

January 18, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Miriam Zech

Opening Prayer Reverend Jim

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 107:1-2) Tom Rife**

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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 57**

***Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife**

In You, Almighty God, we find everything we need. You are the great King, and we seek your guidance as we navigate through life. Bless us in our journey so that we may never stray, but always remain obedient to your commands and committed to your mission to advance your Kingdom here on Earth. In Your Holy and Precious Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Reverend Jim

Prayer of Confession Reverend Jim

Blessed Lord Jesus, your sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the tomb removed the stain of sin from our souls and brought about the promise of eternal life for all who repent, so we take this opportunity to confess our transgressions and ask that you wipe our slate clean. In Your Holy Name we pray, Amen!

***Hymn "There's Something About That Name" No. 171**

Sing two times

***Anthem "Sing a New Song" Chancel Choir**

Prayer of Preparation Reverend Jim

Message Reverend Jim

"Let's Talk About Some Old Hymns"

Our Morning Prayer Pam Domer

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pam Domer

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings Pam Domer**

***Hymn "His Name is Wonderful" No. 174**

Sing two times

Benediction Reverend Jim

Postlude Jen Moser

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



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Welcome Reverend Jim

Pastor John is away this weekend, so we welcome our great friend, Reverend Jim Pfander, to the pulpit to lead us in worship and deliver the message. Please make him feel welcome.

Fellowship Dinner

Our first Fellowship Dinner of the New Year will take place following our worship service this morning. Please join us as we share a meal together even if you forgot or didn't know about it. Everyone is welcome.

New Members

We will have reception of new members on February 8. If you are interested—and have not let us know, please talk with Pastor John soon.

Remote Ministries

Oak Chapel will be hosting monthly services at Danbury Assisted Living and the Wayne County Jail in the coming year. Our next visits will be on February 8. If you would like to participate in these ministries, please contact Keri Merickel or Pastor John.

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.

Looking Ahead

Believe it or not, Lent is just around the corner. We will host an Ash Wednesday Service on February 18, as well as a Lenten Afternoon Service March 22, culminating with a Good Friday Cantata on April 3 and an Easter Sunday service on April 5.



Praises and Prayers

Great God in Heaven, we are so blessed by your presence in our life. Hear our voices as we express our gratitude through the following praises and our concern through the following prayers. In your Mighty and Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For Sandy Hower’s improved health
- *For the Martinez child, whose health has improved
- *For the gift of patience in times of adversity
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *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 Cindy Mykrantz’s nephew, who is battling addiction
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles
- *For the shooting victims in our nation and around the world
- *For traveling mercies for Pastor John and Family

Welcome Team

Please sign up to be a greeter in 2026. Your shining smile will tell others that we are glad they are here. A clipboard is in the Narthex for you to choose your preferred month.

“They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel.” — *Maya Angelou*

Last Week’s Attendance: 42 in person 16 online
Last Week’s Offering:..... \$6479

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

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.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/25	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 1/26	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 1/27	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1/28	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Jingly Buckets

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

Road to Damascus

Oak Chapel is sponsoring a group outing to see The Road to Damascus on Friday, February 13, in Sugarcreek. Ticket prices include both dinner and the show. There are still a few seats remaining. If you are interested in attending, please contact Stuart Mykrantz.

Upcoming Worship Services

January 25.....	Helpless by Hopeful
February 1.....	We May Never Pass this Way Again
February 8.....	Let’s Make a Deal
February 15.....	Clean Slate

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



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Today’s Message

“Let’s Talk About Old Hymns”

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