

October 16, 2022

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

*Responsive Reading (Psalm 19:1-4) April Aten

One: The Heavens declare the glory of God
All: The skies proclaim the work of his hands.

One: Day after day they pour forth speech;

All: Night after night they reveal knowledge.

One: They have no speech, they use no words;

All: No sound is heard from them.

One: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,

All: Their words to the ends of the world.

*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance April Aten

Father God, our journey in this world often veers off track, but we never lose sight of our ultimate destination, so we continue to focus on you with complete faith and confidence in your guidance, knowing that it will one day bring us home to your Eternal Kingdom. We gratefully acknowledge your Son's role as our chaperone and the source of our salvation, and we lift your name on high, always and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination April Aten

Lord in Heaven, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light on our path. May we also, as a fellowship of believers, reflect your light so that others may see, believe, and follow the path you have set before us. In your Holy Name we pray, Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Loving and Forgiving God, we regret all that we have done that violates your commandments. Likewise, we lament our failure to respond to your call to love and serve others. Forgive us for our many shortcomings, and strengthen us so that we can turn away from temptation and reject all that is evil. This we pray in your Omnipotent and Invincible name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for the Word Pastor John

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 40:1-5 April Aten

New Testament Reading: John 8:12/12:26 Pastor John

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 "Your Are My Hiding Place" Insert/Screen

Message "One Step Closer" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts to God Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Lord I Want to be a Christian" No. 402

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*



Coming Up...

Eastbrook Mission Barn Trip.....Oct. 19

Oak Chapel BazaarOct. 22

Trunk or Treat.....Oct. 30

Old-Fashioned Christmas.....Dec. 3

Candy Making Continues

You haven't truly lived until you have participated in an Oak Chapel Glass Candy-making session. Join us this Monday, and every Monday through November, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a unique and enjoyable experience.

Oak Chapel Bazaar

Please join us for a storied Oak Chapel tradition when we host our annual Bazaar this coming Saturday (Oct. 22). Volunteers are still needed. Contact Miriam Zech if you are able to help.

Guest Pastor

Pastor Dan Wingate will deliver our sermon next Sunday (Oct. 23) on the topic of "The Praying Church." Please join us for a wonderful message as Pastor John and Sheri travel to Syracuse, N.Y. to visit family.

An Old Fashioned Christmas

Imagine a Winter Wonderland that takes us back in time where we find classic toys and board games, vintage doll collections and Nativity scenes, and a series of miniature train displays. Well, imagine no more! Oak Chapel will be hosting an Old Fashioned Christmas on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., complete with trimming and other festive holiday decorations as well as delicious Christmas cookies, cider, and other treats from years gone by. For additional information, contact Phyllis Weaver.



God of Power and Might, we profess our faith in you as we bow in reverence to your Most Holy Name. Hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you on this Sacred Day, and bring comfort and healing to those who are suffering. Amen!

Praises

- *For Joyce Varns as she continues her recovery
- *For Elaine Sprinkle as she continues to recover from a stroke
- *For Zeke and his exceptional success in cross country
- *For the opportunity to rejoice in the presence of the Lord

Prayers

- *For Dave Zech’s mother for healing and for family decisions
- *For Tina Braucher as she prepares for upcoming tests
- *For Connie Garg as she recovers from Covid
- *For Mark Ritchey following the insertion of a pacemaker
- *For Joyce’s family following the passing of her father-in-law
- *For Wayne Spangler following a recent heart procedure
- *For Sara Hauser as she deals with the pain of fibromyalgia
- *For the family of Ethan Sadler following his passing
- *For the family of Braden Yoder following his passing
- *For Jen Moser’s friend who is dealing with intestinal cancer
- *For Alex Merwin’s grandmother who suffered a fall
- *For a recent Triway graduate injured in an auto accident

Upcoming Worship Services

- October 23.....The Praying Church (Pastor Wingate)
- October 30.....Scared to Life
- November 6.....Nickel and Dime
- November 13.....From Salvage to Salvation
- November 20.....Holy Moly
- November 27.....Celebrating New Life

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 10/16	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Dinner	11:30 am
	Operation Christmas Child	12:30 pm
Monday 10/17	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Candy Making	6:30 pm
Tuesday 10/18	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Trustees	6:30 pm
Wednesday 10/19	Eastbrook Mission Barn	8:00 am
Saturday 10/22	EOC UWF Celebration	9:00 pm
	Oak Chapel Bazaar	10:00 am

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 10/23	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
	Young Adult Bible Study	11:30 am
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
Monday 10/24	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
	Candy Making	6:30 pm



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (September 2022): \$2,260
 Received in September:
 09/04.....\$1,113.00
 09/11\$3,101.00
 09/18.....\$790.00
 09/25.....\$2,294.00
 As of 09/30/2022, we have received about 77% of our budgeted income for the month of August and 83% YTD. We are slightly ahead of last year at this time, which was 124% and 82%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black, but the funds do not purchase as much food as a year ago. We're making a difference. Thank you, Oak Chapel!

**Oak Chapel
 United Methodist Church**



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Welcome Home!

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

Today’s Message...
 ‘One Step Closer’