

Volunteers needed!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

(POSSIBLY RIGHT AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES)

Cristi Laukhuf is looking for 3 volunteers to be on the VBS Planning Committee. Anyone interested can email her at cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net.

2023 Flower Calendar is available on the church office door.



Games, food, small group conversations, worship, learning about homelessness

"Box City" Fundraiser

proceeds going to Haven of Hope

We are asking all First Church members to pray for us in this time of planning as well as donate in any way you can!

We are looking for people to help plan this event. Please reach out to Sierra Shaffer or Teresa Shaffer for any questions or to volunteer.



Dedicated to awareness for homelessness in Van Wert county.

FAMILY ministry

January 22nd Children's Sunday School Pajama Party!

Come dressed in your PJs!



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January 15, 2023 10:45

Message:

How Can Jesus be the Only way to God?

Pastor Chris Farmer

Offering Envelopes

1. Pick up a packet of January envelopes across from the office.
2. Put your name and if you know your envelope number. Also the current date.
3. Please tell us where you want your donation allocated: i.e. church budget, building fund, etc.

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30AM

January 29, 2023
Sunday School at 9:30am
Student Led service
followed by Potato Bar

January Baby Shower - Pregnancy Life Center

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

New or VERY GENTLY used clothes sizes newborn to 4T



Place items in the Pack & Play by the office.

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| Tummy Time water mat | Newborn socks | Bouncy chair |
| Wrist and sock rattles | Bumbo | Boppy |
| First year baby book | Orajel for teething | Hooded towels |
| Diaper caddy | A&D ointment | Baby toothbrushes |
| Breastfeeding starter kit or other supplies | | |



Every Wednesday at 5pm
beginning January 11 thru March 15

Please phone the office to sign up to donate a dessert or to clean up the kitchen after the meal.

Sign Up Today!

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

10:45AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Worship through Prayer

“Jesus answered: ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me ’ (John 14:6)

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

Prelude: *Prelude on Morecambe* arr. Fred Atkinson Scott Turner

Welcome and Announcements Dillon Staas

Choral Introit: *Into My Heart* Vs. 1(see insert)

*Call To Worship:

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call upon Him.

People: He fulfills the desire of all who honor Him.

Leader: The LORD has made known His victory.

People: Our help is the name of the LORD.

***Hymn:** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* #117

Chat with the Children Chris Gordon

Children are dismissed to AWE

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Heal Me Hands of Jesus* by Norman Warren

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

*Prayer of Gratitude

Choral Anthem *The Light of the World* - Price/Besig

Worship with the Word

*** Scripture Lesson:** Acts 4:1-12 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: Questions People Ask

Message *How Can Jesus Be the Only Way to God?*

Prayer Hymn *Lamb of God* Vs. 1 & refrain (see insert)

Prayer with the People

*Various joys and concerns will be received from the congregation. After each praise and thanksgiving the congregation is asked to respond by Praying: **Hear our Prayer, O Lord.***

The Lord’s Prayer... (*Our Father who art in heaven....trespasses*)

Going Into the World

***Song** *Into My Heart* Vs. 2 (see insert)

*Benediction

Postlude *Festival Tocatta on St. Anne* arr. Fred Swann

KID’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 10:45

Nursery Ministry (infant to age 2) is located near the Jefferson Street entrance. You may drop your child off at any time during the service. There are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary for your use.

10:45 AWE - AWE is an exciting interactive pursuit of personally knowing God through His Word and embedding all the found treasures into our hearts, minds, and daily lives. This class includes scripture memorization and presentation during service.

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer **Organist:** Scott Turner

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman **Projectionist:** Cayden Laukhuf

Liturgist: Dillon Staas **Acolyte:** Langston Wright

Sound Technician: Ron Allison **Graphics:** Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn

Videographer: Dave Thompson **Usher/Greeter Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer



Wednesday night’s Feast meal will be Taco Soup (cheese, dorito chips, sour cream), Deviled eggs, French bread, hot dog/bun, chips, salad, drinks and a variety of desserts.