

August 27, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*The Apostles Creed Steve Moore

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, He arose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. From thence, he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 529

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Steve Moore

Lord God in Heaven, we pause to praise your Holy Name as we also seek the spiritual strength that you provide. Teach us to surrender in your presence for it is only through you that we are nourished, fortified, enlightened and inspired. For this great promise we give you thanks and praise, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Heavenly Father, we are burdened by our sinful nature, but we are also inspired by your grace and mercy. Forgive us for our transgressions and cleanse our souls from all unrighteousness so that we may be lifted up and freed from the bondage of sin. In your compassionate name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture: II Corinthians 12:7-10 Steve Moore

Second Scripture: Ephesians 6:13-18 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 "You Are My Hiding Place" Insert

Special Music "10,000 Reasons" Doug Patton

Message "Stronger through Surrender?" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "I Surrender All" No. 354

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Outdoor Service

Oak Chapel's annual outdoor service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, at Grossniklaus Lake (185 Cherry Lane), just off of Old Lincoln Way. Invite a friend, bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share, and bring a lawn chair for added comfort.

Budget Projections Due

If you are a Team Captain, please e-mail your 2024 Budget requests to Stuart Mykrantz (finance@oakchapelumc.com) as soon as possible. The Finance Committee will again use a zero-based budget approach. The initial draft budget will be presented to Administrative Council on Monday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. Once the Council approves the budget, it will be submitted to the District Office. Zero-based budgeting is a method of budgeting in which all expenses must be justified for each new period. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Stuart directly.

Sunday Smile

Time Flies...

Whether or Not You are Having Fun

Thought for the Day

A Crooked Cornstalk can

Still have a Straight Ear



Praises and Prayers

Lord Jesus, you are our comforter and sustainer. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For Alex Merwin’s Baptism last Sunday
- *For Sandy Hower, who is thankful for prayers of support
- *For Larry Yoder who is responding well to physical therapy
- *For Steve Moore, who was honored by having The College of Wooster basketball court named in his honor

Prayers

- *For Bob Troutman, who had surgery last week
- *For Alison Flanagan, whose stepbrother passed recently
- *For the Henshaw Family after the passing of Cindy’s mother
- *For Connie Garg after the passing of her brother, Bob
- *For Nancy Miller, who continues to deal with pain
- *For Mike, who is dealing with a post-surgery infection
- *For April Aten’s friend, who is recovering
- *For safe travels for Katie and David as they return home
- *For Patrick Finn’s friends, who escaped Montana’s wildfires
- *For the families of Pat and Nina, who passed last week

Upcoming Worship Services	
Sep 3.....	Living in the Moment
Sep 10.....	Head in the Sand
Sep 17.....	Never Too Late
Sep 24.....	No Rhyme or Reason
Oct. 1.....	World Communion Sunday

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 8/27	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/28	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/3	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/4	Labor Day	Office Closed
Tuesday 9/5	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Saturday 9/9	Men’s Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sunday 9/10	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (July 2023): \$2,536.00

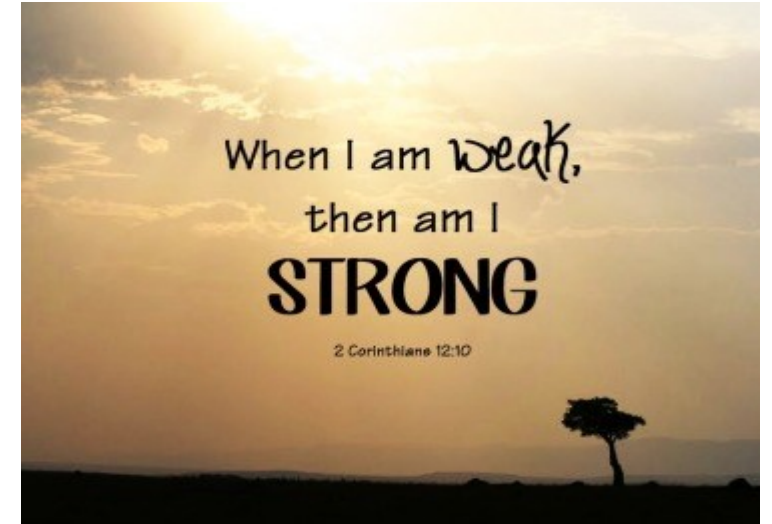
Received in June:

07/02.....	\$4,598.00
07/09.....	\$1,506.00
07/16.....	\$2,134.00
07/23.....	\$1,045.00
07/30.....	\$5,035.00

As of 07/31/2023, we received about 113% of our budgeted income for the month of July and 96% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 85% and 82%, 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...

“Stronger Through Surrender”