

November 12, 2023

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Blessing the Boxes Operation Christmas Child

\*Affirmation of Faith Bob Troutman

Almighty and Eternal God, we profess our faith in you as the Creator of the Universe and the giver of all life. We declare our belief in and our commitment to your Son, Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior, and we affirm the presence of the Holy Spirit, which provides light, guidance, and protection during our earthly journey. May we continue to honor and serve our Triune God with reverence, respect, loyalty, and dedication, all the days of our life. Amen!

\*Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" No. 61

\*Prayer of Assurance Bob Troutman

In times of trouble, we look to the heavens because we know that our help comes from the Lord. We are a broken people in a broken world, so we call on Him to guide us in our efforts to foster peace and harmony among neighbors and nations. In His Compassionate Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John  
Lord in Heaven, we sincerely seek your forgiveness as we humbly acknowledge our sinfulness. Cleanse us from our iniquities and show us the way to redemption as you also help us to strengthen our resolve to serve you with obedience and reverence. In Your Glorious Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

First Scripture Jeremiah 17:14 Bob Troutman  
Second Scripture Psalm 103:2-4 Bob Troutman  
Third Scripture Isaiah 53:5 Bob Troutman  
Fourth Scripture I Peter 2:24 Bob Troutman

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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 452

Message "A Time to Heal" Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" No. 155

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Candy Making Continues**

Oak Chapel's storied tradition of candy making continues tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and continues through mid-November. Be sure to join us for this delicious experience and wonderful ministry.

**Prayer Vigil**

Join us as we pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, and around the world on Monday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. at Oak Chapel. All are welcome as we yield to God's divine power to bring calm and resolution to all areas of our world where violence and bloodshed persist.

**New Members:**

We are planning to welcome new members on Sunday, Dec. 9. If you have been attending and would like to join our church, or if you simply would like to affirm your affiliation with Oak Chapel, just let Pastor John know, and we will welcome you on that day.

**Advent Bible Study**

Oak Chapel will host an Advent Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, beginning on Nov. 29 and continuing through Dec. 20. All are welcome. We are planning to offer soup and bread as a light meal on those evenings. If you would like to provide either soup or bread at the second or third session, please contact Pastor John.



**Praises and Prayers**

Great God in Heaven, we give you thanks for your many blessings, and we ask that you hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers...

**Praises**

- \*For the many blessings of Operation Christmas Child
- \*For all those who helped with last week's luncheon
- \*For Sheri Finn's brother, who had successful surgery
- \*For the wonderful museum open houses in our area
- \*For our kind, caring, and compassionate congregation

**Prayers**

- \*For the Bunt Family following the passing of Pete
- \*For Evelyn Silver and her family as she rests at home
- \*For Wayne Spangler, who is hospitalized in Cleveland
- \*For Carol Gasser's daughter, Kim, who has heart issues
- \*For Jon Mykrantz, who is dealing with personal issues
- \*For the Ritchey's niece, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- \*For the Ritchey's granddaughter, who has a kidney infection
- \*For Dallas Kauffman's father & stepmother, who have Covid
- \*For Becky Schlund's daughter-in-law, who is having surgery
- \*For Bill Braucher, who is recovering from Covid
- \*For the family of Deb Haldiman, who passed recently
- \*For Tom and Wendy Rife, who are traveling
- \*For Connie Garg as she travels back and forth to Avon
- \*For Heidi Arnold, who is scheduled to have some tests

Upcoming Worship Services	
Nov. 19.....	Ministry in the Margins
Nov. 26.....	Cleansing the Soul
Dec 3.....	The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

Sunday 11/12	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 11/13	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/14	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 15	Acorn Deadline	
	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 11/19	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 11/20	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
	Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/21	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 11/23	Thanksgiving	



**Thought for the Day**  
*Loan someone your strength  
 instead of reminding them of their weakness*

**Sunday Smile**  
*Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand*

# Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



**November 12, 2023**

4203 West Old Lincoln Way  
 Wooster, Ohio  
 330-264-2537

www.oakchapelumc.com  
 John Finn, *Pastor*

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

Today's Message...

***"A Time to Heal"***