

June 1, 2025

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 28:7) Pastor John**

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my shield.

**People: My heart trusts him.**

Pastor: I was helped, and my heart rejoiced.

**People: And I thank him with my song.**

**\*Apostles Creed Tom Rife**

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 Tom Rife

\*Hymn "Rock of Ages" No. 361

**\*Prayer of Assurance Tom Rife**

Father in Heaven, guide us through the Holy Spirit so that we may be aware of and attentive to the needs of others. Our mission in this world is to serve you by serving your people. May our works be holy and pleasing in your sight, and may our efforts bring hope and joy to those in need of support and encouragement. In Your Gracious Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, we bow before you with humble and contrite hearts, knowing that we have violated our covenant with you through our thoughtless words and careless actions. Shower us with grace as we confess our transgressions with the full faith and assurance that through your unconditional love and mercy, we may be forgiven. In Your Benevolent Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture 1 Titus 3:3-8 Pastor John

Scripture 2 James 2:14-18 Tom Rife

Scripture 3 Romans 6:1-5 Tom Rife

Scripture 4 Ephesians 2:8-10 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

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

\*Gloria Patri

\*Hymn "When the Church of Jesus" No. 592

Chancel Choir "Thou Shalt Love"

Message "Does It Really Matter?" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John

\*The Doxology

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings

\*Hymn "Grace Greater than Our Sin" No. 365

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Feeding the Flock

It is essential for a pastor to provide the congregation with spiritual nourishment. Pastor John tries to cover a variety of pertinent topics, but perhaps he's missing something. If there is a particular topic that you would like to have addressed, please let Pastor John know, and he will be sure to include it in an upcoming sermon.

### Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study continues this Wednesday at the Boyer's home (3595 Kister Road). We are discussing a book, titled *The Man Code*. A light supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the study from 7-8 p.m. All men are welcome.

### Communion Preparers Needed

The church is in need of a few folks who would like to assist with communion preparation and serving on the first Sunday of the month. If interested, please contact Phyllis Weaver, Joyce Varns, or the Cantrells. Many Thanks!

### Change the World Day — Saturday, June 21

We have reached and exceeded our goal! Thank you, thank you, for your generous support of this project. Today we will light 20 candles, one for each \$100 raised. NOW, plan to join us Saturday, June 21 at 8:30 for a lite breakfast before we begin to pack 5000 meals to be distributed through Lifeline Christian Mission to those in need. The process is easy and rewarding! Once the work is complete, a lite lunch will be provided. Questions about this project can be addressed to Pam Domer, Cindy Henshaw, or Beth Patton.

*"Be the reason someone smiles today."*



**Praises and Prayers**

Precious Lord Jesus, we bow in your presence. Guide us in our daily journey, lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. As we gather today, we ask that you hear our praises and prayers as we lift them before you today...

**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 our newly established ministry with the jail
- \*For Joyce Varns’ successful surgery
- \*For Caroline Lilburn’s continued recovery
- \*For Kathy McConnell, who is recovering from cancer
- \*For visits from family and friends

**Prayers**

- \*For Rosie Troutman, who is dealing with back pain
- \*For Bill Braucher, who had surgery in Cleveland
- \*For Patti Ritchey’s niece whose mother and father passed
- \*For Ishwar Harris, who is in Hospice care
- \*For four-year old Michael, who is undergoing chemotherapy
- \*For Bernie Schafrath, who is dealing with ALS
- \*For Betty Aylsworth’s husband, Sonny Smith, who is in Hospice care

**Online Directory**

Our new church directory is accessible online. We would like to add additional pictures. See Bob Troutman if we could take yours!

**Jail Ministry**

Oak Chapel is partnering with the Wayne County Jail to provide spiritual support and encouragement for the inmates. If you are interested in becoming part of this new ministry, please contact Keri Merickel or Pastor John.

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

Sunday 6/1	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 6/2	Art & Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6/3	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	UWF Executive Team	1:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6/4	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday 6/5	4-H	7:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 6/8	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Wear Red</b>
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 6/9	Ad Council	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6/10	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6/11	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Men’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday	East Ohio Annual Conference	
	—The College of Wooster	
Thursday 6/12	Opening Worship	9:00 a.m.
	—McGaw Chapel	

**Acorn Society**

For women who enjoy eating out together on the second Wednesday of the month. On June 11, we will gather at *The Farmer’s Table*, 320 S Court St. Suite 100, Medina 44256. If you would like to car pool, contact Elizabeth Feldman.

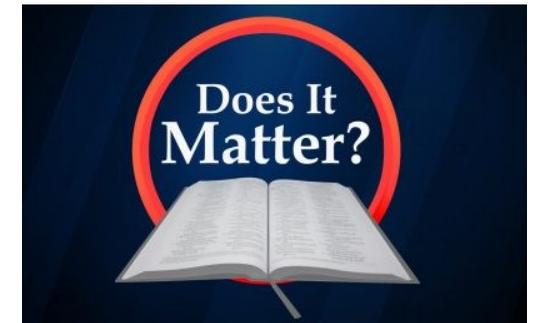
**Last Week’s Attendance:** ..... 46 in person..... 40 online

**Last Week’s Offering:** .....\$3055

**Upcoming Worship Services**

June 8.....	Red Hot
June 15 .....	Dear Ol’ Dad
June 22.....	Spare Change
June 29.....	Going in Circles
July 6.....	Full Circle (Lucky Seven – years in ministry)

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through Love, Compassion,  
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**Today’s Message**  
**“Does it Really Matter?”**