

January 25, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 36:5-6) Pastor John

Pastor: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

People: Your faithfulness to the skies.

Pastor: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

People: Your justice like the great deep.

\*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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

\*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife

Father in Heaven, you are our Righteous, Loving, and Benevolent God. Everything we have and the very essence of who we are is a result of our covenant with you. Now we ask that you enlighten and empower us to carry out your will by initiating a new spirit of love and peace within us. In Your Mighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Lord God, although we continue to fall short in our efforts to honor our covenant with you, your love and grace never fail. Grant us mercy as we bow before you in humble contrition, asking that you forgive our transgressions and cleanse our souls so that we will be found worthy when you return in glory. In Your Almighty Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Isaiah 40:28-31 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Psalm 34:17-19 Tom Rife

Scripture 3 1 Peter 5:6-11 Tom Rife

Scripture 4 Matthew 11:28-30 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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" No. 474

\*Anthem "Lord You are So Beautiful" Chancel Choir

Message "Helpless But Hopeful" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

\*Hymn "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Insert

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## 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.

## Sub Sandwich Sale

UWF will sponsor a sub sale on February 8. Please see the insert to pre-order. In honor of the Super Bowl, we encourage everyone to bring a can of soup for our pantry.

## Remote Ministries

Oak Chapel will be hosting monthly services at Danbury Assisted Living and the Wayne County Jail this 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 Continues

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

## Men's Bible Study

Rich Boyer is continuing a Men's Bible Study at his home (3595 Kister Road – just off of Route 226 South) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We begin with a nice meal and then study Scripture as it relates to our current journey in life. All men are welcome.

## Ash Wednesday Service

The Lenten season will begin with our Annual Ash Wednesday Service on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we prepare for the 40-day journey leading up to the Lord's glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.



**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 Rev. Jim Pfander and his message last Sunday
- \*For Steve Moore and his message at New Pittsburg
- \*For the surprise visit to Karen Cantrell by her daughter and grandson
- \*For the warmth of our Church Family
- \*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 Rosie Troutman’s brother who is hospitalized
- \*For Rosie Troutman’s sister who is in Hospice care at home.
- \*For Miriam Zech’s brother, Ed Franks, who had a heart attack
- \*For Sandy Hower who was hospitalized for testing
- \*For Cindy Mykrantz’s nephew, who is battling addiction

**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*

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

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.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 2/1	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 2/2	Art and Soul	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 2/3	Retiree’s Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2/4	Men’ Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

**Road to Damascus**

Coming soon! The Road to Damascus on Friday, February 13, in Sugarcreek. If you are interested in attending, please contact Stuart Mykrantz.

**Weather Advisory**

Oak Chapel will only close on Sunday morning under the most extreme conditions. We will do our very best to livestream services on those days. Please be safe if you choose to come out. Or log onto our webpage, oakchapelumc.com.

**Last Week’s Attendance:** ..... 39 in person ..... 49 online

**Last Week’s Offering:** ..... \$1994

**Upcoming Worship Services**

February 1 ..... We May Never Pass this Way Again  
 February 8 ..... Welcome Home!  
 February 15 ..... Clean Slate  
 February 18 ..... Rising from the Ashes (Ash Wednesday)  
 February 25 ..... Fork in the Road

# Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



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**Today’s Message**  
*“Helpless But Hopeful!”*

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 through Love, Compassion,  
 Fellowship, and Caring*

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