November 1, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Minute for Meditation Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Reading (From Psalm 73:25-26)** **Pastor John**

Pastor: Whom have we in heaven but you, O Lord?
People: And earth has nothing we desire besides you.
Pastor: Our flesh and our heart may fail,
People: But you, O God, are the strength of our soul.

***The Apostles' Creed** **No. 881**

Passing of the Peace **Miriam Zech**

***Hymn** **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** **No. 139**

***Prayer of Assurance** **Miriam Zech**

We stand on the shoulders of our ancestors, who lovingly supported us and shaped our faith journey. Now, it is up to us to reach out to future generations so that they, too, may find their way to the Lord and to form a relationship with Him. Guide us, Precious Savior, in our efforts to ensure that those who come after us may establish a foundation in faith. This we pray with great reverence for Your Mighty Name. Amen!

Call to Confession **Pastor John**

Prayer of Confession **Pastor John**

Ever Merciful God, we wonder how you can continue to forgive our persistent iniquities. Then we remember your magnanimous sacrifice on the cross that wiped away our sins and cleansed our souls. Once again, we bow before you in humble contrition, confessing our indiscretions and praying for your leniency so that we may be refreshed, redeemed, and renewed. In Your Saving Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Psalm 23:6	Pg. 190	Pastor John
Philippians 3:20-21	Pg. 124	Miriam Zech
2 Corinthians 5:6-9	Pg. 1096	Miriam Zech
John 14:1-4	Pg. 1128	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** **"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"** **Insert**

Choral Anthem "Join All the Glorious Names"

Message "Come, Celebrate Me Home" Pastor John

Recognition of the Saints

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

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

***Hymn** **"For All the Saints"** **No. 711**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

* = An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit

Trip to the Mission Barn

Our next trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania is this Wednesday, November 4. We would love to take a team of 12-15 members. Contact Pam Domer with questions, or to let her know you are coming.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

All Saints Day

Today, we will honor the lives of those who have gone before us as we celebrate All Saints Day. If you have a family member or friend that you would like to lift up but haven't already let us know, you may do so this morning.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Join us Thursday evening November 12, at 6:00 p.m. for a light supper before packing shoe boxes for children ages 10-14, both girls and boys. Suggestions for gifts for the children are on a poster in the Narthex.

Cookie Walk

Oak Chapel will host a delicious event on November 14 when United Women in Faith sponsors a Cookie Walk. Be sure to join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy lunch and buy delicious cookies by the pound just in time for the holidays. Orange flyers are available with details.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Our Monday Morning Bible Study continues tomorrow. Join us as we conclude the Old Testament Book of II Samuel. Next week, we begin the Book of Job. We meet each Monday morning from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Grounds on the lower level of our Educational Wing.

Sprucing up the Sanctuary

We are looking into carpeting the sanctuary and possibly reupholstering the pews. If you would like to support either project financially, please let Pastor John know. Stay tuned for further details.

Thanksgiving Meals

Our Outreach Team will be providing Thanksgiving meals for those in need in our church and in our community. Takeout meals will available between 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from the meal, please let Beth Patton or Cindy Henshaw know.



Praises and Prayers
Lord, we lift your name on high and sing your many praises. Today, we humbly ask that you hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayer concerns. In Your Always Faithful Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises
*For Erica and Alex Merwin, who are pregnant
*For Jim Pfander's leadership in worship
*For our new outside electronic, lighted sign
*For Andy Dailey's successful surgery
*For Harley, who has graduated from nursing school
*For Dave Preston, who is recovering at home
*For our Food Pantry, which feeds 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
*For visitation by family and friends

Prayers
*For Connie Garg after a nerve block procedure on Friday
*For Denver, who has health issues
*For Vicki Ann Miller, who is struggling with kidney issues
*For the families of the victims of the shooting in Oregon
*For traveling mercies for Jeannie Haghiri
*For traveling mercies for Ted Zech as he travels home
*For Pope Leo as he recovers from surgery
*For Bea, who is dealing with loss
*For those who have strayed from their faith
*For all those dealing with Parkinsons and ALS
*For those dealing with memory issues
*For safety for our Law Enforcement Officers
*For an end to the violence in our nation
*For all the victims of sex trafficking

Thought for the Day
If you see someone falling behind,
slow down and help them to catch up.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week

Sunday 11/1	Daylight Saving Time Ends	2:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 11/2	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/3	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	6:30 a.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11/4	Trip to Mission Barn	8:00 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 11/7	Charge Conference	10:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 11/8	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Service at Danbury	2:30 p.m.
Monday 11/9	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11/10	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11/11	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 11/12	OCC Packing Party	6:00 p.m.
Saturday 11/14	Cookie Walk	10:00 a.m.

Glass Candy
Candy Making continues Mondays at 6:30 p.m. We have yummy Glass Candy to sell. $6 and $3 bags are available. Sell to your friends and family, or give as a gift.

Last Week's Attendance.....43 in-person
Last Week's Offering $3035

Upcoming Worship Service
November 8 .....Torn and Tattered
November 15.....Steve Moore
November 22 ..... Putting on an Act

Oak Chapel

United Methodist Church



Today's Message

"Come, Celebrate Me Home"

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