

September 24, 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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance Bruce Bloch
Eternal God, open our eyes that we may see the possibilities for positive change that you have set before us. Inform and instruct us so that we will be obedient to your call and earnest in our desire to serve you by serving others. This, we pray with enthusiastic expectation in your Grand and Glorious Name, Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Savior of the World, we are so grateful for your sacrifice on the cross and your resurrection from the tomb, which served as a ransom for our salvation. We humbly confess our sins as we also pledge to embrace the strength of the Spirit so that we may avoid temptation and reject evil with the hope that you will once again forgive our sins and restore our soul. In Your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture II Peter 1:3-8 Bruce Bloch
Second Scripture II Timothy 1:6-9 Pastor John
Third Scripture II Corinthians 6:3-6 Bruce Bloch

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 "Make Me a Servant" See Insert

Message "Power to the People" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" No. 398

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Movie Matinee

Oak Chapel will show the movie, "Jesus Revolution," this afternoon, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome, including guests. There is no admission charge for the event. Complimentary light refreshments will be served.

Candy Making Commences

Oak Chapel's storied tradition of candy making begins on Monday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and continues through mid-November. Please join us for this delicious experience and wonderful ministry.

While the Pastor is Away

As Pastor John recovers from his upcoming surgery, several talented clergy will lead us in worship. On Oct. 1, Deron Butler, chaplain at LifeCare Hospice, will deliver the message. The following Sunday, Dan Wingate, emeritus pastor from West Hill Baptist Church, will lead us. The final two Sundays will be handled by David Wilcox, emeritus pastor from Wooster United Methodist Church. We are blessed by this group. Please make them feel welcome and appreciated!

Greeting Card Ministry

Our Membership Care Team continues to send Birthday, Anniversary, Sympathy, and Get-Well greeting cards. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please contact Rosie Troutman at basketrjt@aol.com. If we do not have your birth or anniversary dates, please let Rosie know.



Holy and Merciful God, as the seasons change, we gather together knowing that your precious covenant with us never fades, but in fact grows stronger. Bring us comfort and guidance as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For a Blessed Outdoor Service last Sunday
- *For the movie, "Jesus Revolution," at the church later today
- *For Bruce Bloch's gesture of grace and generosity

Prayers

- *For Connie Reed's brother, Gary, who is having treatments
- *For the Ritchey's daughter, Sarah, as she heals from surgery
- *For the Richey's niece, Jennifer, as she recovers from surgery
- *For Paul Kauffman following the passing of Janet
- *For Elizabeth Feldman following the passing of Bill
- *For Connie Garg following the passing of her brother, Bob
- *For Eddie and Theresa as they deal with adversity

Upcoming Memorial Services

A Gravesite Service for Dr. Robert Beckler will be held Monday (Sept. 25) at 1 p.m. at Wooster Cemetery.

A Celebration-of-Life Service for Bill Feldman will be held Tuesday (Sept. 26) at 3 p.m. at Oak Chapel.

Upcoming Worship Services

- Oct. 1.....Guest Speaker, Chaplain Deron Butler
- Oct. 8.....Guest Speaker, Pastor Dan Wingate
- Oct. 15.....Guest Speaker, Pastor David Wilcox
- Oct. 22.....Guest Speaker, Pastor David Wilcox

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 9/24	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 9/25	UFW Exec Comm	10:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 10/1	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 10/2	Candy Making	6:00 p.m.



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (August 2023): \$2,553.00

Received in August:

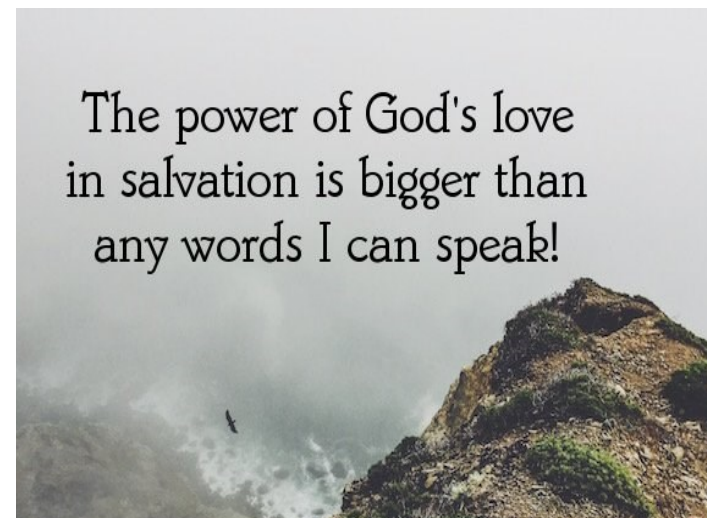
Received last month:

08/06.....	\$1,094.00
08/13.....	\$5,838.25
08/20.....	\$1,139.00
08/27.....	\$1,294.00

As of 08/31/2023, we received about 92% of our budgeted income for the month of August and 95% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 99% and 84%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black. We're making a difference. Thank you Oak Chapel!

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

Today's Message...

"Power to the People"