

July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Finn

*Responsive Reading (From Psalm 19:7-9)

One: The Lord's instruction is perfect,

All: Reviving one's very being.

One: The Lord's laws are faithful,

All: Making naive people wise.

One: The Lord's regulations are right,

All: Gladdening the heart.

One: The Lord's commands are pure,

All: Giving light to the eyes.

One: Honoring the Lord is correct.

All: The Lord's judgments are true.

*Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 62

*Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance

Lord God, we struggle to love our neighbor because we are so quick to judge. We even condemn others for the very same behavior that we ourselves display. Help us to recognize the folly of our deceitful words and our disingenuous actions, and soften our hearts so that we may live lives of truth, honesty, and integrity. This we pray with sincerity and transparency. Amen!

*Unison Prayer

Father in Heaven, we pray that we may bring honor to you in all that we say and do. Bless us, guide us, and enlighten us as we seek to follow the pathway of righteousness that you have set before us and remain faithful to your Sacred Name. Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you came into this world to eradicate sin and provide a pathway to salvation for an unworthy and often ungrateful people. But now, we have seen the light, and we recognize that the only way to the Father is through you, so we come before you on bended knee, acknowledging all that we have done and all that we have failed to do. Forgive us for our sins and cleanse us so that we will be holy and pleasing in your sight when you come again. This we pray with great joy and gratitude. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:1-6 CEB

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 2:1-4 CEB

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn "Depth of Mercy" No. 355

Message "Something Stinks" Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer No.895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" No. 163

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Lend a Hand

On Tuesday, July 27 we will take a team to Eastbrook Mission Barn to help verify UMCOR kits. If you can spare a day, this is a very rewarding mission trip. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

Remembering Rev. John McLachlan

We will honor Rev. John McLachlan with a Celebration of Life at Union Avenue United Methodist Church, 1843 S. Union Avenue, Alliance, Ohio, on Saturday, August 7th at 2:00 pm. Please gather your best Rev. John stories to share with all of us and come help us celebrate his life. Sandy McLachlan

Financial News

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for budgeted expenses (June 2021): \$3,733

Received last month:

06/06 - \$1,475

06/13 - \$1,840

06/20 - \$2,316

06/27 - \$1,770

As of 06/30/2021, we received about 50% of our budgeted income for the month of June and 80% YTD. While that's a "decrease" from last month, it's not a huge concern because we budgeted \$4,500 for parking lot resealing and repainting and we have \$7,626 set aside for this job. This means our "effective" percentages are 80% and 87%, respectively. Thank you Oak Chapel!

Lunch on the Lawn

Bring a lawn chair and join us next Sunday for lunch, provided by the United Methodist Men.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

Jennifer Adair	Ann Kahrig
Betsy Bower	Wayne Kahrig
Sheila Burckhart	Steve Moore
Esther Franks	Elsie Mykrantz
Ewing Giffin	Christy Rickard
Elaine Sprinkle	Jordan Cline

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Keith and Pam - Friend of the Varns
John - Friend of Sandy Hower
Jim Corbett—Father of Cindy Mykrantz
Dale Gerber and family - Friend of the Varns
Doug’s mother and family
Chase Bryant - Family of Carol Gasser

Today’s Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 7/25	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 7/26	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Prayer Shawl	6:00 pm
Tuesday 7/27	Eastbrook Mission Barn	

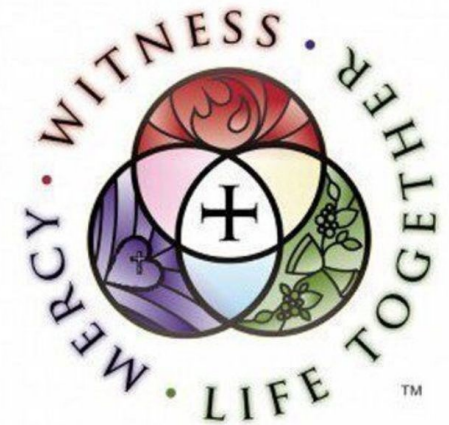
Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/1	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 8/2	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday 8/3	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
Wednesday 8/4	Morning Circle	9:30 am

Choices for Worship on Sundays

- ◇ Come inside with social distancing.
- ◇ Listen in the parking lot without leaving your car or on the lawn by tuning in to 97.9 FM on your radio.
- ◇ Live stream on YouTube.com at 10:30 am.
- ◇ Links to Pastor John’s sermon are posted on our website to view on YouTube or to listen as a podcast. <https://oakchapelumc.com/worship/sermons/>

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*