

September 27, 2026		
Bringing Forth the Light		
Prelude	Jen Moser	
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor John	
Opening Prayer	Pastor John	
*Responsive Reading (Psalm 62:7-8)	Pastor John	
Pastor: Our salvation depends on the Lord!		
People: He is our mighty rock and our refuge.		
Pastor: We place our trust in Him at all times.		
People: Let us pour out our hearts and honor Him.		
The 23rd Psalm	Bruce Bloch	
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.		
Passing of the Peace	Bruce Bloch	
*Hymn	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	No. 92
*Prayer of Assurance	Bruce Bloch	
Ruler of the Universe, your hands touch all of creation, bringing light to a world mired in darkness and hope to those who put their faith in you. Guide us on our journey so that we may continue to be loyal and faithful disciples, while inviting others to develop a relationship with you. In Your Awe-Inspiring Name, we pray. Amen!		
Call to Confession	Pastor John	

Prayer of Confession		Pastor John
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. According to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all of our iniquities and cleanse our souls so that the burden of sin will be lifted and the pursuit of holiness can flourish. In Your Redeeming and Restorative Name, we pray. Amen!		
Prayer of Preparation		Pastor John
Psalm 37:37	Pg. 589	Pastor John
1 Timothy 6:17-19	Pg. 1246	Bruce Bloch
Hebrews 12:1-3	Pg. 1263	Bruce Bloch
Colossians 3:12-14	Pg. 1235	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	“Take Time to Be Holy“	No. 395
Message	“If These Pews Could Talk”	Pastor John
Our Morning Prayer		Pastor John
The Lord’s Prayer		
Presentation of Our Gifts		Pastor John
*The Doxology		Pastor John
*Hymn	“How Great Thou Art”	No. 77
Benediction		Pastor John
Postlude		Jen Moser
* = An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit		

WHAT’S COMING UP?
Kister Mill Celebration
There is still time to visit the Authors’ Festival at Kister Water Mill (3595 Kister Road) this afternoon. Oak Chapel has a booth there selling bottled water, cookies, and chips to raise funds for the church. The festival will run from 12-5 p.m. today.
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 (finance@oakchapelumc.com) by the end of September. Be ambitious as we move forward with the work of the Lord.
Choir Resumes
Our highly talented choir has resumed rehearsals and will be singing at our worship services in the coming year. If you would like to join this engaging ensemble, join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
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.
Hygiene Kits Are Back
Thanks to the folks who went to the Mission Barn last month, we have a fresh supply of Hygiene Kits available for those in need. The kits are in the second room to the right of the indoor pantry. Feel free to distribute them to individuals and families in need, or keep some in your car in case you see someone who could benefit from these supplies.
Carpeting the Sanctuary
We are considering new carpeting for the Sanctuary. A donor has come forward to cover the cost, so no church operating funds will be used. The Trustees have approved the project and will pass the motion onto Administrative Council for final approval. Stay tuned for further details.



Praises and Prayers

Loyal and Loving 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 last week
- *For the beautifully renovated Kister Water Mill
- *For Oak Chapel’s active 4H Club
- *For our Food Pantry, which helps feed our neighbors
- *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

Prayers

- *For Zoe Ring, who has entered into Hospice Care
- *For Phyllis Weaver’s brother, Bill, whose grandson died
- *For the family of Mary Alice, who passed last week
- *For Logan, who has a brain tumor
- *For Patricia, who has colon cancer
- *For Phil Duby as he recovers from hip surgery
- *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 all those dealing with Parkinsons and ALS
- *For those dealing with memory issues
- *For those who are lukewarm in their faith
- *For the 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 9/27	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Kister Mill Festival	12 p.m.—5 p.m.
Monday 9/28	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 9/29	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9/30	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Looking Ahead		
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.
	Art and Soul	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.

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 on 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.

Week’s Attendance.....39 in person.....23 online
Last Week’s Offering..... \$5262

Upcoming Worship Service

October 4.....What’s in it for Me?
October 11.....Escape from Exile
October 18Live Fearlessly
October 25.....Pastor Jim Pfander

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Today’s Message
“If These Pews Could Talk”

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