

March 15, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 51:10, 12) Pastor John**

Pastor: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

People: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

People: And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

***Apostles Creed Jean Haghiri**

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 Jean Haghiri

***Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” No. 526**

***Prayer of Assurance Jean Haghiri**

Lord God, our human frailties are readily apparent, but because you are the Good Shepherd, you assure us that you will never let us out of your sight. We pray that you will continue to watch over and guide us, steering us away from the darkness and into the light so that we will always find ourselves on the Pathway of Righteousness. In Your Pure and Pious Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Gracious God, your compassion is beyond compare — far greater than anything we deserve — so we bow before you once again in humble contrition, asking that you forgive us for our transgressions and bless us with your tender love and mercy. May your precious blood cleanse, purify, and make us whole again. In Your Majestic Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Isaiah 43:18-19	Pg. 760	Pastor John
Psalms 103:6-12	Pg. 632	Jean Haghiri
Philippians 3:13-14	Pg. 1230	Jean Haghiri
2 Corinthians 7:10-13	Pg. 1212	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 “My Jesus, I Love Thee” No. 172**

***Anthem “In the Quiet” Chancel Choir**

Message “No Regrets” 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 “This is a Day of New Beginnings” No. 383**
vs. 1-4

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Fellowship Dinner

Today is our final Fellowship Dinner until the Fall. Please join us downstairs for a time of friendship and fellowship immediately after our worship service.

Lenten Worship Series

Our Sunday Afternoon Lenten Services continue today at New Pittsburgh UMC beginning at 4 p.m. Pastor Aimee Hare will be delivering the message. Refreshments will follow. Please join us. Here is the schedule for the remainder of the Lenten season.

March 15	New Pittsburgh UMC	4:00 p.m.
	Pastor Aimee Hare	
March 22	Oak Chapel UMC	4:00 p.m.
	Pastor James Lance	
March 29	Wooster UMC	4:00 p.m.
	Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh	

Holy Week Services

We will host a Maundy Thursday service on April 2 at Oak Chapel at 6:00 p.m. We will have a light meal and a short service that evening. Then we will host our annual Good Friday Cantata the following day at 7:00 p.m. The week will conclude with a special guest on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Bishop’s Visit

Thanks so much to everyone who came to greet Bishop Hee-Soo Jung during his visit last Thursday. He was gratified by the turnout and enjoyed meeting with us.

Campus Support

If you would like to support Madeline Thompson in her role as the representative for InterVarsity at The College of Wooster, her phone is 740-971-8161, and her e-mail is madeline.thompson@intervarsity.com.



Praises and Prayers

Gracious and Loving God, we praise your Benevolent Name as we give thanks for your many blessings. We ask that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers before you at this time.

Praises

- *For our Girl Scout Troop at Oak Chapel
- *For Callie, who was inducted into the Nat'l Honor Society
- *For leaders in our church family
- *For Oak Chapel's ministry at Danbury Assisted Living
- *For Oak Chapel's Sunday School and Bible Studies
- *For the gift of patience in times of adversity
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For those in our congregation who reach out and help others
- *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

Prayers

- *For a peaceful resolution to the war in Iran
- *For Candy Miller, who will be having open-heart surgery
- *For Ryan and Tammy, who were injured in a bicycle accident
- *For Keri Merickel, who is still not feeling well after surgery
- *For Paul Franks, who had knee-replacement surgery
- *For Sheri and Patrick Finn as they travel
- *For Bob and Rosie Troutman as they return home
- *For Kim and Pam Domer on their Nomads Trip
- *For those who lack shelter during the winter
- *For those who are dealing with family struggles

Last Week's Attendance:46 in person....24 online
Last Week\$3677

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/15	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:35 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	New Pittsburg UMC	
	ACORN deadline	
Monday 3/16	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/17	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/18	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/22	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	Oak Chapel UMC	
Monday 3/23	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Ad Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/24	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
	Fill Easter eggs	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/25	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/26	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Friday 3/27	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 a.m.
	Ida Sue School	

Will you help with the Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School by donating individually-wrapped, kid-friendly candy and/or Easter stickers? Your help is appreciated. We will be collecting these items through March 22.

Upcoming Worship Services

March 22.....	Running on Empty
March 29.....	A Better Way
April 5.....	A Conversation with Christ

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



Today's Message

"No Regrets"

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John Finn, *Pastor*

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