

August 3, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 18:6) Pastor John**

Pastor: In my distress I called upon the Lord;

People: To my God I cried for help.

Pastor: From his temple he heard my voice,

People: And my cry to him reached his ears.

***Apostles Creed Kim Domer**

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 Kim Domer

***Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577**

***Prayer of Assurance Kim Domer**

Throughout our faith journey, we have the assurance that God is always with us. In times of uncertainty, He encourages us. In times of suffering, He soothes us. In times of unrest, he calms us. In times of mourning, He comforts us. Help us, Father, in all we do so that we may become the servants you intended for us to be, today and always. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Holy and Compassionate Lord, we are profoundly sorry for having sinned against you. Try as we might to be loyal, faithful, and dedicated disciples, we so often fall short. Forgive us for our transgressions, purify our hearts, and cleanse our minds so that we can begin anew in you. This we pray in hopeful expectation. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture I Peter 4:10-11 Pastor John

Scripture John 15:1-9 Kim Domer

Scripture John 15:12-17 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 "Bread of the World" No. 624**

Message "Cling to the Vine" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings**

***Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 664**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Communing with the Lord

On this first Sunday of the month, we once again celebrate our covenant with the Lord through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, we will prepare a little differently, but just as meaningfully, with a more informal Communion Liturgy. Take time to prepare your heart, your soul, and your mind for this sacred gift.

Buy-Way Yard Sale

Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8. Food will be served from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Sign up to help on Thursday and Friday and monetary donations would also be appreciated.

Mission Barn Trip

This Saturday, August 9, a team will travel to Pennsylvania to the Mission Barn, an UMCOR supply station. The site is two hours away, so we will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7:00 p.m. We take a sack lunch with us and then eat an early dinner in Pennsylvania before heading home. Let Pam Domer know today if you will join the team.

Men's Bible Study

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

Bible Study Topics

Please think about education topics that would assist you, your children, and other family members in your walk with Christ. When is a good time for you to meet? Do you like in-person or Zoom? We want to deliver these opportunities to your doorsteps. Bruce Bloch would like to hear from you.



Praises and Prayers

God of Grace and Mercy, we ask you to hear our voices as we lift up those who are struggling with pain, illness, anxiety, loneliness, separation, or depression. May you bring them assurance, comfort, and peace, today and Always. Amen!

Praises

- *For Joyce and Gene Varns' 49th wedding anniversary
- *For Jen Moser's successful surgery
- *For Sheri Finn's friend, Becky, whose health is improving
- *For safe travel for all those on the road this summer
- *For the impact of our Pantry on the community
- *For God's presence in our church and in our world

Prayers

- *For Tina Braucher and family following Bill's passing
- *For Zoe Ring and family following Dale's passing
- *For Connie Garg for a nerve block procedure last week
- *For Jill Galbraith, Aaron's step-mother
- *For Sandy Hower's friend Becky, recovering from a stroke
- *For Joyce Varns' brother, Dave Rogers who is hospitalized

Thought for the Day

*God made the world,
So He gets to make the rules!*

Acorn Society

On August 13, we will travel to Buckeye Deli, 124 Millersburg St, Nashville, OH 44661. Weather permitting, we'll dine on the patio. Buckeye Deli is owned by Katie Domer and Aaron Galbraith. They have been generous is sharing meals with Oak Chapel.

Last Week's Attendance:39 in person..... 19 online
Last Week's Offering: \$2885

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 8/3	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8/5	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8/6	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 8/7	Buy-Way Sale	10:00 a.m.
Friday 8/8	Buy-Way Sale	10:00 a.m.
Saturday 8/9	Mission Barn Trip	7:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/10	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8/12	UWF Executive Team	1:00 p.m.
	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8/13	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 8/14	4-H	7:00 p.m.

Opportunity for Service at Oak Chapel

1. Greeters—August and November
 2. Counters' Team
 3. Librarian
- If you would like to volunteer, see Elizabeth.

Grief Share

Everyone grieves in their own way. Wooster UMC will be hosting a 13-week grief share program on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning August 20. More information is on the bulletin board, or contact WUMC at 330.262.5641 or office@woosterumc.org

Upcoming Worship Services

August 10	Up, Down, Over, and Round
August 17	A Pew with a View for You
August 24	Good as Gold
August 31	Force of Habit

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through Love, Compassion,
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Today's Message
"Cling to the Vine"