

July 5, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 16:7-8) Pastor John**
Pastor: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
People: Even at night my heart instructs me.
Pastor: I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
People: With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

***Apostles Creed Phyllis Weaver**
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 Phyllis Weaver

***Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” No. 213**

***Prayer of Assurance Phyllis Weaver**
We ask, Lord, that you continue to walk beside us so that we may always be aware of your presence and your call to us as your servants. Empower us to be awake, aware, and alert so that we will always hear your voice and respond in a timely and obedient fashion. In Your Reverent Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John
Gracious and Loving Lord, we know that sin separates us from you and often leaves us isolated, but we also know that your healing touch restores and renews us. Today, we bow before you in humble contrition, repenting of our transgressions and asking that you forgive us and make us whole again. In Your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John
Jeremiah 29:13 Pg. 824 Pastor John
Psalm 145:18 Pg. 660 Phyllis Weaver
1 John 1:9 Pg. 1278 Pastor John
James 4:7-8 Pg. 1268 Phyllis Weaver
Luke 9:23 Pg. 1084 Pastor John

Response
Pastor: Let us rejoice in God’s Holy Word!
People: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy!

***Gloria Patri**

***Hymn “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 462**

Special Music Michelle Kenyon Ohio Light Opera

Message “Out of Touch” Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion Sung Response
Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Our Morning Prayer Pastor John

Presentation of Our Gifts Pastor John
***The Doxology Pastor John**

***Hymn “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” No. 614**

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

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

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Buy-Way Sale
Oak Chapel will once again participate in the annual Buy-Way Sale August 13-15. Identify any “treasures” you might want to part with and prepare to bring them to the church to sell. We will also be providing lunch on August 13-14. If you would like to help prepare and serve, please contact Joyce Varns, Phyllis Weaver, or Miriam Zech.

Mission Barn Trip Rescheduled
Our trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 19. Please consider joining us as we assist the organization in its efforts to build ramps, prepare hygiene kits, and fill buckets with supplies for those who have been victimized by natural disasters. If you would like to participate, please let Pam Domer or Beth Patton know. We depart at about 8 a.m. and return by about 5 p.m.

Hygiene Kits
We still have a number of Hygiene Kits available for distribution to those in need. The kits include a hand towel, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, band-aids, and several other items. If you know of any individuals or organizations that can benefit from these items, please feel to take as many as you wish. The kits are available in the room next to the nursery.

Laboring for the Lord Ministry
Our *Laboring for the Lord Ministry* has really taken off. Thanks to Carla and C.J. Krichbaum, who organized the endeavor, many of you have participated in projects to help others, including yardwork, indoor cleaning, food preparation, and so much more. The Spirit of God is alive and well in our church! Let’s keep it going!



Praises and Prayers

Holy and Mighty God, we exalt your name with great admiration in appreciation for your abundant grace, infinite mercy, and unconditional love. As we come before you again today, we ask that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers.

Praises

- *For the freedom we have and for those who made it possible
- *For Independence Day celebrations
- *For all those who serve the church in so many ways
- *For the hospitality shown to all who worship with us
- *For health and healing
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church
- *For visitation by family and friends
- *For safe passage for those who travel

Prayers

- *For Dave Preston, who continues to have health concerns
- *For Wendy Rife’s son and daughter, who have health issues
- *For Mark & Pamela Dunn, after the passing of Mark’s mother
- *For the family of Barb Brenley, who passed recently
- *For Steve Moore’s brother’s niece, who has health concerns
- *For Cindy Boyer as she deals with vertigo
- *For Jeannie Haghiri’s friend, Fran Fawcett, who had surgery
- *For Stephanie King, who had a failed surgical procedure
- *For the Candy Franks family after the passing of her father
- *For the Firestone Family following the passing of Joan
- *For this week’s Junior 4-H camp
- *For safe travels for Sheri Finn as she visits family
- *For the victims of flooding in Kentucky
- *For those affected by the wildfires in the West and Midwest
- *For the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela
- *For peace among warring nations

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 7/5	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7/7	Retirees’ Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/8	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
Thursday 7/9	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Friday-Sunday	Mission u	Mt. Union

Looking Ahead

Sunday 7/12	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Worship at Danbury	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7/14	Evangelism Team	1:30 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7/15	ACORN Deadline	

Acorn Society

This group is for women who like to go out to lunch together, just for the pleasure of getting to know one another. On July 8, we will meet at 11:30 a.m. at GiGi’s Diner, 1 N Main St. in Marshallville 44645. If the weather is nice, we will eat outside. If it is rainy, we will eat inside.

Soul Care Retreat

Formally know as SPA Day, Soul Care will be held on Saturday, August 8, from 10:00 until 12:30. Invite a friend and mark your calendars. Think relaxation, chocolate, possible crafting, chocolate, manicures, chocolate, meditation, food, and of course chocolate! The morning will end with a delightful lunch.

Week’s Attendance..... 52 in person 16 online
Last Week’s Offering..... \$4926

Upcoming Worship Services

July 12 Center of Attention
July 19No Mountain Too High
July 26..... Sinking Sand

Oak Chapel
United Methodist Church



Today’s Message

“Out of Touch”

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John Finn, *Pastor*

*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship, and Caring*