

January 11, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 107:1-2) Pastor John**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**People: His love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story...

**People: Those he redeemed from the hand of the foe.**

**\*Apostles Creed Tom Rife**

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 Tom Rife

**\*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 98**

**\*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife**

There are many unknowns in life, but this we do know: Jesus is the Lord of all — the Savior and Deliverer for those who believe, embrace, and worship Him. Let us give thanks and praise for His faithful promise to guide and counsel us throughout our journey in this world. In His Loving and Caring Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord of Light and Life, despite our repeated transgressions, you never give up on us. Instead, you reconcile, renew, and redeem us, showering us with your abundant grace, so that we can bury our iniquities and move forward with a commitment to obedience, reverence, and holiness. In your Sacred Name, we pray, Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Hebrews 9:27-28 Pastor John

Scripture 2 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 Tom Rife

Scripture 3 Acts 1:10-11 Pastor John

Scripture 4 1 John 2:28-29 Tom Rife

Scripture 5 John 6:39-40 Pastor John

Response

Pastor: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word!

**People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Hymn "Be Still My Soul" No. 534**

**\*Anthem "I Sing Alleluia" Chancel Choir**

Message "Look Who's Here!" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

**\*The Doxology**

**\*Prayer Over Our Offerings**

**\*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 327**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Road to Damascus

Oak Chapel is sponsoring a group outing to see *The Road to Damascus* on Friday, February 13, in Sugar creek. Ticket prices include both dinner and the show. There is one ticket left. If you are interested in attending, please contact Stuart Mykrantz, as soon as possible.

### Fellowship Dinner

Our first Fellowship Dinner of the New Year will take place next Sunday, January 18, following our worship service. Please join us as we share a meal together, and please consider bringing your table service and a dish to share.

### Providing Puzzles

Oak Chapel is collecting crossword and word-search puzzles for inmates at the Wayne County Jail. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please purchase non-staple-bound books, and bring them to the Narthex. They will then be delivered to those who are incarcerated this month.

### Remote Ministries

Oak Chapel will be hosting monthly services at Danbury Assisted Living and the Wayne County Jail in the coming year. If you would like to participate in either of these ministries, please let Keri Merickel or Pastor John know.

### Bible Study Resumes

Oak Chapel's Monday morning Bible Study resumes tomorrow with an examination of the Book of Joshua. We meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. each week. Please consider joining us.

### New Members

We will have reception of new members in January. If you are interested and have not let us know, please talk with Pastor John soon.



**Praises and Prayers**

Precious Lord Jesus, as we journey through another new year, we lift up and praise your glorious name, giving thanks for your many blessings. Hear our voices as we also offer prayers for healing, comfort, hope, and peace.

**Praises**

- \*For the blessings of another year of life
- \*For the blessings of answered prayer
- \*For the commitment of our prayer warriors
- \*For health and healing
- \*For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- \*For Oak Chapel’s Sunday School and Bible Studies
- \*For visitation by family and friends
- \*For safe passage for those who travel

**Prayers**

- \*For Gene Varns, who is recovering from the flu
- \*For Pam Domer, who is also recovering from the flu
- \*For Donna Serzen, who is recovering from a knee injury
- \*For Sheri Finn, who is recovering from a cold
- \*For Sandy Hower’s nieces after the passing of their mother
- \*For the family of Lois Wagner following her passing
- \*For the Martinez Family after their son’s premature birth
- \*For Cindy Mykrantz’s nephew, who is battling addiction
- \*For the Haghiri Family as they mark their mother’s birthday
- \*For those who are dealing with family struggles
- \*For the shooting victims in our nation and globally
- \*For the family of Mason Poore who was killed last week

**Acorn Society**

This group of ladies will meet at Bishop’s Restaurant, 1638 Old Columbus Rd, Wooster, on January 14, at 11:30 a.m. Let us know if you will be joining in on the fun.

**Last Week’s Attendance:** .....47 in person ..... 31 online  
**Last Week’s Offering:**..... \$4420

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

Sunday 1/11	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Service at Danbury	2:30 p.m.
Monday 1/12	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 1/13	UW in Faith Executive Mtg.	12:30 p.m.
	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1/14	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 1/15	ACORN deadline	

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 1/18	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:35 a.m.
Monday 1/19	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 1/20	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 1/21	Men’ Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

**Guest Pastor**

Pastor John will be away next week, so we will welcome our great friend, Reverend Jim Pfander, to the pulpit to lead us in worship and deliver the message. Please join us.

**Jingly Buckets**

United Women in Faith will pass the Jingly Buckets next week! Your loose change helps supports mission projects locally, nationally, and globally. Soft money is also welcome.

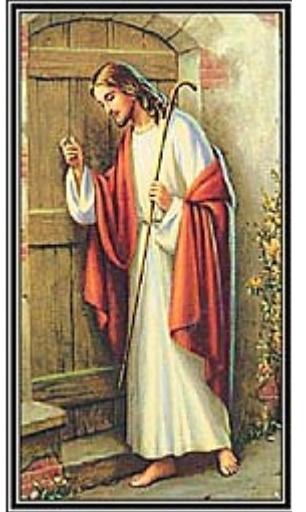
**Upcoming Worship Services**

January 18.....Rev. Jim Pfander  
 January 25.....Good News

# Oak Chapel United Methodist Church

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Today’s Message  
*“Look Who’s Here!”*



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

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