

September 1, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 128:1-2) Pastor John

Leader: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,

People: The one who walks in his ways!

Leader: You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

People: You shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

*Apostles' Creed Bruce Bloch

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.

*Passing of the Peace Bruce Bloch

*Opening Hymn "This is the Day" No. 658

*Prayer of Assurance Bruce Bloch

Righteous and Loving God, you have blessed us with the resources to affect positive change in our church, in our community, and in our world. May we be ever faithful in the application of these resources so that others will benefit, and your Name may be glorified to the ends of the earth. In Your Wondrous Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Gracious and Loving God, our efforts to be obedient have come up short once again, but we know that your compassion is without limits, so we take this time to repent of our sins and reconcile with you. Forgive us for our sinfulness and strengthen our desire to be obedient so that we may draw ever closer to you and serve you more faithfully from this day forward. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Exodus 20:9-11 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Colossians 3:23-24 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 3 John 6:27 Bruce Bloch

Scripture 4 Galatians 5:22-23 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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420

Message "Fruits of Labor" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology No. 95

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" No. 334

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

The Acorn Society

This casual lunch group will meet Wednesday, September 4, at 11:30 a.m. at the Blue Moon Bistro, 7501 State Route 83, Holmesville, OH 44633. All women are invited. Please indicate your reservation on the attendance slip or email office@oakchapelumc.com. If you would like to carpool, meet at Fischer Auditorium at 11:10.

The Clock on the Wall

At long last, our antique clock in the Narthex has been repaired. Thanks to our good friend, Matt Call, we now have an accurate timepiece after years of it being in disrepair. We greatly appreciate Matt's kind, thoughtful, and generous gesture.

Gathering Music

A reminder that our wonderful musicians will be providing gathering music before each service, beginning at 10:20 a.m. Please join us in the sanctuary at that time. You are welcome to sing along or simply soak in the uplifting music as we prepare for worship.

Outdoor Service and Games

Our annual outdoor service at the Lake (185 Cherry Lane) is less than a month away. We will gather for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 15, followed by a covered dish meal and fun and games for the kids. We are expecting a number of visitors, so if you would be so kind as to bring a dish (and maybe two) to share, that would be great.

Remember...

God's Grace: One size fits all



Praises and Prayers

God of the Universe, we come before you once again seeking guidance, direction, and assurance. We also pray for healing, comfort, and peace that only you can provide as we lift up the following praises and prayers before you....

Praises

- *For the many gifts that God has bestowed upon our church
- *For God’s presence in our church and our world
- *For the life of Bob Morris
- *For Katie and David Trayte as they prepare to welcome a new addition

Prayers

- *For Lori Hauser, who is recovering at Sycamore Run
- *For Paul Kauffman, who is battling cancer
- *For Jeff Burkhardt as he recovers from surgery
- *For Dave Acker as he recovers from several surgeries
- *For Rev. Hee-Soo Jung as he begins his new assignment as Bishop of the East Ohio and West Ohio Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Words of Wisdom

*Let us stop focusing on how **Stressed** we are
And let us remember how **Blessed** we are!*

*Christ is not valued at all, unless
He is valued above all.*



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 9/1	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/2	Labor Day	Office closed
Tuesday 9/3	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Evangelism Team	10:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9/4	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
Saturday, 9/7	Wayne County Fair begins	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/8	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.

Good News Club

Oak Chapel will launch its Good News Club for kids on Sunday, September 22, at the church. There will be a variety of activities for those in Grades 4-6 as well as a Faith-based discussion and a snack each Sunday afternoon for five weeks. Please encourage your friends, neighbors, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren to join us.

Pictorial Directory

Oak Chapel will be putting together a new pictorial directory in the coming months to reflect the many new people we have welcomed into our church while noting the unfortunate losses we have suffered over the past few years. Portraits will be taken October 28-29 at the church. We would love to have everyone participate. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait with the option of ordering more for Christmas.

Upcoming Worship Services

September 8	Staying Grounded
September 15	Worship at the Lake
September 22	Gimme a Break
September 29.....	Judgment Day

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

Today’s Message...

“Fruits of Labor”