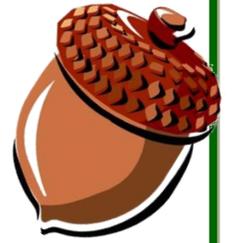


The Acorn

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Learning to Practice What I Preach

In my role as pastor, I am used to trying to provide comfort and assurance for those who are facing surgery, recovering from illness, dealing with grief, struggling with loneliness, or trying to work their way through some other type of struggle or crisis. What I am not as accustomed to is being in a situation where I find myself on the receiving end of prayers and support.

After my surgery on Wednesday, I hope to be recovering at home for most of the month. It's not a position I relish, but I must say that it has given me further empathy as I prepare to reach out to those who are dealing with issues in which they need support. I have been greatly encouraged by your genuine concern and sincere prayers after my diagnosis. I realize now more than ever how uplifting it can be when others reach out and show they care the way that you have done.

All of this reminds me how important it is to practice what I preach. Words can ring hollow if they are not accompanied by genuine compassion, and so now, more than ever, I want to be responsive and supportive whenever I am called on. I will be anxious to get back to active ministry later in the month.

In the meantime, I want to let you know how the church will be operating in my absence. First of all, we will have three dynamic guest pastors leading worship on the first four Sundays of October. Deron Butler, chaplain at Wooster's Hospice facility will lead us on October 1, which is World Communion Sunday. The following Sunday (October 8), Pastor Dan Wingate, emeritus pastor from West Hill Baptist Church will return to the pulpit. The subsequent two weeks (October 15 and 22) will be handled by David Wilcox, emeritus pastor from Wooster United Methodist Church. This is an outstanding group of clergy, and you will be greatly blessed by their messages. I know that you will welcome them

warmly, support them completely, and express your appreciation for their willingness to lead worship while I am gone.

Should you have any concerns or other needs in October, please feel free to call me. I will be happy to speak with you over the phone. If you need pastoral support in person, I will put you in touch with one of my colleagues who have agreed to help out during this time.

I am extremely thankful for the good health I have enjoyed throughout my lifetime, and I will accept whatever the outcome might be from the surgery and subsequent treatments, but I must admit, that it will be hard for me to "sit on the sidelines," especially if any of you are in need during my absence. Even as a less-than-fulltime pastor, I am expected to be on-call, and I am disappointed that I will be limited for at least three or four weeks, but God willing, I will be back to continue our ministry as soon as humanly possible.

Until then, everything is in order on my end so there is no need to do anything at the present time, except continue praying. I am always grateful for prayer, as I know that you are, too. Just as ministers must practice what they preach, each of you continues to practice what you profess through prayer, and I am so grateful to all of you. It is, indeed, a great honor, privilege, and blessing to be your pastor. I look forward to seeing and serving you soon. May God bless you, guide you, and comfort until our paths cross again.

Pastor John

**Evangelism is merely
God working through US!**

World Communion Sunday

On the first Sunday in October, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. The tradition began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in 1933, when the pastor of that congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Today we celebrate communion as a symbol of unity in Christ by ensuring that all are invited to the table.

Glass Candy making begins October 9! and continues every Monday night through November, 6:30-9pm. We need strippers and cutters! Ask if you would like an explanation. ☺ On the job training is provided. We also appreciate donations of sugar and corn syrup or financial assistance to purchase these things.

Retirees Breakfast—Tuesday October 3

Join us at Buehler's Town Market at 8:30 am for great conversation. No agenda, just fellowship!

An Invitation to Join Us

If you have been worshipping with us recently and would like to enter into membership at Oak Chapel, we would be honored and blessed to have you join our congregation. Just let Pastor John know, and he will make arrangements to officially welcome you into our church during one of our Sunday services

Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (Aug 2023): \$2,553

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!



The Choseness Bible Study group, meets on Sunday morning at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. The Bible is the sole source for the study. All are welcome!

Sing-Mar Class We are continuing our study of the parables of Jesus.

Young Adults meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 11:30 am in the Gathering Grounds. Anyone is welcome to join us!

Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6:30 pm

Monday Morning Bible Study will begin a study of the book of Genesis on September 25. We meet at 9:30 in the Gathering Grounds or you can join via Zoom.

Our Daily Bread

Copies of *Our Daily Bread* devotional books are in the Narthex. Feel free to pick one up and place it on your nightstand so that you can easily access it when you wake up in the morning and before you go to bed in the evening.

Feed My Sheep

Oak Chapel will continue to collect food on the first Sunday of each month as we come to the Lord's table. Food collected will help support our in-house food pantry. Any surplus items will be shared with People to People Ministries.



Thanks to everyone for the wonderful support of our food pantry! It is serving the community every single day! How exciting! As a reminder, we cannot accept anything that is not in tamper-resistant packaging. Nor can we take perishable foods. Please donate only SHELF STABLE items.



Acorn Submissions

The next issue is **November 2023**. Deadline is October 15.



United Women of Faith

This month has some fun events coming up! Beginning October 2 we'll restart *Art and Soul*. New this year will

be a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in sharing a craft with the group. Men are also welcome to attend and share a hands-on craft with us.

October 7 will be our UWF unit meeting at 9:30am. Location to be determined later.

October 15 will be our first fellowship luncheon for the fall season. All are encouraged to attend...the more, the merrier! There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers to help make coffee, wipe tables after the meal and help with dishes. Many hands make light work!

The Bazaar will be on October 21, with set up the evening before. If you are bringing a craft or item to sell please have it priced. We will be having a rummage sale as well. We ask that all items be priced and clean.

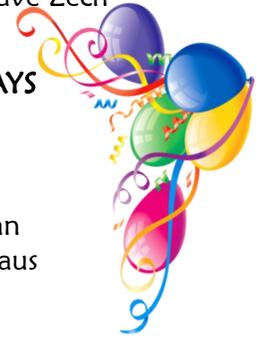
And lastly, we will have our Operation Christmas Child packing event. Please plan to attend as the boxes are filled and sent to children

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Julie and Rick Grossniklaus
- 16 Miriam and Dave Zech

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sheri Finn
- 5 Kim Domer
- 6 Sara Hauser
- 15 Rosie Troutman
- 21 Julie Grossniklaus
- 29 Karen Wiley



Wish your neighbor a Happy day!

This information comes from our membership database. Please contact the church office if there are any corrections or additions.

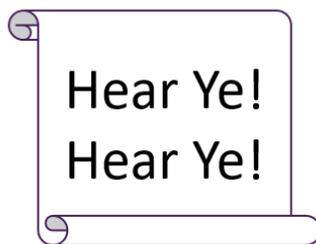
To view our **CALENDAR**, please visit our website—oakchapelumc.com



Once a month on the first Monday at 7:00pm, experience one hour with a new craft and fellowship with other crafters. Is there something you would like to learn about?

Oak Chapel UWF has **Layettes** available for you to share with new mothers in our community. Pick one up in the room across from the office and sign the appropriate list, or contact Robin Kitchen if you would like help. Supply donations are also appreciated.

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October 21!
Spread the Word.



October 15—Green Leaf Restaurant—7:30am All men and boys are welcome. Mark your calendar for the 2nd Saturday of each month

for a time of fellowship.



United Women in Faith

We continue to sell **RADA** knives and kitchen tools, as well as **Premium Nuts** in a variety of

combinations. These make great gifts as well as being enjoyed in your home. Each is an online experience. Each link can be found on the home page at oakchapel.umc.com. If you are not comfortable with online ordering, please call Elizabeth Feldman, 330.465.5782.

Oak Chapel is on the Air!

MCTV is replaying an abbreviated (30-minute) playback of our Sunday service each week. Feel free to tune in, or invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member to do likewise. Here is the schedule for each week on Channel 22.

- Sunday: 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm
- Wednesday: 11:00 am
- Thursday: 4:30 pm
- Friday: 11:30 am
- Channel 621 - Sunday: 9:00 am

October is Health Literacy Month.

Health literacy is the ability to which a person is able to understand and navigate information and services in their health care. This includes understanding of terminology, services rendered, proper use of medication and tests/results, to name a few.

Understanding what to tell your health care provider is very important. You may not wish to give your doctor some information, however, these details may make a difference in how and what the provider is testing for.

Know your medications, how to take them and what the potential outcome is to be. Letting your doctor know of any over-the-counter medications is important; they may not react well with prescription medications ordered.

Red flags for problems are: frequently missed appointments, inability to complete forms, medication errors, unable to properly give symptoms and/or side effects, inability to give proper health care history.

Be your own health care advocate. If you're unsure of information your physician, dietician, pharmacist, etc has given you then ask for clarification.

Still don't understand? Ask again! Still unsure? Ask until you get it!

If you know of someone who is in need of assistance, offer up what you can do to help. Offer to find help for them.

Good health to all!



Halloween is a celebration on October 31, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Saints' Day. It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions were influenced by Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which are believed to have pagan roots. Some go further and suggest that Samhain may have been Christianized as All Hallows' Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, being the vigil of All Hallows' Day.



All Things Bazaar!!!

OK Everybody- it's time to get your creative thinking hats on and get to work making wonderful things for our Annual Bazaar! It is **October 21** and we need lots of great things to sell! Holiday things, useful things, fun things, gifts, you name it! We have a Kitchen Korner for baked goods and other goodies, but let's wait until closer to the date to make those ☺ If you have any questions, talk to Phyllis Weaver or Miriam Zech.



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Youth..... J.J. Cline and Jen Moser

Columbus Day—October 9

People, throughout the world, have celebrated Columbus's voyage since the colonial period. Historically, the Italian-born explorer set sail in August, 1492. He intended to chart a western sea route to China, India and the renowned gold and Spice Islands of Asia; instead, he landed in the Bahamas, becoming the first European to explore the Americas since the Vikings set up colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland during the 10th century. Columbus Day became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and later became a federal holiday in the United States by proclamation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937.

Bible Word Search: COUNTRIES OF THE BIBLE

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Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

Note - This list was obtained by searching Wikipedia and other sites. The modern equivalents are: Assyria (Iraq); Canaan (Israel); Babylon (Iraq); Persia (Iran); Togarmah (Germany); Tarshish (Spain); Rosh (Russia); Achaia (Greece); Macedonia (Greece); Put (Libya); Asia Minor (Turkey); India (India: Esther 8:9); Galatia (Central Turkey); Philistia (Gaza Strip); Samaria (Golan Heights); Cyprus (Cyprus); Crete (Crete); Ethiopia (Ethiopia); Melita (Malta: Acts 28:1); Egypt (Egypt); Judah (Israel).

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Young Adult SS	11:30 a.m.

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“Serving Christ and Community through Love, Compassion, Fellowship and Caring”

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