

October 25, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim

Opening Prayer Pastor Jim

*** Response Reading (Psalm 123: 1-4)**
Pastor: To You I have lifted up my eyes, You who dwell in the heavens:
People: My eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hands of their lords.
Pastor: Like the eyes of the servant on the hands of her mistress,
People: So our eyes are on the Lord our God till He shows us His mercy.

***The Apostles' Creed** No. 833

Passing of the Peace Donna Serzen

***Hymn** “The Gift of Love“ No.408

***Prayer of Assurance** Donna Serzen
Gracious Father, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude, for Your unending love and grace that You have bestowed upon me. I am deeply thankful for Your constant presence and protection over my life and the lives of my loved ones. I am humbled by the anointing You have placed upon me, empowering me for significant Kingdom work. Grant me, O Lord, the grace to walk in obedience to Your will all the days of my life.

Call to Confession Pastor Jim

Prayer of Confession Pastor Jim
O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee, to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ’s sake. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation
Deuteronomy 6:5 Pg. 190 Pastor Jim
Leviticus 19:18 Pg. 124 Donna Serzen
Luke 17:20-21 Pg. 1096 Pastor Jim
John 13:34-35 Pg. 1128 Donna Serzen

Response
Pastor: Let us rejoice in God’s Holy Word!
People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn** “This is My Song” No. 437

Choral Anthem “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Message “A Couple of Stories” Pastor Jim

Our Morning Prayer Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Hymn** “Pass It On” No. 572

Benediction Pastor Jim

Postlude Jen Moser

* = An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

All-Saints Day
We will honor the lives of those who have gone before us next 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.

Traditional Bazaar
We will not have our traditional Bazaar in October, but a new event on November 14! A Cookie Walk and more.

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.

Greatly Blessed
Our sincere thanks to Pastor Jim Pfander, who will lead worship and deliver the message this morning. We are greatly blessed to have Pastor Jim in our church.

Monday Morning Bible Study
Our Monday Morning Bible Study continues tomorrow. 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.

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.

Acorn Society
Women: join us on Wednesday, October 28, for lunch at Dominic's Italian Restaurant, 221 S Jefferson St, Medina, 44256, at 11:30 a.m. Please let Phyllis or Elizabeth know if you are coming.



Praises and Prayers

Precious Lord Jesus, we are grateful for the opportunity to stand before the Cross, which represents the foundation of our faith. 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 Andy Dailey’s successful surgery
- *For Harley, who 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 health and healing

Prayers

- *For Vicky Ann, who is struggling with kidney failure
- *For Kim and Pam Domer as they recover from illness
- *For the families of the victims of the shooting in Oregon
- *For traveling mercies for Jeannie Haghiri
- *For traveling mercies for Dave and Donna Flickinger
- *For traveling mercies for Ted Zech as he travels to Germany
- *For traveling mercies for Sue and Derick
- *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

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.

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week

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 10/28	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

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.

Glass Candy

Candy Making continues Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining our Team. Thanks to this team, 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..... 41 in-person
Last Week’s Offering \$632

Upcoming Worship Service

November 1.....	Come, Celebrate Me Home
November 8	Torn and Tattered
November 15.....	Steve Moore
November 22	Putting on an Act

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Today’s Message
“A Couple of Stories”

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