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July 19, 2026 Liturgist, Mark Flair 10:45a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus Will Outshine Them All” Jensen

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

*OPENING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” 77

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let the biblical story be the story of our worship today.

Jacob paused on his journey to Haran and rested.

P: Let us also pause along our journey. May this worship be a time of re-creation for weary souls.

L: Jacob dreamed of a ladder connecting heaven and earth; angels ascended and descended.

P: May the space between heaven and earth be thin and

transparent; let us enter God’s presence in prayer, proclamation and song.

L: God said to Jacob: “I am the God of your ancestors. I will
provide for you.”

P: Let us worship the God who governs all time, who holds past,
present and future in providential care.

L: Jacob awoke from his dream, and in gladness he cried:

“Surely God is in this place, and I did not know it!”

P: Surely God is in this place!

L: Surely, God is!

P: Let us rejoice in this assurance! Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, like a loving father and caring mother, you watch over us and beckon us to follow the right path. But we get stuck: stopped by our fear of trying something new, trapped by our memories of past failures, caught in a web of conflicting choices, halted by the clamor of many voices. We know the distress of worry and the blur of tears. Like staring at an empty page, we feel trapped and hesitant. Free us, O God, to follow with joyful steps, to hear clearly your directions, to be bold in our loving, courageous in our caring and brave in our speaking. Through our Lord, Jesus. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 70

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC Emma Karfelt

PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Special music: Emma Karfelt

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OFFERED IN PRAISE AND PETITION

PRAYER HYMN “What Wondrous Love is This” 292

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 28: 10-19a

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

MESSAGE “Benchmarks”

*CLOSING HYMN “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” 334

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this warm summer day. We are glad you are here and we pray God’s blessings on you and your loved ones. See you next Sunday.

PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK

Don Heckathorne	Ray & Nancy Knopsnider	Trey Corvin	Nassier Thompson	Larry Murray
Jack Burke	Tina Hiltabidel	Jim & Deanna Sherbondy	Lee Mimless	Myra Holden
Lincoln Dunseth	Twila Filler	Larry Bloom Sr.	Toni Hiltabidel	Kirk Reed
Jane Barnhart	Rob & Lynn Kifer	Karl Siple	Beth Lamb	Gary Check
Tammy & David Leeder	Roger Richter	Linda Burnworth	Priscilla Smiley	Kyle-lukemia
Clyde Martz	Kylie Matthews	Nancy Witner	Brennen Tressler	Barb Lynch
Rev. Bob Zilhaver	Donna Yauger	Jay Whipkey	Sidney Scarry	Kathy Andolina
Fred Grote	James Martin	Candy Shire	Rck Fosbrink	Donna Fosbrink
Nancy Uber	Darcy Grote	Bill Shupe	Aaron Nicholson	Ronald Gallagher
Joyce Yohler	Jack Knopsnider	Janet Snyder	Bob Hartley	Mary Swope
J.R. Swope	Tom Hudoc	Daneen Scarry	Karen Nicholson	Kayla Snyder
Christy – flooded	New Charge	New districts	<u>Pastor Steve & Bev</u>	Rev. Paul Ritchey
Bishop Sandra Steiner	Ball			

Homebound persons: Jane Barnhart, Polly Basinger, Fred & Joan Bates, Sue Corvin, Evelyn Curry, Sherrill Goodwin, Ray Knopsnider, Clyde Martz, Shirley Mathias, Stephanie Mattis, Ed Miller, Judy Morris, Ozella Roy

Praise for answered prayers Unspoken Requests All Military

All churches Government leaders Folks with cancer Those traveling Those battling addiction Folks on Hospice

Homeless people Peace around the World Those with flu & covid Those cleaning up after floods

Families of those who take their own life

If you want a name on prayer list, please use the prayer cards in the pew - give to acolytes or ushers

THIS WEEK AT ALBRIGHT

THIS WEEK: Decorating for Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY: Feeding the hungry 10-1 at Community Ministries

SUNDAY: Special music by Eve Shupe & Ed Jacobs

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00-3:00

July Happenings

19: News deadline for Aug./Sept. newsletter

20-24: Decorating for Vacation Bible School

26: VBS Introduction & pre-registration

28: Blue plate special 11-1

August Happenings

2: Picnic with Otterbein at Yough Park 12:30

3-7: Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:30 p.m.

8: Basket weaving class 10:00

9: V.B.S. Program 10:45

13: Feed the hungry 10-1 at Community Ministries

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20: Otterbein pasta meal 4-6

25: Blue Plate special lunch 11-1

30: Potluck after church

Every Monday: T.O.P.S. meets 10 & 5

BASKET MAKING CLASSES

Saturday, August 8 & September 12 at 10:00 Elsie will be teaching a basket weaving class. Cost is \$25. You will make a basket to take with you. Please let Elsie know if you plan to attend.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL

Tuesday, July 28 at 11:00-1:00. Light lunch including beverage and dessert. Free with donations accepted. \$5 for take out.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PICNIC WITH US!

Sunday, August 2 at 12:30. Otterbein church will be hosting a picnic at Yough Park. It is covered dish. Come and join us for the fun and fellowship.

NOTE RECEIVED

Hi everyone!

Hope this finds everyone doing well. We are all pretty good - knock on wood.

Hey, remember those frigid temps we suffered through in January? When we wished for a warm summer day to thaw our creaking joints? Well, be careful what you wish for!!

Hope everyone is enjoying summer! Love, Gayle Martin

OUR STEWARDSHIP - July 12

Weekly need for budget	\$ 2,493.30
Sunday offering.(Envelopes).....	\$ 2,189.00
Connectional apportionments	\$ 46.00
V.B.S. donations	\$ 130.00

GREETING YOU TODAY: Dave & Shelley Mattis
July 26: Priscilla Smiley

LITURGIST: July 26: Bev Lamb
August 2: Emma Karfelt

ACOLYTES TODAY: Keelan & Kayton Callahan
July 26: Damien Dunseth & Thelma Swope

JUNIOR CHURCH TODAY Bonnie & Larry Bloom
July 26: David & Shelley Mattis

USHERS: Linda Burnworth, Nancy Mimless, Chris Lynn, Paul Bortz
7/26: Jeremy Gray, Kelli Armstrong, Ed Jacobs, Kay Jacobs

COUNTERS: July: Sandy Russell & Rick Tressler
August: Linda Burnworth & Emilie Davis

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Tues., July 21 at Connellsville Area Community Ministries 10-1. Volunteers are appreciated. To volunteer, see Bev Lamb.

2026 Vacation Bible School

August 3 to August 7 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Albright United Methodist Church

“Snowball Mountain Challenge to life”

Open to the public for children PreK to 7th grade.

(Older children can be volunteers)

Join us in finding your Strength in God!

Mia Sarnelli: VBS Director 724-858-9710 Email: miasarnelli429@gmail.com

If you are donating items or cash, please get them to the church as soon as possible. Thank you

July 20-24: We will be decorating for V.B.S.

July 26: Introduction to Vacation Bible School

and pre registration.