

August 9, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

**\*Responsive Reading** (From Psalm 86:11) **Pastor John**  
Pastor: Teach us your way, Lord,  
**People: That we may rely on your faithfulness;**  
Pastor: Give us an undivided heart,  
**People: That we may fear your name.**

**\*Apostles Creed** **Steve Moore**  
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 Steve Moore

**\*Hymn** “God of Grace and God of Flory” **No. 577**

**\*Prayer of Assurance** **Steve Moore**  
Almighty and Eternal God, we affirm our commitment to you through our words and through our actions. While we may occasionally pray with little forethought or reverence, we know that what we say and how we say it, reveals the depth of our faith. Today, we pledge to pray more intently as we elevate our level of passion for you. In Your Great and Powerful Name, we pray. Amen!

Call to Confession Pastor John

**Prayer of Confession** **Pastor John**  
Father in Heaven, our sinfulness has once again created a barrier in our relationship with you. Thankfully, we know that you are a gracious God, who forgives those who repent, so we humbly admit to our iniquities and reverently request that you wipe our souls clean, so that we may become holy and pleasing before you. In Your Merciful Name, we pray. Amen!

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| <b>Prayer of Preparation</b> |          | <b>Pastor John</b> |
| Genesis 1:1                  | Pg. 1    | Pastor John        |
| Luke 1:35                    | Pg. 1070 | Steve Moore        |
| Luke 23:20-21                | Pg. 1105 | Pastor John        |
| Luke 24:6                    | Pg. 1106 | Steve Moore        |
| Ephesians 1:19-20            | Pg. 1226 | Pastor John        |
| Matthew 25:21-34             | Pg. 1038 | Steve Moore        |
| John 14:16-17                | Pg. 1129 | Pastor John        |
| Hebrews 12:1                 | Pg. 1263 | Steve Moore        |
| John 1:9                     | Pg. 1109 | Pastor John        |
| John 11:25-26                | Pg. 1124 | Steve Moore        |

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

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Hymn** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” **No. 452**

**Message** “Credence for the Creed” **Pastor John**

**Our Morning Prayer** **Pastor John**  
The Lord’s Prayer

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

**\*Hymn** “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” **No. 540**

**Benediction** **Pastor John**

**Postlude** **Jen Moser**

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

# WHAT’S COMING UP?

**Card Shower**  
Oak Chapel is putting together a Card Shower for the Stillwagners as they navigate their immigration ordeal. Words of support and encouragement can be addressed in a card to Carolina, with a separate card to Zach, Styven, and Jacob. A box to collect the cards is in the Narthex.

**Buy-Way Sale**  
The annual Buy-Way Sale is on Thursday and Friday, August 13-14. Bring in your treasures and your baked treats this week. We will open at 9:00 a.m.

**Transportation Needed**  
Several members of the church have rather large items for the Buy-Way Sale. If someone with a trailer would be willing to transport those items to the church, we will pay \$50. If interested, contact Pastor John.

**Pickleball Picnic**  
All-Church picnic at Christmas Run Park in the Finn Pavilion. Saturday, August 29 at 4:00 p.m. Would you like to try your hand at Pickleball? Our seasoned players will be there for a Beginner’s Clinic. Mark your calendar.

**Mission Barn Trip**  
Our trip to the Mission Barn in Pennsylvania will be next week, Wednesday, August 19. We depart at 8 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. If you would like to participate, please let Pam Domer know.

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



Praises and Prayers

Gracious and Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for your presence in our lives, as well as the many blessings you bestow upon us. We come before you again today, asking that you will hear our voices as we lift up our praises and prayers.

Praises

- \*For Oak Chapel’s monthly worship service at Danbury
- \*For our Hygiene Kits, which bring relief to so many
- \*For all those who serve the church in so many ways
- \*For our Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Stewards
- \*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 Kane, who is recovering from open-heart surgery
- \*For Zach Stillwagner and family
- \*For Cyndi Boyer, who is dealing with vertigo
- \*For Sherry Shafer, who is dealing with cancer
- \*For Susan, who has been diagnosed with Parkinsons
- \*For the family of Diana Shepherd, who passed recently
- \*For Tom Rife, who continues to recover from a broken arm
- \*For Ron Dailey’s father as he transitions to assisted living
- \*For Linda Irwin, who has moved into assisted living
- \*For Dave Preston, who continues to recover from surgery
- \*For safety for our Law Enforcement Officers
- \*For an end to the persistent gun violence in our nation
- \*For peace among warring nations

Week’s Attendance .....43 in person ..... 18 online  
Last Week’s Offering ..... \$3646

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

|                |                    |            |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Sunday 8/9     | Sunday School      | 9:30 a.m.  |
|                | Worship            | 10:30 a.m. |
|                | Worship at Danbury | 2:30 p.m.  |
| Monday 8/10    | Ad Council         | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Tuesday 8/11   | Evangelism Team    | 1:30 p.m.  |
|                | Days for Girls     | 2:00 p.m.  |
|                | Girl Scouts        | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Wednesday 8/12 | Acorn Society      | 11:30 p.m. |
| Thursday 8/13  | Buy Way Sale       | 9:00 a.m.  |
|                | 4-H                | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Friday 8/14    | Buy Way Sale       | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Saturday 8/15  | Acorn Deadline     |            |

Looking Ahead

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|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Sunday 8/16    | Sunday School     | 9:30 a.m.  |
|                | Worship           | 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday 8/17    | Trustees          | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Tuesday 8/18   | Girl Scouts       | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Wednesday 8/19 | Mission Barn Trip | 8:00 a.m.  |

Acorn Society

This month, Acorn Society will meet on August 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Greenleaf Restaurant, 2905 Cleveland Rd in Wooster. All women are welcome. Let us know if you can come.

Beautiful Bulletin Boards

Amy Sayre and Betsy Bower have put together beautiful bulletin boards to the left of the Narthex. Amy created a wonderful display representing the many missions and outreach activities in our church. Betsy put together a striking tribute to our nation on the occasion of its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Be sure to check it out both displays!

Upcoming Worship Service

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|-----------------|----------------|
| August 16 ..... | Back to School |
| August 23 ..... | Out of Reach   |
| August 30 ..... | A Better Way   |

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Today’s Message

“Credence for the Creed”

August 9, 2026

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