

Memorial Day, May 26, 2024

Bringing in the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Introduction Bill Braucher

Opening Prayer Bill Braucher

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 17:6-7) Tina Braucher

Liturgist: I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;

People: Turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Liturgist: Show me the wonders of your great love,

People: You who save by your right hand.

Passing of the Peace Tina Braucher

*Apostles Creed Tina Braucher

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.

*Prayer of Assurance Bill Braucher

Oh God, teach us to honor those who serve by ever cherishing the ideals for which they fought. Keep us steadfast on the cause of human rights and liberties, of law and order and true Americanism. Give us the power to see, and the will to do what is right. May Thy merciful blessings rest upon those they left behind. Keep us forever firm in righteousness, humble of heart, and unselfish in purpose. Amen!

*Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" 474

Call to Confession Tina Braucher

Prayer of Confession Tina Braucher

Lord Jesus, our sinfulness continues to haunt us, especially in light of the selflessness of others, who lost their lives in pursuit of our liberty. On this Memorial Day weekend, we take time to confess our iniquities and seek your forgiveness as we also pledge to fortify our faith and strengthen our discipline so that we may honor you and those who came before us with a renewed commitment to obedience and integrity. In Your Majestic Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Bill Braucher

Scripture Passage 1 John 15:13 Tina Braucher

Scripture Passage 2 Philippians 2:3-4 Tina Braucher

Scripture Passage 3 Isaiah 6:8 Tina Braucher

Response

One: Let us Rejoice in God's Holy Word

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

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn "America" v. 1&4 No. 697

Anthem "Our God" Choir

Message "More Than Just Words" Bill Braucher

*Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Taps Jen Moser

Our Morning Payer Pastor John
The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of our Gifts Pastor John

*Doxology

*Prayer Over Our Offerings

*Hymn "Battle Hymn of the Republic" No. 717
v. 1, 2&4

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

Prayers and Praises

God of all creation, we ask for your blessings on this solemn and sacred Memorial Day Weekend. We also pray those who suffer, those who are alone, those who are in pain, and those who are lost. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers....

Praises

- *For our Lifeline Ministries project on June 22
- *For last week's outdoor Pentecost Service
- *For Cameron's girlfriend's mother's improved health
- *For our warm, welcoming, faithful congregation

Prayers

- *For Paul Bigler following the passing of his wife
- *For Dave Aker, who is hospitalized in Cleveland
- *For Dick Gasser as he deals with health concerns
- *For our Nomads as they travel to a project in Michigan
- *For Ed Bennett, who is scheduled for surgery
- *For Ruth who having vision problems
- *For travel mercies for Cameron Boyer
- *For unity in our church, our community, and our country

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 5/26	Peace with Justice Sunday	
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday 5/27	Prayer Shawl Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5/28	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 6/2	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 6/3	UWF Executive Cte	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6/4	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Friday/Saturday 6/7-6/8	VBS—Smithville UMC	
Tuesday 6/11	Golden Agers Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6/18	All-Sons' Banquet	6:00 p.m.

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church



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

Today's Message...
"More Than Just Words"

Reserve Your Seat Now!

Oak Chapel's United Methodist Men will host its annual All-Sons' Banquet on Tuesday, June 18, at 6 p.m., in the church's Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a catered meal from the Buckeye Deli, which includes brisket, pulled pork, macaroni & cheese, party potatoes, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, and more.

At 7 p.m., everyone will be invited to join us in the sanctuary for a special presentation by author John Hopkins regarding his book, *The World Will Never See the Like: The Gettysburg Reunion of 1913*.

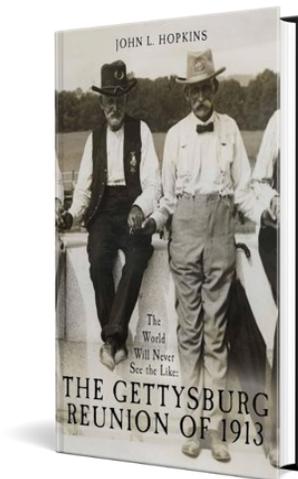
Hopkins is a communications and public relations professional and former Vice-President for College Relations at The College of Wooster.

Afterwards, you will have an opportunity to purchase his book and get his autograph. Better yet, buy it in advance, read it, and get it autographed. It can be found at Amazon.com. The author will bring some books with him that evening.

Please contact Oak Chapel by Sunday, June 10, to reserve your seat for the meal. Call 330-264-2537, leave a voice message, or email office@oakchapelumc.com and let us know if you prefer brisket, pork, or both, and how many people are coming. There will be a freewill offering for the catered meal.

Upcoming Worship Services

June 2 What the Hell?
June 9 Commissioning a Shepherd
June 16 Father's Day
June 23 I Don't Ask Much
June 30 Balloons, Buttons, and Bumper Stickers



Love is Kind Reminder: Please add a post-it note to our poster to share your experience about the *Love is Kind* initiative with the congregation. Additional envelopes and inserts are available in the Narthex.

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Vacation Bible School: June 7-8, at Smithville UMC. This year's VBS will have an Olympic theme to coincide with the upcoming Summer Olympics in Paris. If you would like to help in any way, let Pastor John know.

Commissioning a Shepherd: Be sure to join us for a special service on Sunday, June 9, when we look to the future and commission a young shepherd to lead our church forward.

Sunday Brunch with Our District Superintendent: Please plan to join us for a conversation with our District Superintendent over brunch on Sunday, June 9, following our service. Rev. Cara Stultz-Costello will be discussing some important information about our church.

Golden Agers Luncheon: Tuesday, June 11. It is our gift to those 60 and older in our community. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. Please RSVP by 6/4.

All-Sons Dinner: Tuesday, June 18. See other side of this insert.

Change the World Day: On Saturday, June 22, we will celebrate "Change-the-World Day" with a special mission project. In addition to packing meals for people around the world, we will also be packing hygiene kits for those in need in our community through 180. We could use travel-size containers of conditioner and shampoo, tampons (no pads), deodorant, and shaving cream. We could also use new bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths. Items can be placed in the container in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your support!

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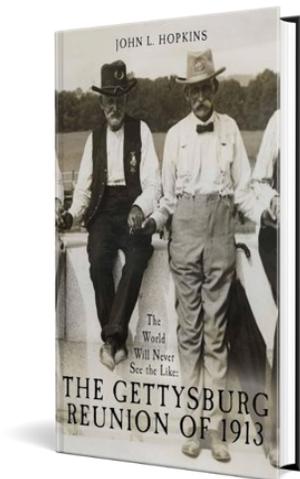
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