

October 18, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 107:8-9) Pastor John**
Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love,
People: And his wonderful deeds for humankind.
Pastor: For he satisfies the thirsty,
People: And fills the hungry with good things.

***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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise“ No.103**

***Prayer of Assurance Donna Serzen**
While our lives are often beset by uncertainty and
sadness, angst and grief, we take heart in the assurance
that we are never alone because the Lord is always by
our side. We ask you, Blessed Savior, to continue to
watch over and guide us through our daily journey. In
Your Loyal and Loving Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Have mercy on us, Great and Powerful God. We stand
guilty of that which we have been accused, but we
remain contrite in our hearts, knowing that your mercy
runs deep. We ask that you forgive our sins and purify
our hearts so that we may be refreshed, renewed, and
redeemed. In Your Kind, Gentle, and Healing Name, we
pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation		Pastor John
Psalm 27:1	Pg. 581	Pastor John
Isaiah 41:10	Pg. 756	Donna Serzen
Deuteronomy 31:16	Pg. 215	Pastor John
2 Timothy 1:7	Pg. 1248	Donna Serzen
1 John 4:18	Pg. 1281	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 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” No. 396**

Choral Anthem “God, My God”

Message “Live Fearlessly” Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John
The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Hymn “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” No. 129**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

* = An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit

WHAT’S COMING UP?

All-Saints Day
We will honor the lives of those who have gone before us
on Sunday, November 1, when we celebrate All-Saints
Day. If you have a family member or friend that you
would like to lift up on that day, please contact Elizabeth
Feldman (office@oakchapelumc.com). We would also
like a picture of your loved one.

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. and enjoy lunch
and buy delicious cookies by the pound just in time for
the holidays. Orange flyers are available with details.

Fall Services
Pastor John will be away on two Sundays this fall. Pastor
Jim Pfander will lead worship on October 25, and Steve
Moore 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

Great and Glorious God, we are grateful 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 Rosie Troutman’s birthday celebration
- *For Bruce Bloch’s birthday celebration
- *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
- *For health and healing

Prayers

- *For Phil Duby, who has returned after being hospitalized
- *For Dave Zech, who continues to deal with heart issues
- *For Tom Rife as he recovers from a fall
- *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

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.

Thought for the Day

*When you cry a river, Jesus builds a bridge
to help you over it.*

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week

Sunday 10/18	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:45 a.m.
Monday 10/19	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
	Trustees’	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/20	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10/21	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 10/24	UWFaith Annual Celebration	

Looking Ahead

Sunday 10/25	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 10/26	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Candy Making	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 10/27	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10/24	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Glass Candy

Candy Making continues Mondays 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.

Last Week’s Attendance.....45 in-person
Last Week’s Offering unavailable

Upcoming Worship Service

October 25	Pastor Jim Pfander
November 1.....	Come. Celebrate Me Home
November 8	Falling Short
November 15	Steve Moore
November 22	Putting on an Act

**Oak Chapel
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Today’s Message

“Live Fearlessly”

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