

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.



EVENT DATE: April 29

Dedicated to awareness for homelessness in Van Wert county.

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.

FIRSTUnited methodist CHURCH

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January 29, 2023 10:30 am

Message:

Homeless Encounters... From the Eyes of our Youth

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.

January Baby Shower - Pregnancy Life Center

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

New or VERY GENTLY used clothes
sizes newborn to 4T

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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 | | |



Place items in the
Pack & Play by the office.

February 1st Feast meal will be Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Capri Vegetables, Hot Dogs - Rolls, chips, tossed salad, drinks and a variety of desserts.



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!

Offering Envelopes

1. Pick up a packet of February 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.
4. Use the envelope as normal.

Thank you for caring for others!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Food Pantry



February is BAKING ITEMS Month

Flour, sugar, oil, mixes, frosting

*Please bring in your donations.
Baskets are located at either entrance.*

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Youth Sunday

To all who are weary and need rest;

To all who mourn and long for comfort;

To all who feel worthless and wonder if God even cares;

To all who fail and desire strength;

To all who sin and need a savior;

First Church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus

Announcements: Leah Krites

Praise & Worship: Meah Johnson, Noah Krites, Maddy and Jeremy Laukhuf

Haven of Hope Fund Raiser - Box City "Homeless for a Night" Sierra Shaffer

***Call to Worship:** Griffin McCracken

Leader: And Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

People: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

Leader: And you will find rest for your souls.

People: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Chat With the Children: Ashlynn and Teresa Shaffer
Children are dismissed to AWE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:28-30 Sydney Dowler

Tithes and Offerings Kaden Shaffer

Offertory Song: *No Hurt* - Casting Crowns

Offertory Prayer Hayden Dowler

Cardboard Homeless Statistics

It is Well - Bethel Music Instrumentaal

Message: Ashlynn Shaffer, Missy Joseph, Meah and Macy Johnson

***Closing Song:**

Spoken Benediction: Cayden Laukhuf

So go, take refuge in the mercy of our Father.
Go with God's peace and live the church
in the name of the Father, of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit. Amen.

KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY AT 10:30

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.

10:30 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.

TODAY

BAKED POTATO BAR

January 29, 2023 ~ 11:30am

DINE IN OR CARRYOUT

**Baked Potato Toppings
Salad Bar
Desserts Punch Coffee**

