

July 21, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 42) Pastor John**

Pastor: As the deer pants for streams of water,

**People: So my soul pants for you, my God.**

Pastor: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God,

**People: When can I go and meet with God?**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Apostles' Creed Pastor John

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, 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.

\*Opening Hymn "Are We Yet Alive" No. 553

\*Prayer of Assurance

Almighty God, we trust you implicitly, and we know you have plans for us, but we don't always see them as clearly as we would like. Give us the foresight to follow your instruction and stay on the pathway of righteousness so that we may produce fruit and bring honor and glory to your name from this day forward. This we pray with great respect and reverence. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John  
Almighty God, we once again acknowledge our transgressions before you. Try as we might, we so often fall short of your glory and the expectations you have for us. As we seek your forgiveness, we also ask that you strengthen our resolve to turn away from temptation and toward the goodness that you have instilled in us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John  
Scripture Proverbs 4:25-27 Pastor John  
Scripture Acts 9:1-6, 10-12, 17-18 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 "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

Special Music Abreal Whitman, violin OLO

Message "Peripheral Vision" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 295

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*The Doxology No. 95  
\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "The Summons" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Sunday Night Summer Chamber Concert Tonight:** Come and enjoy "An Evening of Chamber Music" presented by members of the Ohio Light Opera Orchestra tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 353 E. Pine St. on the campus of The College of Wooster. A yearly tradition, "An Evening of Chamber Music" gives audience members the opportunity to relax and delight in a wide variety of chamber music especially prepared by OLO orchestra members. Admission is free with an invitation to take part in a free-will offering. Come and treat yourself to a wonderful evening of music!

**Lunch Out with Friends:** UWF invites women to join in a fun lunch out (Dutch Treat, no agenda) at the Lighted Lantern in Fredericksburg on Wednesday, August 7, at 11:30. Please RSVP by August 4. We are naming this group 'The Acorn Society.' All nuts welcome! ☺

**Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Sale:** Once again Oak Chapel will participate in the Buy-Way Sale, although greatly scaled back. We will offer lunch and respite from the weather with air conditioning and restrooms on Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Phyllis Weaver or Joyce Varns.

**Moving Forward: A Strategic Five-Year Plan:** In these uncertain, often tumultuous times, it is prudent for our church to develop a strategic plan to provide for the short- and long-term well-being of Oak Chapel. With that in mind, we introduced a Strategic Plan for the next five years at the last Administrative Council meeting. Everyone is welcome to review the document and to offer input as we seek to fortify our foundation in faith.



### Praises and Prayers

Lord Jesus, give us the vision and the wisdom to carry on through the dark and difficult times. Lead us and guide us to be obedient and to do your will so that we may live in peace with one another. We ask now that you hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers before you....

### Praises

- \*For last week's Baptism and Renewal Service at the Lake
- \*For Bob Troutman's 80th Birthday celebration

### Prayers

- \*For the Henshaw Family following Tom's passing
- \*For Ethan Bohley, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For Ryan Smith during his mission trip to Rwanda
- \*For Pastor Jon Heavilin as he recovers from blood clots
- \*For Mark Glasgo as he recovers from a stroke
- \*For Heidi Arnold, who is in Hospice Care
- \*For Wayne Spangler as he looks to increase his strength
- \*For Bob Morris, who is at the Care Center
- \*For Susan Berger, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For Tonya Houser, who fell and is recuperating
- \*For healing for Alison Flanagan
- \*For peace, calm, and civility in our nation

### Words of Wisdom

"Fear not" appears in the Bible 365 times...  
Once for each day of the year.



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

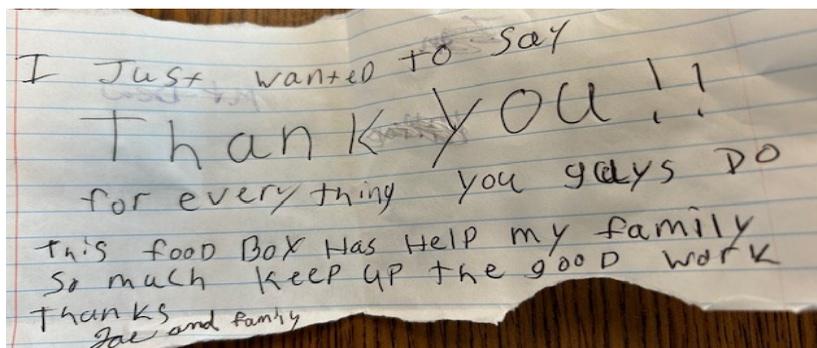
Sunday 7/21	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 7/22	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7/23	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Friday 7/26	Rubber Ducks game	7:05 p.m.

### Looking Ahead

Sunday 7/28	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.

August 8 & 9 Buy Way Salle 10:00—2:00

**Power of the Pantry:** Oak Chapel's food pantry continues to have an impact on our community. Below is a handwritten note from someone who visited the pantry last week. As you can see, this family is deeply grateful for this invaluable resource! We are so grateful for your continued support of this ministry!



### Upcoming Worship Services

July 28.....	Staying Grounded
August 4 .....	Highly Favored
August 11.....	Attitude of Gratitude
August 18.....	Don't Worry, Be Happy
August 25 .....	A Quiet Voice

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through Love, Compassion,  
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Today's Message...

***"Peripheral Vision"***