

October 4, 2026		
Bringing Forth the Light		
Prelude	Jen Moser	
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor John	
Opening Prayer	Pastor John	
*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 28)	Pastor John	
Pastor: The Lord is the strength of His people;		
People: He is the saving grace of His anointed.		
Pastor: Save us and bless us, O Lord!		
People: Be our shepherd and carry us forever.		
*The Apostles Creed	Donna Serzen	
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	Donna Serzen	
*Hymn	"I Come with Joy"	No. 617
*Prayer of Assurance	Donna Serzen	
Lord God, we find great comfort and assurance in the knowledge that at all times under all circumstances, we can lean on your everlasting arms. Even as we find ourselves falling, we are confident that you will be there to rescue us and place us on solid ground where our journey continues under your watchful eye. For this great promise, we give you thanks and praise, always and forever. Amen!		
Call to Confession	Pastor John	

Prayer of Confession		Pastor John
Gracious and Loving God, we come before you with contrite hearts, knowing that our words and our actions have fallen short of your glory. Fortunately, we know that your boundless mercy cleanses and purifies our souls, so we once again bow before you, confessing our sins and pledging to turn away from the darkness and pursue your glowing light. In Your Saving Name, we pray. Amen!		
Prayer of Preparation		Pastor John
Deuteronomy 33:27	Pg. 220	Pastor John
Psalm 40:1-5	Pg. 591	Donna Serzen
Ephesians 2:12-14	Pg. 1225	Donna Serzen
Romans 5:1-5	Pg. 1181	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	"Nearer, My God, to Thee"	No. 526
Choral Anthem		"Remember Me"
Message	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	Pastor John
Our Morning Prayer		Pastor John
Sacrament of Holy Communion		Sung Responses
Inside back cover of the Hymnal		
Presentation of Our Gifts		Pastor John
*The Doxology		Pastor John
*Hymn	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	No. 133
Benediction		Pastor John
Postlude		Jen Moser
* = An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit		

WHAT'S COMING UP?	
World Communion Sunday	
Today is World Communion Sunday, an annual event in which we celebrate this sacred Sacrament with believers across our country and around the world. Let us join together with all of Christ's disciples as we symbolically partake of His body and blood.	
Kister Mill Celebration	
Thanks to everyone who helped with the Kister Mill celebration. From setting up to taking down to providing snacks to manning the tent, our church shined brightly last weekend, and we are so grateful to all of you.	
Fall Services	
Pastor John will be away on two occasions this fall. Pastor Jim Pfander will lead worship on October 25, and another guest will lead worship on November 15. Please join us on those two Sundays.	
Budget Requests	
Calling all Team Captains! It is time to start making financial plans for the coming year. Please submit your budget requests to Stuart Mykrantz ASAP. Be ambitious as we move forward with the work of the Lord. (finance@oakchapelumc.com)	
Monday Morning Bible Study Returns	
Our Monday Morning Bible Study is back in session. Join us as we explore the Old Testament Book of II Samuel. We meet each Monday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds on the lower level of our Educational Wing.	
Septic System Update	
The church's extensive septic system installation is just about finished. Thanks so much for your prayerful and financial support! The final phase of the project calls for the church's water supply to be shut off for a week, but our weekly service will not be affected.	



Praises and Prayers

Almighty and Everlasting God, we are so thankful for the opportunity to approach you on your Throne of Righteousness. We humbly ask that you hear our praises and our prayers, and bring us comfort and assurance in times of darkness and despair. In Your Always Faithful Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For Dave Zech, who is recovering from a heart procedure
- *For Michele Mosley, who is recovering well from surgery
- *For Kevin and Anna Cantrell, who were married recently
- *For Caroline Lilburn’s grandson’s wedding
- *For Dave Preston, who is recovering at home
- *For our Food Pantry
- *For the faith that we so readily share with others
- *For all those who serve the church in so many ways
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For visitation by family and friends
- *For health and healing

Prayers

- *For Zoe Ring, who has entered into Hospice Care
- *For Kathy, who is dealing with a difficult family situation
- *For Gio, who is preparing for cancer surgery in New York
- *For Stillwagner Family as they navigate immigration issues
- *For Tom Rife, who continues to recover
- *For the Nomads as they prepare for another project
- *For all those dealing with Parkinsons and ALS
- *For those dealing with memory issues
- *For those who are lukewarm in their faith
- *For safety for our Law Enforcement Officers
- *For an end to the violence in our nation
- *For all the victims of sex trafficking

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week

Sunday 10/4	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 10/5	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/6	Retiree’s Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/7	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 10/10	Girl Scout Event	3:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 10/11	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Danbury Service	2:30 p.m.
Monday 10/12	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/13	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/14	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Sunday 10/18	Fellowship Dinner	11:45 a.m.

Card Shower

Our Card Shower for the Stillwagners continues. A box to collect the cards is in the Narthex. Carolina is in El Salvador; Zach, Styven, and Jacob are in Wooster.

Glass Candy

We will begin making this tasty treat tomorrow! Monday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining our Team. We need 12-15 each week to produce the Glass Candy. On-the-job training is available. We would love to have some new cutters, and it is a great time of fellowship.

Week’s Attendance.....48 in person.....8 online
Last Week’s Offering..... \$2795

Upcoming Worship Service

October 11..... Escape from Exile
October 18 Live Fearlessly
October 25 Pastor Jim Pfander
November 8..... Falling Short

Oak Chapel
United Methodist Church



Today’s Message
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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