

June 4, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

\*Responsive Reading (Psalm 127:3-6) Pastor John

One: Children are a heritage from the Lord,

All: Offspring — a reward from him.

One: Like arrows in the hands of a warrior,

All: Children are born in one's youth.

One: Blessed is the one whose quiver is full of them,

All: They will not be put to shame.

\*Hymn "Happy the Home When God Is There" No. 445

\*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Pastor John

Almighty God, we are greatly blessed by the gift of children. Help us to refocus on this vital mission in the church so that we can shepherd their journey as we were once shepherded by parents, grandparents, preachers, and teachers. The future of the church rests on this effort, so we pray that you will lead us as we seek to guide young families and their children to a robust and rewarding journey of faith. In your Sacred Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Pastor John

Precious Savior, you have erased all doubt in regard to the pathway to your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. If we are to enter the gates, we must do so as a child with wonder and innocence, and also to make it clear to the next generation that they must do likewise. As your children, we pray that you will take us in your arms, place your sacred hands upon us, and richly bless us so that we may spend eternity with you. In your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Great and Powerful God, we continue to lament and regret our wanton disobedience, but we also give thanks for your incomparable grace and mercy that have brought about a pathway to reconciliation and salvation. We confess our sins with humble contrition, and we give thanks for your uncommon forgiveness and your unconditional love, which cleanse us and make us whole once again. In Your Compassionate Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

1st Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-8 Pastor John

2nd Scripture Reading Mark 10:13-16 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 "Love the Lord Your God" See Insert

Message "Child's Play" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" No. 277

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Donations for Community Impact Day

Oak Chapel's annual Community Impact Day will be held on Saturday, June 24. We will pack meals for Lifeline Christian Mission, which will be sent out nationally and internationally. Monetary donations are needed to purchase the food. For each \$50 donation, a votive candle will be lit on the altar rail. In addition, hygiene kits will be assembled for local organizations, including One-Eighty. Donations of wash clothes, bar soap, small toothpaste, hand towels, band aids, and combs can be placed in the Narthex. The Outreach Team has set a goal of \$1,000 to purchase the meals. This will be a wonderful gesture of God's love to neighbors near and far.

### Youth Kickoff Event Tonight

Our Youth Group will kickoff a summer of fun and fellowship with a cookout and a variety of games tonight at 5:30 at the church. All young people are welcome to join us.

### Golden Agers Luncheon

Oak Chapel's annual Golden Agers luncheon (age 60 and over) will be held on Tuesday, June 13, at 11:30 a.m. Join us for a time of fellowship, beginning at 11 a.m. To reserve a spot, please call Elizabeth Feldman (330-465-5782) or leave a message on the church office phone (330-264-2537). If you could help with preparation, serving, and clean up, please contact Sandy Treece at 330-601-4962

### Updated Directories

Updated non-pictorial directories are available in the Narthex. If your name is missing, or if you see any incorrect information, please let us know.



**Praises and Prayers**

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the beauty of your creation and your promise to refresh our soul. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

**Praises**

- \*For Joyce Varns' successful shoulder surgery
- \*For Connie Reed whose test results brought good news
- \*For Mark & Patti Ritchey as they celebrate 46 years together
- \*For Justine Geiser as she celebrates her 98th birthday
- \*For Lloyd Boyer as he celebrates his 97th birthday
- \*For all graduates as they transition into a new stage of life
- \*For the presence of the Lord as he guides us through life

**Prayers**

- \*For Jennifer Adair, who is recuperating at West View Manor
- \*For Bill Feldman, who is in Wooster Hospital
- \*For Lori Hauser's husband, Jay
- \*For Connie Garg's brother, Bob, who remains hospitalized
- \*For Katy Domer's former co-worker, Ashley, who has cancer
- \*For Kim Domer's uncle, Walter, who suffered a stroke
- \*For Susan Franks, following the passing of her mother
- \*For Sandy and John Hower as John rests at home
- \*For Becky Schlund who is recovering from a fall
- \*For Sheri Finn's brother, Tom, who is suffering chronic pain
- \*For Rachelle, who fractured her ankle
- \*For Joanie, who is in the final stages of her earthly journey
- \*For those mourning the loss of loved ones

Upcoming Worship Services	
Jun 11 .....	United We Stand
Jun 18 .....	Father Figure

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

Sunday 6/4	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group Kick Off	5:30 p.m.
Monday 6/5	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6/6	Retirees Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Saturday 6/10	UMM Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

**Looking Ahead...**

Sunday 6/11	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:30 p.m.
Monday 6/12	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6/13	Golden Agers Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.



**Financial News:**

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (April 2023): \$1,893

**Received last month:**

04/02.....	\$5,054
04/09.....	\$2,852
04/16.....	\$2,074
04/23.....	\$1,534
04/30.....	\$2,970

As of 04/30/2023, we received about 153% of our budgeted income for the month of April and 109% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 100% and 81%, respectively. We received a QCD in April, which further pushed us up from 121% and 101%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black. We're still making a difference.

**Oak Chapel  
United Methodist Church**

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

Today's Message...

***"Child's Play"***