

July 26, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Reading** (Psalm 95:1-2) **Pastor John**
Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
People: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Pastor: Let us come before him with thanksgiving,
People: And extol him with music and song.

***Apostles Creed** Phyllis Weaver
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 Phyllis Weaver

***Hymn** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **No. 384**

***Prayer of Assurance** Phyllis Weaver
When our physical vision is obstructed, our spiritual vision remains sharp through the light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Because of Him, we never have to have to walk in darkness. He provides illumination and guidance throughout our journey, so we do not have to live in fear. May we continue to follow His light every day of our lives. In His Blessed Name we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession **Pastor John**
Mighty and Merciful Lord, your sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the tomb, saved us from the burden of sin and provided new life for those who confess. Hear our voices as we once again acknowledge our iniquities and seek forgiveness in your always compassionate Name. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation **Pastor John**
Micah 7:7-9 Pg. 975
Romans 8:1-4 Pg. 1183 Phyllis Weaver
Revelation 21:3-5 Pg. 1295 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** “Amazing Grace” **No. 378**
vs. 1,2,3,6

Special Music Christopher Ludwig Ohio Light Opera

Message “When the Dust Settles” Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John
The Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John
***The Doxology** Pastor John

***Hymn** “And Can it Be That I Should Gain” **No. 363**
vs. 1.3.5

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Beautiful Bulletin Board
Amy Sayre has put together a beautiful bulletin board representing the many missions and outreach activities in our church. It is located just down the hallway from the Narthex to the left of the Sanctuary. Be sure to check it out!

Online Directory
Our online church directory has the latest contact information for our members. If you would like to add the app to your phone or computer, contact Elizabeth Feldman, and she can guide you through the process. We would like to take your photo, if it is not yet posted in the directory.

Hygiene Kits
We still have a number of Hygiene Kits available for distribution to those in need. The kits include a hand towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, band-aids, and several other items. If you know of any individuals or organizations that can benefit from these items, please feel free to take as many as you wish. The kits are available in the room next to the nursery.

She Dreams Big Market
July 29, at The Wellspring, just west of Oak Chapel. 4:00-8:00 p.m. A female-led outdoor market, with female vendors, created by *For Every Girl*. Funds are used to support girls in Liberia.

Mission Barn Trip
Our trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania will be Wednesday, August 19. Please consider joining us as we assist the organization in its efforts to build ramps, prepare hygiene kits, and fill buckets with supplies for those who have been victimized by natural disasters. If you would like to participate, please let Pam Domer or Beth Patton know. We depart about 8 a.m. and return by about 5 p.m.



Praises and Prayers

Faithful and Fearless God, we bow in your presence as we acknowledge your power and might. We come before you again today, asking that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers.

Praises

- *For Bruce Bloch, Jean Haghiri, and Donna Serzen’s visitation
- *For a visit by Caroline Lilburn’s guests, Tim and Suzanne
- *For Paul and Shelly Franks 50th wedding anniversary
- *For Oak Chapel’s monthly worship service at Danbury
- *For last week’s Girl Scout Day Camp
- *For the gift of clean and healthy air
- *For our Ohio Light Opera performers
- *For our Hygiene Kits, which bring relief to so many
- *For our Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Stewards
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For health and healing
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For visitation by family and friends
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For Cyndi Boyer as she deals with vertigo
- *For Tom Rife, who continues to recover from a broken arm
- *For Ron Dailey’s father as he transitions to assisted living
- *For Linda Irwin, who has moved into assisted living
- *For Carolina and her son, who are having immigration issues
- *For Dave Preston, who continues to have health concerns
- *For Wendy Rife’s son and daughter, who have health issues
- *For Amy and Jen as they travel to the Girl Scout Convention
- *For the Hinton Family following the passing of Phyllis
- *For the victims of the earthquake in the Philippines
- *For safety for our Law Enforcement Officers
- *For an end to the continued gun violence in our nation
- *For peace among warring nations

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 7/26	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/28	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/29	<i>For Every Girl</i> Market	4:00-8:00
Saturday 8/1	Varns’ Annv. Celebration	4:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/2	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8/4	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Friday 8/7	Rubber Ducks Baseball Game	7:17 p.m.
Saturday 8/8	Soul Care	10:00 a.m.

Happy Anniversary

Joyce and Gene Varns invite you to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday August 1, here at Oak Chapel in Fellowship Hall, 4:00—7:00 p.m.

‘Grace, Gratitude and Ganache’

Formerly know as SPA Day, Soul Care will be held on Saturday, August 8, from 10:00 until 12:30. Invite a friend and tell us how many plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or mark your attendance sheet. Reservation deadline is August 2.

Buy-Way Sale

Oak Chapel will once again participate in the annual Buy-Way Sale August 13-14. Identify any “treasures” you might want to part with and prepare to bring them to the church to sell.

Organ / Horn Concert to Benefit Hospice

August 6 at 7:00 p.m. Free admission. Free-will offering. Christ United Church of Christ. 301 N Main St, Orrville.

Week’s Attendance..... 50 in person..... 19 online

Last Week’s Offering..... \$1765

Upcoming Worship Service

August 2	More or Less
August 9	Sinking Sand

Oak Chapel
United Methodist Church



Today’s Message
“*When the Dust Settles*”

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