

October 29, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Affirmation of Faith Elizabeth Feldman

Father in Heaven, we believe with great reverence that you are the creator of the universe. We also believe in your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom you sent as a sacrifice for our sins so that we might be cleansed and purified in your sight. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, whose presence in our heart informs what we say and what we do, leading us to live holy and obedient lives that bring honor and glory to your name, today and forevermore, Amen!

*Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 185

*Prayer of Assurance Elizabeth Feldman

When the river rises and the dam breaks we find ourselves swirling in dangerous currents, but thanks to you, Lord God, we always have an advocate, a place of refuge, a source of strength and a cradle of encouragement. Be with us as we rest upon our faith so that we will be empowered when the storms gather, protected when the winds blow and guided when darkness hovers. In your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Precious Savior, we have hope because of you. Your sacrifice on the cross and your resurrection from the tomb conquered sin and death and brought about the promise of salvation. Today, we confess our sins and pledge to lead more holy and obedient lives. In Your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture Deuteronomy 31:7-8 Pastor John
Second Scripture Joshua 1:7-9 Elizabeth Feldman
Third Scripture Isaiah 41:8-13 Elizabeth Feldman
Fourth Scripture Philippians 4:4-7 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 "Abide with Me" No. 700

Message "Be Not Discouraged" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" No. 130

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Special Thanks

Thanks so much to Chaplain Daron Butler, Pastor Dan Wingate, and Rev. Dr. David Wilcox for their great leadership in worship while Pastor John was recovering from surgery. We are so grateful for their wisdom and guidance during the past four weeks.

Grief Share

Surviving the loss of a spouse and then navigating one's way through the holiday season following that loss can be arduous tasks. Shreve Community Church will address those challenges when it presents a GriefShare event on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be two sessions: one titled, "Surviving the Holidays" and the second one titled "Loss of a Spouse." Participants can attend one or both sessions. To register, visit <https://shrevecommunitychurch.org/grief-share/>. For more information, phone 330-567-2051 (Ext. 117).

Youth Fellowship

Wooster United Methodist Church in Downtown Wooster is inviting young people in Grades 6-12 to participate in its Youth Fellowship Group. The group meets on Sundays from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Wooster UMC. As part of this youth group, the plan is to take a mission trip to Central Appalachia this summer to do home repairs as part of the Appalachia Service Project. For more information, phone 330-262-5641.



Almighty God, we come before you again today, celebrating our relationship with you and acknowledging our reliance on you. We ask your continued blessings as we seek to follow the path you have set before us. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For our Nomads who did great work on their recent trip
- *For Connie Reed, whose brother Bob's surgery went well
- *For the great work of OHUDDLE mentoring

Prayers

- *For Evelyn Silver, who suffered a stroke last week
- *For Michelle, who is battling kidney disease
- *For other Nomad Families doing extended mission work
- *For Gene Varns, who had eye surgery last week

Thought for the Day
The world sees who you are;
God sees who you can be

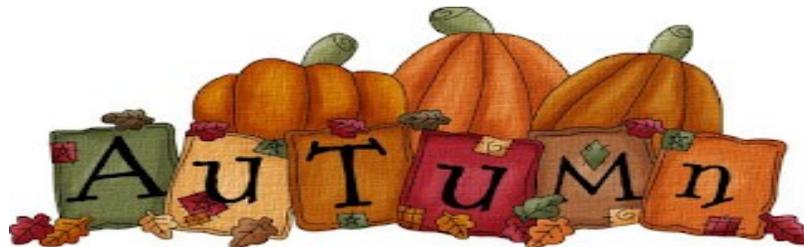
Sunday Smile
Jesus is the rock that doesn't roll

Upcoming Worship Services

Nov. 5.....For All the Saints
 Nov. 12.....A Time to Heal
 Nov. 19.....Ministry in the Margins
 Nov. 26.....Cleansing the Soul

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 10/29	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 10/30	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Looking Ahead		
Sunday 11/5	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 11/6	Election Setup	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/7	Election Day	
	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 11/11	UMM Breakfast	7:30 a.m.



Financial News:

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

Received in August:

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...
"Be Not Discouraged"