

May 14, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Responsive Reading (Psalm 94:16-19) Bill Braucher

One: Who will rise up for me against the wicked?

All: Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?

One: Unless the Lord had given me help,

All: I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death.

One: When I said, "My foot is slipping,"

All: Your unfailing love, Lord, supported me.

One: When anxiety was great within me,

All: Your consolation brought me joy.

*Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" No. 377

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Bill Braucher

The presence of evil surrounds us, and the lure of temptation never ceases, but the Lord our God is always near, and so we seek refuge in the shelter of the Most High. He is our fortress and our protector — the one whom we trust. He is ever faithful, and He will deliver us from Satan's snare. No longer shall we fear the terror of night because the Almighty watches over us always and forever, Amen!

Prayer of Reflection Pastor John

Prayer of Illumination Bill Braucher

May the light of the Lord shine brightly upon us, and may His countenance be a beacon to guide us and deliver us wherever we may go. The Lord is our protector and an ever-present source of illumination, wisdom, and strength. May we pay homage to Him through our words and our actions all the days of our life. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord Jesus, we are deeply sorry for our failure to honor your Word and obey your Commandments. Our weakness in the flesh continues to wreak havoc, but our renewal in the Spirit soothes our soul, so we come before you in repentance, seeking your grace and mercy in order that we may refresh and restore our relationship with you. In your Holy Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation for God's Holy Word Pastor John

1st Scripture Reading I Corinthians 10:13 Pastor John

2nd Scripture Reading I Peter 5:8-11 Bill Braucher

3rd Scripture Reading I Corinthians 10:23-24 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 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 396

Choral Anthem "Come and Fill"

Message "Don't You Dare!" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" No. 404

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

All-Daughters Banquet

Oak Chapel will host its annual All-Daughters Banquet on Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome. If you would like to attend, please fill out the insert in today's bulletin, and give it to Phyllis Weaver.

Donations for Community Impact Day

The Outreach Team will be collecting donations for hygiene kits to be assembled on Community Impact Day in June. Salvation Army and One Eighty will be the recipients. Items needed are Wash Cloths, Hand Towels, Toothbrushes, Small Toothpaste, Band-Aids, Hair Combs, Bar Soap (Irish Spring preferred). Monetary donations are also welcome (label as "Community Impact Hygiene Kits" and place in the offering plate).

Vacation Bible School

"Babylon, Daniel's Courage in Captivity," is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 2-3 at Church of the Cross in Wooster. If you would like to volunteer, there are information sheets in the Narthex. Also, if you know of any children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, please reach out to them and encourage them to participate. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and online by using the QR code on the insert in today's bulletin.

Joint Service

We will gather with the congregation from New Pittsburg for a joint Pentecost and Memorial Day Service that will be held here at Oak Chapel on May 28. Please join us for this special service, which will be followed by a cookout (weather permitting).



Praises and Prayers

Everlasting God, we are in awe of your many great and wonderful works. Hear our voices as we come before you to lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For safe travels for Gene and Joyce Varns
- *For safe travels and a good medical report for Bruce Bloch

Prayers

- *For Connie Reed, who had several medical tests last week
- *For John and Sandy Hower as John rests at home
- *For Sandy Treece, who is recovering from the flu
- *For Joanie, who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer
- *For the family of Matt Daugherty, who passed last week
- *For Sharon Moore following the passing of her husband
- *For Shreve Pastor Scott Walsh, who is having surgery

Chamber Music Series

Susan Shaw (Flute) and Ken Shafer (Piano) will be performing two chamber music concerts in Wooster this month. The performances, titled "Paris Serenade," will feature works by French composers Fauré, Debussy, Bonis, and others. The first concert will be this evening at 7 p.m. in Mackey Hall of Westminster Church House (353 East Pine Street). The second concert will be held on Sunday, May 28, at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (621 College Avenue). Admission is free and open to the public.

Upcoming Worship Services

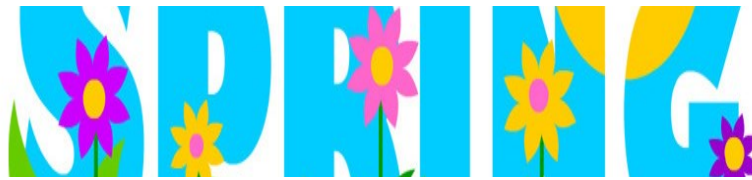
May 21.....Be There!
 May 28.....Pentecost and Memorial Day Celebration
 June 4.....Bustin' Out!

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/14	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5/17	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 5/18	All Daughters Banquet	6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 5/21	Sunday School Classes	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Monday 5/22	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5/23	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (March 2023): \$2,218

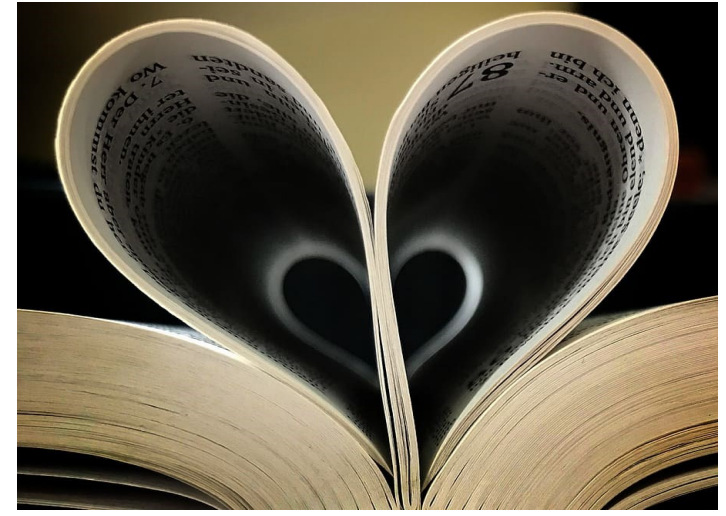
Received in March:

03/05.....	\$2,108.05
03/12.....	\$2,901.00
03/19.....	\$1,064.00
03/26.....	\$3,128.00

As of 3/31/2023, we received about 104% of our budgeted income for March and 95% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 93% and 76%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black. We're still making a difference. Thank you, Oak Chapel!

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

Today's Message...
"Don't You Dare!"