

March 23, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

\*Responsive Proclamation (Based on Psalm 119) Pastor John

Pastor: I call on Thee with all my heart;

People: Answer me, Dear Lord,

Pastor: I pledge to obey your decrees,

People: And I ask that you will watch over me!

\*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 "Thy Word is a Lamp" No. 60

\*Prayer of Assurance Stuart Mykrantz

Almighty and Everlasting God, we become stronger when we embrace your Sacred Word, commit to a life of obedience, and completely surrender ourselves to you. Show us your light and assure us of your presence so that we may follow you with great passion and desire, all the days of our life. In your Affirming Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, we openly acknowledge our sinfulness, and ask that you forgive our indiscretions. We know that we have fallen well short of your glory, but we also know that your abundant grace and infinite mercy will purify us so that when our journey in this world ends, we will begin a new and everlasting journey in Your Father's Heavenly Kingdom. For this divine promise, we lift up and praise your Holy Name, now and forever. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 John 1:1 Pastor John

Scripture 2 Isaiah 40:8 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 3 Hebrews 4:12 Pastor John

Scripture 4 II Timothy 3:16-17 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 5 Colossians 3:16 Pastor John

Scripture 6 Matthew 24:35 Stuart Mykrantz

Scripture 7 Luke 11:28 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 "At the Name of Jesus" No. 168

Chancel Choir "Seek the Lord"

Message "Word for Word" 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 "Wonderful Words of Life" No. 600

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Lenten Service

This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. United Methodists and friends will gather at Smithville UMC. Pastor John will bring the message.

### Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study resumes this Thursday at the Boyer's home (3595 Kister Road). We will continue our study of *The Man Code*. A light supper will be served at 6:30, followed by the study from 7-8 p.m. All men are welcome.

### 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. Also let Jeff know if you could donate cornbread. 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. The first delivery will be May 1. Thank you for your support.

### Easter Egg Hunt at Ida Sue School

Our third annual egg hunt at Ida Sue will be Friday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. There are flyers in the Narthex if you would like to invite preschoolers you know. The Outreach Team will be collecting wrapped candy (or monetary donations) beginning today.

### Thought for the Day

*Remember, life has no remote;  
Get up and change it yourself*



**Praises and Prayers**

Gracious and Loving God, we are in awe of your splendor and majesty. 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 gifts God has given our medical professionals
- \*For Dave Zech's recent successful heart procedure
- \*For Oak Chapel's Acorn Society
- \*For Troutman's safe return home from their trip

**Prayers**

- \*For Jennifer Adair's family after the passing of her nephew
- \*For the family of Bill Houston, who passed recently
- \*For Carol who is improving, but still has health issues
- \*For Kathy McConnell, whose recent surgery was successful
- \*For young Oscar as he recovers from an attack by two dogs
- \*For Fern Haghiri, who is dealing with memory loss
- \*For Bob Troutman's brother, Roger, who has health issues
- \*For Emily Smith during her mission trip to Rwanda
- \*For Sheila Burckhart, who is dealing with COPD
- \*For the Burckhart family on the death of Sheila's brother-in-law
- \*For Bill Braucher as he prepares for surgery in Cleveland
- \*For four-year old Michael, who is preparing for chemo
- \*For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- \*For Connie and Avi Garg who are recovering from Covid
- \*For those dealing with conflict and caring for loved ones

**Thought for the Day**

*If something is out of your hand,  
give it to God and put it out of your mind*

**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

Sunday 3/23	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	at Smithville UMC	
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.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 3/30	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	4:00 p.m.
	at New Pittsburg UMC	
Tuesday 4/1	Retirees' Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/2	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4/3	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Friday 4/4	UWF at Westview	2:00 p.m.

**Monday Morning Bible Study**

Our Monday Morning Bible Study will be on break until April 28. Plan to join us as we begin a new study.

**Directories Delivered**

Our new church directories have been delivered. If you have not received yours, please see Rosie and Bob Troutman.

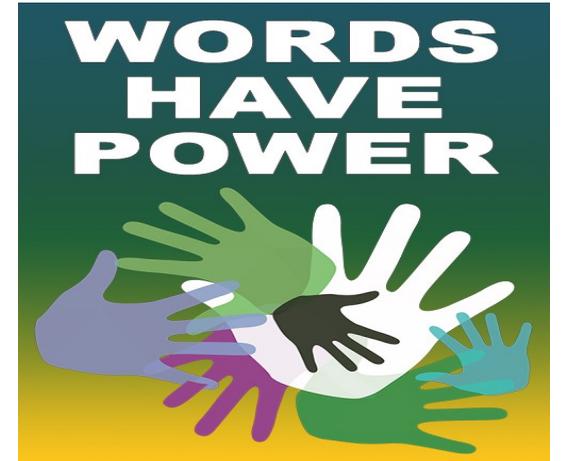
**Last Week's Attendance:**.....47 in person..... 44 online

**Last Week's Offering:**..... \$3580

**Upcoming Worship Services**

March 23 .....	Lenten Service at Smithville UMC
March 30 .....	It's Okay to Say, "I Don't Know"
April 6 .....	Time and Talents
April 13 .....	The Heat is On
April 20 .....	A Little Jesus Goes a Long Way

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Today's Message  
**"Word for Word"**