

August 31, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 146:18,27) Pastor John

Pastor: Open our eyes that we may see,

People: The wonderful things in your law.

Pastor: Help us to understand the way of your precepts,

People: That we may meditate on your wonderful deeds.

\*Apostles Creed Rosie Troutman

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 Rosie Troutman

\*Hymn "Open My Eyes" No. 454

\*Prayer of Assurance Rosie Troutman

When we lose our way, Lord, we have the assurance that you will be there to light our pathway and guide our journey. In times of darkness and despair, we call on you to help us to see clearly and to follow your truth. We pray with confidence that you will continue to be by our side, leading us to green pastures and beside still waters, so that our soul will be refreshed and our faith strengthened. In your Comforting Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Caring and Compassionate Savior, we stand in your presence with deep sorrow and regret. Our sinfulness has once again dragged us into the depths of despair and separated us from you. But through your abundant grace and infinite mercy, we know that you will restore our relationship with you. And so we pray in your Forgiving Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Psalm 119:18-20

Scripture Ephesians 1:18-21 Rosie Troutman

Scripture Mark 8:22:25 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

Message "Be Thou My Vision" 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 "Be Thou My Vision" No 451

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude "I Can See Clearly Now" Johnny Nash

\*=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.

## Helping Hands Fund

As you may know, Oak Chapel has a Helping Hands Fund, which the Pastor can use to assist those in need in our church and in our community. If you would like to support this effort, you may make your check payable to Oak Chapel and designate the offering to the Helping Hands Fund on the memo line.

## 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.

## Team Budgets

As we plan for the year ahead, Team Captains are asked to submit their budget requests to Stuart Mykrantz as soon as possible. You can e-mail your request to [finance@oakchapelumc.com](mailto:finance@oakchapelumc.com). Dream big as we work together to advance God's Kingdom here on earth!

## Upcoming Worship Services

September 7 ..... Fair Enough  
September 14 ..... Life's Lessons



**Praises and Prayers**

God of Mercy and Might, we pray in earnest that you will 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, now and forever. Amen!

**Praises**

- \*For Pam Domer’s successful heart procedure
- \*For Stuart Mykrantz’s friend, whose health has improved
- \*For the support of family and friends
- \*For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- \*For Bella Parry and her Waynedale volleyball teammates
- \*For safe passage for all who travel
- \*For the beautiful fall-like weather

**Prayers**

- \*For the Varns and Rogers families on the passing of Dave
- \*For Holly Robertson, who is undergoing surgery for cancer
- \*For Pastor Dan Henninger, who is recovering from surgery
- \*For Lloyd Boyer and family, on the passing of Margaret
- \*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 has Stage 4 cancer
- \*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 is dealing with cancer
- \*For Jeannie Haghiri’s friend, who is struggling with an illness
- \*For Johnny Jansen, following neurosurgery
- \*For Phyllis Weaver’s grandson Nathan, who is changing jobs
- \*For Carrie, who is dealing with loss and other issues
- \*For Chris, who is transitioning to new housing
- \*For Brianna Lockhart and family on the birth of Hudson Lee

**Last Week’s Attendance:** ..... 60 in person..... 52 online  
**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$2093

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

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	Wooster Memorial Park	10:30 a.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 9/7	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/8	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 9/9	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9/10	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

**Membership Care**

Our Membership Care Team is searching for a new Captain. Responsibilities include reaching out to our members who are hospitalized, homebound, or living in a care facility. Our mission is to provide support and encouragement through periodic visits. This team might also coordinate meals for those whose loved ones are hospitalized or have passed. If interested, please contact Pastor John.

**Outdoor Worship Service**

Mark your calendars for outdoor worship on September 21. More details to follow. Plan to join us for worship and fellowship.

**Calling All Captains**

It’s time to appoint Captains for the coming two-year cycle. You have all done a wonderful job, so we would love to keep everyone in place. But, if you would like a break, or if you have not been serving and would be interested in a position of leadership, please let Pastor John know.

# Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



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through Love, Compassion,  
Fellowship, and Caring*

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**Today’s Message**  
***“Be Thou My Vision”***