

March 16, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Proclamation (Proverbs 3:5-6) Pastor John**

Pastor: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

People: And lean not on your own understanding.

Pastor: In all your ways submit to Him,

People: And He will make your paths straight.”

***Apostles' Creed Stuart Mykrantz**

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 Stuart Mykrantz**

***Hymn “To God Be the Glory” No. 98**

***Prayer of Assurance Stuart Mykrantz**

Faithful and Fortright God, we know the truth because you have set it before us in the Sacred Scriptures. Still, we fall victim to deceit, both through our own weakness and the lies perpetrated by others. During this Lenten season and in the weeks and months ahead, give us the strength and the wisdom to break the bondage of falsehoods and pursue only the truth that you profess. In your Invincible Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Savior of the World, we seek to do what is honorable, but so often we fall victim to that which is not. In our failings we lean on our faith and confess our sins before you, knowing that you will cleanse and purify our soul and give us the fortitude to turn away from evil and embrace all that is good. In your Reverent and Reliable Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Galatians 6:7-8 Pastor John

Scripture 2 II Peter 2:1-3 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 3 Matthew 7:15 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 4 John 8:31-32 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 5 I John 4:1 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 6 Romans 12:2 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word Pastor John

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

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Insert**

Chancel Choir “All My Days”

Message “Be Not Deceived” Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

***The Doxology**

***Prayer Over Our Offerings Pastor John**

***Hymn “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” No. 438**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fellowship Dinner—TODAY

Fellowship Dinner will follow worship today. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal and a chance to catch up with our members, friends, and guests.

Lenten Service

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. United Methodists and friends will gather at Moreland UMC.

Soft Skills Workshop

Bruce Bloch's soft skills workshop to help achieve better relationships when collaborating with friends, family members and co-workers concludes this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Men's Bible Study

Thursday evening Bible Study will resume next week, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rich Boyer.

Chili Cookoff and Game Night

Our very popular Chili Cookoff returns on Saturday, March 29, at 5 p.m. If you would like to enter your favorite chili recipe, please let Jeff Burckhart know. If you just want to enjoy the food, fellowship, and games, please join us that evening.

Donations for Wayne County Inmates

The Outreach Committee has placed a container in the Narthex to collect items to be donated to Wayne County Jail inmates in response to the recent visit and request by Rhonda Greer, Jail Chaplain. There is a list of requested items on the container. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Directories in Progress

Our new church directories are at the printer and should be delivered later this month. We will be sure to distribute them as soon as they arrive.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty and Everlasting God, you lift us up when we are down, shelter us from the storm, and guide us through the wisdom of your great and powerful Word. We come before you again today to joyfully honor your Sacred Name and present the following praises and prayers...

Praises

- *For God’s presence in our church and in our world
- *For the compassion of our caregivers
- *For the power of prayer in our church
- *For the legacy of those who came before us
- *For the blessings of family
- *For Oak Chapel’s Girl Scout troops
- *For Caroline Lilburn, who is back following hip surgery

Prayers

- *For Jennifer Adair and family after her nephew’s death
- *For Carol who is intensive care with health issues
- *For Dave and Kathy McConnell as Kathy deals with cancer
- *For Tom, who is dealing with Parkinson’s and liver disease
- *For Phyllis Weaver following the loss of her friend, Gail
- *For the Mykrantz and Gossage Families following the loss of Carol’s brother Paul
- *For the family of Reed Hostetler, who was killed in a farming accident
- *For Brian Winkler as he recovers from internal injuries
- *For Lynn, who is battling cancer
- *For Pam Gerber, who is dealing with cancer
- *For Gene Varns as he deals with vision issues
- *For Bill Braucher as he recovers from a stroke
- *For four-year old Michael, who is preparing for chemo
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- *For Steve Moore as he recovers from knee surgery
- *For those dealing with conflict and caring for loved ones

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/16	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Fellowship Dinner	11:45 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	at Moreland UMC	
Monday 3/17	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/18	Senior Social	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 3/19	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/20	Soft Skills Workshop	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 3/22	District UWF in Alliance	9:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 3/23	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	at Smithville UMC	
Monday 3/24	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Administrative Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/25	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/27	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 3/29	Chili Cook-Off	5:00 p.m.

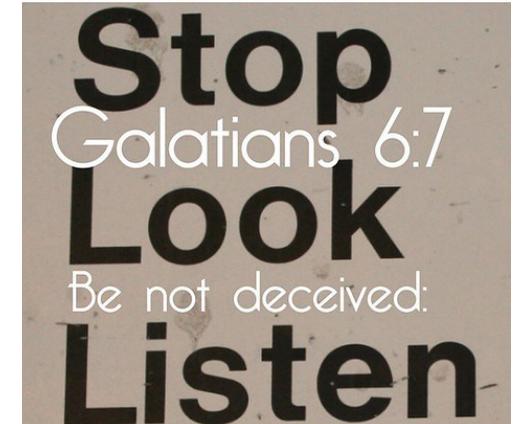
Last Week’s Attendance:.....48 in person..... 44 online

Last Week’s Offering:.....\$3719

Upcoming Worship Services

- March 16.....Lenten Service at Moreland UMC
- March 23Moral Correction or Divine Intervention
- March 30 It’s Okay to Say, “I Don’t Know”
- April 6Time and Talents
- April 13The Heat is On

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through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*

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Today’s Message
“Be Not Deceived”