

January 14, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*The Apostles Creed Tom Rife

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come 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 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 731

*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

Holy and Mighty God, we bow down before you and pay homage to your Holy Name. Give us the wisdom to follow the path you have set before us and the strength to stand firm in our efforts to resist temptation so that we may continue to walk in the light as the faithful disciples you created us to be. In Your Sacred Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Caring and Compassionate God, we acknowledge our guilt as we confess our disobedience, but we also give you thanks and praise for the gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose selfless sacrifice and glorious resurrection cleansed us from our sins and brought forth the promise of salvation. In a spirit humility, we proclaim our gratitude for your faithfulness and forgiveness. In your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

1st Scripture I John 2:1-6 Pastor John
2nd Scripture I John 2:15-17 Tom Rife
3rd Scripture I John 2:24-27 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 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 396

Choral Anthem "Chosen" Choir

Message "It Is What It Is" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Standing on the Promises" No. 374

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

United Methodist Men

Oak Chapel's Men's Group will gather on a new date in a new location this month. We will meet at Buehler's Café in Downtown Wooster on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 a.m. All men are welcome to join us on that day.

A Joyful Noise

Kudos to the hearty voices of our choir! They have been outstanding, but they would also welcome the addition of several new voices. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining this group. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings. Contact Jen Moser for more information.

Genesis Bible Study Continues This Week

Our Monday morning Bible Study continues tomorrow morning as we explore the Book of Genesis. Please join us, even if you have not been with us previously. The study runs from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds.

Fellowship Dinner

Oak Chapel will resume its Fellowship Dinner schedule on Sunday, Jan. 21, following our worship service. We are inviting area first responders and their families, so we are expecting a larger than normal turnout. Steve Moore will be our featured speaker. If you could prepare a side dish, salad, or dessert, we would be very grateful!

Membership Certificates

If you recently joined our church, we have a Certificate for you in the Narthex. If you don't see one with your name on it, let us know and we will print one for you.



Praises and Prayers

Lord Jesus, we are so grateful for your light and your wisdom. Help us to be more faithful and obedient disciples, and hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers

Praises

- *For Katie Cantrell’s surprise visit to her family and safe travel
- *For Cindy Mykrantz, who celebrated a birthday last week
- *For all those who helped with Sandy Treece’s service

Prayers

- *For Michele Mosley, who had a medical procedure
- *For Kim Domer, who is having some vision issues
- *For Kerry, who is home, but who will be having surgery
- *For Toni, who is recovering from Covid
- *For Mary Binkey, who is hospitalized in Cleveland
- *For Linda, who is having cancer treatments
- *For Bill, who has entered into Hospice Care
- *For Jon Arnold, who is having cardiac issues

Upcoming Worship Services	
Jan. 21.....	Be Prepared
Jan. 28.....	Confident and Secure
Feb. 4.....	God’s Rules
Feb. 11.....	The Power of Love

Thought for the Day
*No Burden is too heavy
 for His everlasting arms*

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 1/14	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 1/15	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 1/16	Outreach	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 1/17	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
Saturday 1/20	UMM Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/21	Sunday School Class	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
Monday 1/22	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1/23	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1/24	Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.



Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (Oct 2023): \$1,907

Received in October:

10/01.....	\$3,522.00
10/08.....	\$4,553.00
10/15.....	\$1,546.00
10/22.....	\$1,419.25
10/29.....	\$2,948.25

As of 10/31/2023, we received about 147% of our budgeted income for the month of October and 100% YTD. We are ahead of last year at this time, which was 152% and 89%, respectively. The Food Pantry is in the black. Donations: \$100; Purchases: \$281.42. We are making a difference; the need is great. 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...

“It Is What It Is”