passed away last week
- * Miriam Zech's friend, Denise, who is mourning the loss of both parents in a short span

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 5/8	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
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

Looking Ahead

Sunday 5/15	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
Monday 5/16	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees' Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday 5/17	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Outreach	6:30 pm
Thursday 5/19	All-Daughter Dinner	6:00 pm



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (April 2022): \$2,259
 Received last month:
 04/03 - \$2,799
 04/10 - \$2,314
 04/17 - \$2,544
 04/24 - \$1,390

As of 04/30/2022, we received about 100% of our budgeted income for the month of April and 81% YTD. We are on track with previous years (beginning of the year is normally slow). The Food Pantry continues to be well supported. Thank you Oak Chapel! We're in good hands!

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

Today's Message...
"Service with a Smile"