

March 9, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (From Psalm 51:1-3) Pastor John

Pastor: Have mercy on us, O God, through your faithful love!

People: Wipe away our sins through your compassion!

Pastor: Wash us completely clean of our guilt;

People: Purify us from our sin, and cleanse our soul!

Affirmation of Social Justice Stuart Mykrantz

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort. We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom; in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources. We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it. We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come. The kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

*Passing of the Peace Stuart Mykrantz

*Hymn "Morning Has Broken" No. 145

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Heavenly Father, our transgressions are all too apparent. Despite your magnanimous sacrifice on the cross and glorious resurrection from the tomb, we still find ourselves mired in sin. Fortunately, you seek to purify us and make us clean, so we ask once again today as we confess our misdeeds, that you will hide your face from our sins and wipe away all of our guilty deeds, now and forevermore. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Lamentations 3:17-26 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Job 5:7-11 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 3 John 16:25-33 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 "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

Chancel Choir "Sing of His Praises"

Message "In a Pickle" 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 "Stand By Me" No. 512

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Chef Salad Take-Out Meal—TODAY

Pick up your yummy pre-ordered salads after worship today. Thank you for your support of United Women in Faith.

Lenten Hymn Sing

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. United Methodists and friends will gather at Oak Chapel to sing hymns of the Lenten Season. Church of the Cross, Moreland, New Pittsburg, Oak Chapel and Wooster UMCs are collaborating in worship during this time of preparation. Ice Cream Sundaes will follow. The series continues next week at Moreland UMC.

Soft Skills Workshop

Bruce Bloch's workshop will continue this week and next, to help achieve better relationships when collaborating with friends, family members, and co-workers. Reading materials will be available, but there will be no homework.

Men's Bible Study

Thursday evening Bible Study will take a three-week break and resume on March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Dinner—March 16

Our March Fellowship Dinner will be next Sunday following the worship service. Please consider preparing a covered dish or two to share, and your table service and catch up with our fellow believers.

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 of Rhonda Greer, Jail Chaplain. There is a list of requested items on the container. Thanks in advance for your participation.



Praises and Prayers

Great and Powerful God, there is no one like you, and so we turn to you for guidance, support, and encouragement. We come before you again today to joyfully lift up 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 Steve Moore, who is recovering from surgery

Prayers

- *For Selina, who has Influenza A and a lung infection
- *For Kim Domer’s mother following her accident
- *For Brian Winkler as he recovers from internal injuries
- *For the family of Pat Wilson, who passed recently
- *For the family of Gail Riggerbach, who passed recently
- *For the Feller Family following a serious traffic accident
- *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 Jennifer Adair who continues to deal with health issues
- *For Mark Glasgo, who is dealing with several health issues
- *For Kathy McConnell as she prepares for surgery
- *For four-year old Michael, who is preparing for chemo
- *For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- *For Pope Francis as he deals with health issues
- *For individuals and families dealing with Influenza A

Last Week’s Attendance:.....39 in person..... 34 online
Last Week’s Offering:\$1722

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 3/9	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Take-Out Chef Salad	11:30 a.m.
	Lenten Hymn Sing	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 3/11	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3/12	Acorn Society—Muddy’s	11:30 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 3/13	Bishop Jung in our District	5:00 p.m.
	Soft Skills Workshop	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 3/15	ACORN deadline	

Looking Ahead

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	9:30 a.m.
Sunday 3/23	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	at Smithville UMC	

Upcoming Worship Services

March 9	Lenten Hymn Sing (Oak Chapel)
March 16	Count on Me
March 23	High Potential
March 30	The Heat is On
April 6.....	Be Not Deceived

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*Serving God and
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 through Love,
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 and Caring*

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Today’s Message

“In a Pickle”