

August 4, 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 9:1-2) Pastor John

Leader: I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart;

People: I will talk about all your wonderful acts.

Leader: I will celebrate and rejoice in you;

People: I will sing praises to your name, Most High

*Apostles' Creed Steve Moore

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 Steve Moore

*Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress" No. 110

*Prayer of Assurance Steve Moore

When we are weak, we look to the Lord for strength. When we are weary, we look to Him for stamina. When we face the enemy, we look to Him for protection. We know that our survival in this world is entirely dependent on our commitment to Him. Strengthen us, Lord, as we move forward on our journey and guide us safely to our eternal reward in your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. This we pray with great faith in your Sacred Name. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Father, we seek your forgiveness for our lapses in forethought and our errors in judgment. We come before you requesting once again that you shower us with your abundant grace and infinite mercy so that our soul may be cleansed and our spirit refreshed, leading us to a heightened level of discipleship. In your compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Isaiah 40:28-31 Pastor John

Scripture 2 I Timothy 6:17-19 Steve Moore

Scripture 3 Luke 22:24-30 Pastor John

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 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" No. 479

Message "Going for the Gold" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion Pg. 15

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts

*The Doxology No. 95

*Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John

*Hymn "Victory in Jesus" No. 370

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

**=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit*

WHAT'S COMING UP?

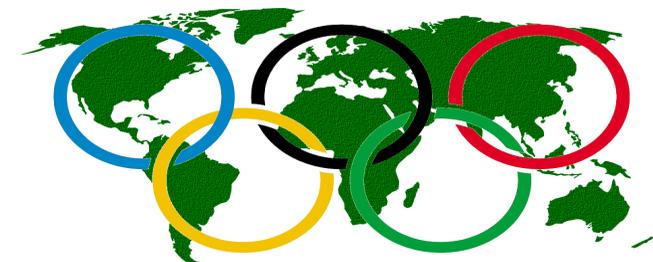
Lunch Out with Friends: UWF invites women to join in a fun lunch out (Dutch Treat, no agenda) at the Lighted Lantern in Fredericksburg on Wednesday, August 7, at 11:30. Please RSVP TODAY. We are naming this group 'The Acorn Society.' All nuts welcome! ☺

Lincoln Highway Buy-Way Sale: Once again Oak Chapel will participate in the Buy-Way Sale, although greatly scaled back. We will offer lunch and respite from the weather with air conditioning and restrooms on Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Moving Forward: A Strategic Five-Year Plan: In these uncertain, often tumultuous times, it is prudent for our church to develop a strategic plan to provide for the short- and long-term well-being of Oak Chapel. With that in mind, we introduced a Strategic Plan for the next five years at the last Administrative Council meeting. Everyone is welcome to review the document and to offer input as we seek to fortify our foundation in faith moving forward. Copies of the Plan are in the Narthex.

Updated copies of the Directory are in the Narthex.

Love is Kind Reminder: Keep it going. Additional envelopes and inserts are available in the Narthex.





Praises and Prayers

Almighty and Everlasting God, our journey in this world never seems to get any easier, but we are greatly blessed by having you present at our side — in both good times and bad. Lead us and guide us to be obedient and to do your will so that we may live in peace with one another, and hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers before you....

Praises

- *For safe journeys for the Finn Family and all who travel
- *For Becky, who celebrated her birthday last week
- *For Kim Domer’s mother who is in her eighth decade as a church organist
- *For Ryan Smith’s safe return from Rwanda
- *For God’s presence in our church, nation, and world

Prayers

- *For Bill Braucher following his cardiac appointment
- *For Lori Hauser, who is hospitalized in Akron
- *For Patti Ritchey’s brother’s family who lost their home and barn in a wildfire
- *For Naomi and Owen as they welcome their first child
- *For Debbie, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer
- *For Nancy Miller’s sisters with health issues
- *For Ethan Bohley, who is recovering from surgery
- *For Heidi Arnold, who died last week
- *For Wayne Spangler as he looks to increase his strength
- *For Bob Morris, who is at the Wayne Co. Care Center
- *For Doug and Cindy Henshaw as they travel
- *For peace, calm, and civility in our nation



Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Today	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 8/5	UWF Executive Team	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 8/6	Retirees Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 8/7	The Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	The Lighted Lantern	
Thursday 8/8	Buy-Way Sale	10:00—2:00
Friday 8/9	Buy-Way Sale	10:00—2:00

Looking Ahead

Sunday 8/11	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
	Farmer to Farmer	3:00 p.m.
Tuesday 8/13	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8/14	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 8/15	ACORN Deadline	
Saturday 8/17	Men’s Breakfast	8:30 a.m.

Breath Prayers: When you are anxious, have you heard someone say, “Just breathe.”? Try a breath prayer. Breathe in and hold for 4 seconds, exhale and hold for 4 seconds. On the inhale say a calming word or phrase. On the exhale say another calming word of phrase. Examples:

- Inhale; Lord, Exhale; I seek you.
- Inhale; Shepherd, Exhale; Guide me.
- Inhale; Lord, Exhale; Have mercy.
- Inhale; Healer, Exhale; Restore me.

Upcoming Worship Services

August 11.....	Pick Me Up
August 18.....	Don’t Worry, Be Happy
August 25	A Quiet Voice
September 1	The Bountiful Fruits of Labor
September 8	Staying Grounded

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...

“Going for the Gold”