

September 3, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*The Apostles Creed Bruce Bloch

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 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" No. 371

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Bruce Bloch

Precious Savior, you taught us to pray and encouraged us to do so unceasingly. We pledge to honor your call by committing to a regular regimen of prayer — morning, noon, and night — so that we will never lose touch with you but in fact grow closer to you as we strengthen our everlasting covenant through you. In your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Our hearts are heavy as we confess the many ways we have fallen short of your glory, O God. As we fall to our knees, we raise our eyes to Heaven in humble contrition, asking you to forgive our transgressions and cleanse our souls from all unrighteousness. Free us from the bondage of sin so that we may rise up and live more faithful and obedient lives. In Your Compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture: Luke 22:39-46 Bruce Bloch
Second Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" No. 496

Message "Livin' on a Prayer" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Give Thanks" Insert

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 chair, and share a side dish, salad, or dessert.

Movie Matinee

Oak Chapel will show the movie, "Jesus Revolution" on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome, including guests. There is no admission charge for the event.

Budget Projections Due

If you are a Team Captain, we ask that you meet briefly with your group to set forth a budget plan for 2024. Once completed, please submit your figures to Stuart Mykrantz (Finance@oakchapelumc.com).

Sunday Smile

*We accept all denominations at this church:
\$10s, \$20s, \$50s, and even \$100s*

Thought for the Day

*If you're feeling like an alien,
We have a "space" for you right here!*



Praises and Prayers

Great and Powerful God, we know that you are in control, and that we are not. Bring us comfort, vision, and direction as we navigate through the twists and turns of life. As we pause today for prayer, we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

*For Marilyn Meigs' Celebration-of-Life Service

Prayers

- *For Connie Garg, following the passing of her brother, Bob
- *For continued healing for Bob Troutman following surgery
- *For 3-year-old Jack Baker, who has cancer
- *For the Hospice patient who has difficult decisions to make
- *For Tom Rife's son, who is experiencing challenging times
- *For clarity for Becky Schlund's son, Jeffrey
- *For the victims of natural disasters
- *For those caught in the crossfire of conflict
- *For those who feel lonely or abandoned
- *For those who struggle with addiction

Upcoming Worship Services

- Sep 10.....Head in the Sand
- Sep 17.....Never Too Late
- Sep 24.....No Rhyme or Reason
- Oct. 1.....World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 8.....Guest Speaker Dan Wingate

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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 Gathering	11:00 a.m.
	(Wayne County	9:30 a.m.
	Fairgrounds Information Booth)	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/10	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Friday 9/15	Acorn Deadline	



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!

**Oak Chapel
United Methodist Church**

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

Today's Message...
"Livin' on a Prayer"