

August 17, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 121:1-2) Pastor John

Pastor: We lift up our eyes to the hills.

People: From where does our help come?

Pastor: Our help comes from the Lord,

People: The one who made heaven and earth.

*Apostles Creed Greg Cantrell

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 Greg Cantrell

*Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152

*Prayer of Assurance Greg Cantrell

Caring and Compassionate Savior, we come before you to rejoice in your presence and to celebrate the promise of your perfect plan. Teach us to follow you with unwavering loyalty

and dedication, so that on the day of your return, you will

call us by name and bring us to the Heavenly Home you

have prepared for us. This we pray with hopeful expectation

in your mighty and majestic name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Holy and Mighty God, we have once again failed to obey your commandments and honor your Sacred Word.

We are deeply sorry for all of our transgressions, so we bow in your presence, seeking your refreshing grace and

healing mercy. This we pray in humble contrition and

great reverence for your Wondrous Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture I Chronicles 29:10-13 Pastor John

Scripture Matthew 6:19-21 Greg Cantrell

Scripture Matthew 6:31-33 Greg Cantrell

Scripture Revelation 21:1-5 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 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" No. 349

Sing twice

Message "Good as Gold" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

*The Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings

*Hymn "He Is Exalted" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

*=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit

WHAT'S COMING UP?

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 interest 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.

Devotional Available

A new devotional by area resident, Ty Moorhead, titled, *Route 313: Devotions to Keep You on Track*, provides advice, encouragement, and inspiration for everyday living. It is based on this passage from Hebrews 3:13, "You must warn each other every day, while it still is 'today,' so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God." We have 10 complementary copies here at Oak Chapel. If you requested a copy from Pastor John, you may pick it up today in the Narthex. If you did not request one, we may have a few extra copies. If we run out, you can order one at Amazon.com.

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



Praises and Prayers

Faithful and Loving God, we bow before you in humble adoration, asking that you hear our voices as we lift up those who are dealing with pain, anxiety, loneliness, separation, or depression. May you bring them assurance, comfort, and peace to carry on in faith.

Praises

- *For Pastor Robin’s successful recovery from surgery
- *For Jane Fleisher’s successful knee surgery
- *For Dr. Cantrell’s crosses of comfort
- *For the support of family and friends
- *For safe travel for all those on the road this summer

Prayers

- *For Roger Troutman, who is nearing the end of his journey
- *For Kendra, who has Stage 3 cancer
- *For Erica Boyer’s friend who is searching for safe housing
- *For Cyndi Boyer’s friend, Star, who has Stage 4 cancer
- *For Jeannie Haghiri’s friend, who is struggling with an illness
- *For Johnny Jansen, following neurosurgery
- *For Wendy Rife’s friend’s nephew, who has a broken neck
- *For Carrie, who is dealing with loss and other issues
- *For Chris, who is transitioning to new housing
- *For the Zech Family as they travel to their family reunion
- *For Pastor John as he ministers to his athletes at Waynedale

Upcoming Worship Services

- August 24..... A Pew with a View for You
- August 31 Force of Habit
- September 7 Fair Enough
- September 14.....Life’s Lessons

Last Week’s Attendance:47 in person..... 14 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$3323

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 8/17	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/18	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8/19	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8/20	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/24	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/25	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8/26	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8/27	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 8/28	4-H	7:00 p.m.



Carrying on the Legacy of John Wesley

John Wesley was a trailblazer, and his legacy continues to influence Methodists like us more than 250 years after his death. He was a passionate evangelist and a dynamic church planter, which is why there are so many Methodist churches across the nation and around the world.

Among his many contributions to faith building is what has become known as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, which suggests that there are four components to consider when examining our beliefs as Christians: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience. Taken together, they help us build a more solid foundation in faith.

Wesley would no doubt be disappointed by the recent decline of the Methodist Church, but he would certainly want us to continue to run the race and fight the fight by spreading the Good News, so that all people could be exposed to and influenced by the Word of God. Ultimately our hope would be that everyone would consider following Jesus Christ.

Let us continue to work together to advance Wesley’s vision through our efforts in evangelism, worship, membership care, mission, and Christian Education.

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Today’s Message
“Good as Gold”