

September 20, 2026

Bringing Forth the Light		
Prelude	Jen Moser	
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor John	
Opening Prayer	Pastor John	
*Responsive Reading (Psalm 121:7-8)	Pastor John	
Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all harm.		
People: He will watch over your life;		
Pastor: The Lord will watch over your coming and going,		
People: Both now and forevermore.		
The 23rd Psalm	Bruce Bloch	
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.		
Passing of the Peace	Bruce Bloch	
*Hymn	"This is the Day"	Insert
*Prayer of Assurance	Bruce Bloch	
God of Great Endurance and Assurance, we give you thanks and praise for your everlasting and always faithful covenant with us. We rejoice in your presence and revel in the care you provide for us. Help us to fight the forces of evil as we seek to honor you in all that we say and do. In Your Almighty Name, we pray. Amen!		
Call to Confession	Pastor John	

Prayer of Confession
Precious Savior, your agonizing sacrifice on the cross and miraculous resurrection from the tomb continue to captivate us all these years later. Still, we fail in our efforts to combat the rampant temptation that surrounds us. We ask once again that you lift us from the depths of darkness and into the light of your glory so that we may start anew. In Your Redeeming Name, we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation	Pastor John
Isaiah 6:8-10	Pastor John
1 Samuel 3:8-10	Bruce Bloch
Exodus 4:2-4	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	“Be Thou My Vision“	Insert
Message	“Here I Am Lord”	Pastor John
Our Morning Prayer		Pastor John
The Lord’s Prayer		
Presentation of Our Gifts		Pastor John
*The Doxology		Pastor John
*Hymn	“Here I Am, Lord”	Insert
Benediction		Pastor John
Postlude		Jen Moser
Please join us for lunch!		

* = An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit

WHAT’S COMING UP?

Kister Mill Celebration
The Boyer Family will be hosting an Authors’ Festival at Kister Water Mill (3595 Kister Road) on Sept. 26-27. Oak Chapel will have a booth that will serve as a fundraiser for the church. Donations of cookies would be greatly appreciated. We also need people to work shifts at our booth. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Acorn Society
We are moving to the fourth Wednesday of the month. On September 23 we will meet at Belle 220 in Ashland. All women are invited to join us. Note, December 2 will bridge November and December.

Septic System Update
The church’s extensive septic system installation is nearing completion. Thanks so much for your prayerful and financial support! The final phase of the project calls for the church’s water supply to be shut off for a week, but our weekly service will not be affected.

Hygiene Kits Are Back
Thanks to the folks who went to the Mission Barn last month, we have a fresh supply of Hygiene Kits available for those in need. The kits are in the second room to the right of the indoor pantry. Feel free to distribute to needy individuals and families, or stock some in your car in the event that you see someone who could benefit from having these supplies.

Carpeting the Sanctuary
We are considering new carpeting for the Sanctuary. A donor has come forward to cover the cost, so no church operating funds will be used. The Trustees will discuss the project at their meeting tomorrow evening. Stay tuned for further details.



Praises and Prayers

Almighty and Everlasting God, we are greatly blessed by your grace and mercy. We bow before you as faithful disciples, presenting our praises and our pleas, knowing that you will hear our prayers and assuage our fears. In Your Always Faithful Name, we pray. Amen!

Praises

- *For the return of Jennifer Adair after being hospitalized
- *For Kevin Cantrell and Anna, who were married yesterday
- *For Rosie Troutman and her award-winning entry at the fair
- *For Taran, who was named King at the Wayne County Fair
- *For the beautifully renovated Kister Water Mill
- *For Jefferson Pioneers 4H Club that meets at Oak Chapel
- *For our Food Pantry, which continues to feed our neighbors
- *For the faith that we so readily share with others
- *For the presence of God’s Holy Word in our church

Prayers

- *For the family of Emmet Sauers, following his tragic passing
- *For the family of Carly Trudy, who passed last week
- *For Michele Mosley following last week’s surgery
- *For Jeff Burkhart as he recovers from surgery
- *For Jim Rastetter as he recovers from surgery
- *For Betty, who has been diagnosed with cancer
- *For Phil Duby as he recovers from a hip surgery
- *For Tim Pettorini, who is having heart issues
- *For Gio, who is preparing for cancer surgery in New York
- *For Stillwagner Family as they navigate immigration issues
- *For Mark Stanley as he prepares for chemo and radiation
- *For Tom Rife, who continues to recover from a broken arm
- *For travel mercies for Alex and Erica
- *For those dealing with memory issues
- *For safety for our Law Enforcement Officers
- *For an end to the violence in our nation
- *For peace among warring nations

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...

Sunday 9/20	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship at the Lake	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9/21	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Trustees	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9/22	UWFaith Executive Team	12:15 p.m.
	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
	Outreach Team	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9/23	Acorn Society	11:30 a.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Friday 9/25	Set-Up at Kister Mill	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Kister Mill Festival	10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Sunday 9/27	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Kister Mill Festival	12 p.m.—5 p.m.
Monday 9/28	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 9/29	Girl Scouts	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9/30	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Glass Candy

We will begin making this tasty treat on Monday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining our Team. We need 12-15 each week to produce the Glass Candy. On the job training is available. We would love to have some new cutters.

Card Shower

Our Card Shower for the Stillwagners continues. A box to collect the cards is in the Narthex.

Week’s Attendance..... 39 in person..... 16 online
Last Week’s Offering..... \$1613

Upcoming Worship Service

September 27..... If These Pews Could Talk
October 4 What’s in it for Me?
October 11 Escape from Exile

Oak Chapel
United Methodist Church



Today’s Message

“Here I Am Lord”

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