

June 22, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 67) Pastor John

Pastor: May God be gracious to us!

People: May His Face shine upon us!

Pastor: May His ways be known to us always!

People: May His Salvation be embraced by all!

*Affirmation of Faith Tom Rife

We believe in the one God. Creator and sustainer of all things. Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen

Passing of the Peace Tom Rife

*Hymn "Maker, in Whom We Live" No. 88

*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

Great and Powerful God, we often find ourselves wandering in the wilderness, seemingly without direction or purpose. Fortunately, we know you are always present to provide refuge from the storms in life, comfort in times of suffering, and assurance to carry on with faith and confidence. May we continue to walk in your footsteps today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

God of grace and mercy, we are so grateful for the gift of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. His sacrifice served as an atonement for our iniquities and provided safe passage to eternal glory in your Heavenly Kingdom. As we confess our sins, we give you thanks and praise for your unconditional love and unending compassion. In your Resplendent Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Ephesians 3:14-19 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Romans 15:13-17 Tom Rife

Scripture 3 Matthew 11:28-30 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" No. 348

*Special Music Ohio Light Opera
Nasr Sheikh and Leah Widmaier

Message "Empty Inside" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John
The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings

*Hymn "The Gift of Love" No. 408

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Change the World Day

Thanks to all who participated in yesterday's "Change the World Day" mission project. Because of you, we packed approximately 7,000 meals for those in need around the world. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus encourages us to "feed the hungry." Thanks to you, we have answered His call.

Golden Agers Luncheon

UWF invites our community who are 60+ to gather this Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Bring a friend.

Fellowship Dinner

Join us for an impromptu Fellowship Dinner next Sunday (June 29) as we celebrate our church. Please consider bringing a side dish, salad, or dessert to share, and take time to catch up with one another.

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study continues this Wednesday at the Boyer's home (3595 Kister Rd). We are discussing a book, titled *The Man Code*. A light supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the study from 7-8 p.m. All men are welcome.

Guest Preachers in July

Pastor John will be away two Sundays in July. Steve Moore will lead worship and bring the message on July 13, and former Oak Chapel Pastor, Kyle Gould will lead us and deliver the sermon on July 27. We look forward to welcoming Steve and Kyle to the pulpit on those days.

Thought for the Day

*At home and in church, let love abide,
And bless all those who step inside.*



Praises and Prayers

Gracious and Loving Father, we bow before you in humble adoration, praising your glorious name and asking you to hear the following praises and prayers that we lift before you today...

Praises

- *For God’s presence in our church and in our world
- *For the compassion of our caregivers
- *For the power of prayer in our church
- *For the legacy of those who came before us
- *For the gifts God has given our medical professionals
- *For our newly established ministry with the jail
- *For visits from family and friends
- *For a successful Change the World Day mission project

Prayers

- *For Rosie Troutman, who is recovering at home
- *For Stephanie Long, who is dealing with health issues
- *For Ishwar Harris, who is in Hospice care
- *For Michael, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- *For traveling mercies for Varn’s granddaughter
- *For Charlene Polka, friend of the Varns, who has pneumonia
- *For traveling mercies for Paul and Cindy Feldman

Jail Ministry

Oak Chapel is partnering with the Wayne County Jail to provide spiritual support and encouragement for the inmates. If you are interested in becoming part of this new ministry, please contact Keri Merickel or Pastor John.

Mission u 2025

“Practicing Hope Together” July 18-20 at The University of Mt. Union. This annual, multi-generational event is open to all women and girls 6-18. See Elizabeth Feldman for details.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 6/22	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6/24	Golden Agers Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6/25	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 6/26	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 6/29	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:45 a.m.
Tuesday 7/1	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/2	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Friday 7/4	Independence Day	

Online Directory

Our new church directory is accessible online. We would like to add additional pictures. See Bob Troutman if we could take yours!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Oak Chapel’s annual outing to an Akron Rubber Ducks game will be on Friday, August 1, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are going fast! If you would like to attend, contact Stuart Mykrantz.

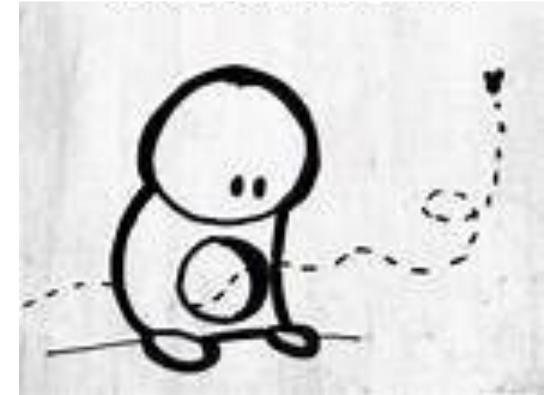
Last Week’s Attendance:..... 42 in person..... abt. 30 online

Last Week’s Offering: \$3,995

Upcoming Worship Services

- June 29..... What are You Worried About?
- July 6..... Who’s Number 1 in Your Life?
- July 13 Steve Moore
- July 20..... No Sweat
- July 27..... Kyle Gould

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

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Today’s Message
“Empty Inside”