

August 24, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 28:8-9) Pastor John**

Pastor: The Lord is the strength of his people;

People: A fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

Pastor: Save your people and bless your inheritance;

People: Be our shepherd and carry us forever.

***Apostles Creed Steve Moore**

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 Steve Moore

***Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 126**

***Prayer of Assurance Steve Moore**

Father, help us to put aside all doubt and skepticism, and give us the confidence to believe that you will guide us through the darkness and despair of this world. We seek the assurance that you will remember us on the day of judgment and invite us into the place you have prepared for us in your Heavenly Kingdom. This we pray with certainty and conviction in Your Loyal and Loving Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Faithful and Fortright God, open our hearts so that we may see the error of our ways and seek the forgiveness that you so freely give. May your plentiful grace and compassionate mercy cleanse our souls and lead us to a more obedient way of living. This we ask in humble contrition and genuine reverence, now and forevermore. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Psalm 3:1-5 Pastor John

Scripture II Corinthians 1:3-4 Steve Moore

Scripture II Corinthians 4:16-18 Pastor John

Scripture Hebrews 10:24-25 Steve Moore

Scripture Hebrews 13:2 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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 452**

Message "Lift Me Up" 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 "God is Here" No. 660**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Bible Study Resumes

Oak Chapel's Monday Morning Bible Study resumes on September 1. All are welcome as we begin a new exploration of the Book of Numbers. After that, we will enter into a four-week study of Deuteronomy. Both books provide valuable insight into Old Testament laws, customs, and spiritual guidance. No additional materials are needed. Just your Bible.

Our Daily Bread

The latest edition of *Our Daily Bread* is now available in the Narthex. Pick up your complimentary copy and begin a regimen of daily devotions this fall.

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, 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.

Grief Share

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

Upcoming Worship Services

August 31.....Force of Habit
September 7 Fair Enough
September 14..... Life's Lessons



Praises and Prayers

Mighty and Merciful God, we come before you once again seeking your wisdom, your guidance, your assurance, and your comfort. Hear our prayers as we lift up those who are dealing with pain, anxiety, loneliness, separation, or depression. May you bring them healing, encouragement, and peace to sustain and fortify them for the remainder of their earthly journey. In Your Blessed Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For Dr. Cantrell’s wonderful crosses of comfort
- *For the support of family and friends
- *For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For safe travel for all those on the road

Prayers

- *For Tina Braucher who was hospitalized last week
- *For Connie Garg, who had a medical procedure last week
- *For Joyce Varns’ brother, Dave, who is in Hospice Care
- *For Shannon Turner, who had a liver transplant
- *For Rhonda Greer, who is recovering from a fall
- *For Sandy Hower’s sister-in-law, who suffered a fall
- *For Roger Troutman, who is nearing the end of his journey
- *For Pam Domer, who had a heart procedure last week
- *For the children and teachers as they return to school
- *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

Last Week’s Attendance: 51 in person..... 21 online
Last Week’s Offering: \$1773

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/31	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/1	Labor Day	
	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 9/2	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9/3	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 9/6	1st day of Wayne County Fair ☺	



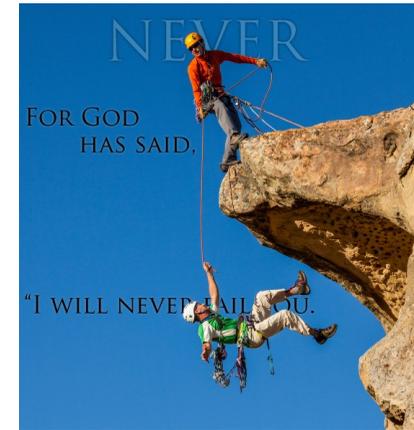
Wesley’s Wisdom

John Wesley is regarded as the founder of Methodism. Many of his beliefs continue to shape the direction of our church to this very day. He arrived in the New World on Feb. 6, 1736, landing in Savannah, Georgia. It was there that he encountered the oppressed Native

Americans, whom he characterized as “eager and fit to receive the Gospel in its simplicity.” He also took a particular interest in the “Negro” slaves, who were being mistreated by their owners. Wesley was disheartened by their “lack of Christian instruction and understanding in the basics of faith,” but anxious to spread the Good News among them.

Sadly, we still judge people by their ethnicity and the color of their skin. Perhaps we can honor Wesley and carry on his vision by speaking out against the bias and discrimination that still exists today and showing love and compassion to all people in the hopes that we will create a better life for our descendants of tomorrow.

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

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Today’s Message
“Lift Me Up”