



March 1st Feast meal will be Cincinnati Chili served on spaghetti w/shredded cheese, onion, and beans, Chili dogs/hot dogs, rolls, chips, salad, drinks and a variety of desserts.

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Roberta Miller by Gary & Barb Showalter & family.



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March 12, 2023 @12:15pm

Contact Pastor Chris for more information

Do you want to take the next step in our life together? Come to Pizza with the Pastor.

THE YOUTH IS SELLING FLOWER / VEGETABLE PLANTS FOR THEIR UPCOMING FUNDRAISER!



February 26, 2023 8:15 am

The Emptiness of this World

Pastor Chris Farmer



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 9th 6:00 to 7:30pm

- > Meet the teachers
- > Tour the classrooms
- > Learn about our curriculum
- > Register for the 2023-2024 school year

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Can't make it? Call Administrator Marilyn Agler at 419-238-0631 ext. 308 to schedule a tour or register online at www.fumpreschool.com

Please pick up an order form at one of the entrances.

from Teresa:

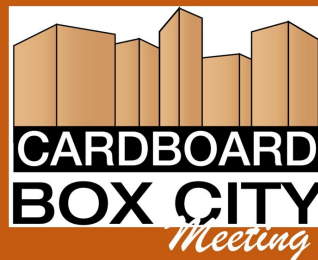
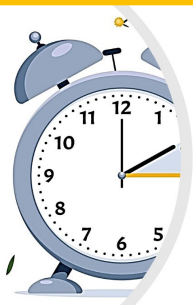
This will be the same greenhouse as the Cougar Boosters used in the past.

If you would like to support [First Church Youth](#) groups mission trip to the Dominican Republic, please order from us.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SPRING FORWARD

March 12, 2023



Thursday March 2nd - 6pm
Dr. Scheidt Room
Everyone welcome who wants to help!

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.

8:15 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 26, 2023

“For if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!” (Romans 5:17)

The Gathering

Welcome Jeremy Laukhuf

***Worship through Praise** Jeremy Laukhuf & Praise Team

***Opening Prayer:** Heavenly Father, our hearts rejoice as we gather before you on this day. There are many times when we have failed to listen to Your voice, gone our own way, and fallen flat on our face! Thank You that we can confess our faults to You, and that You are faithful and just to forgive all sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Help us to grow in grace, mature in the faith, and draw ever closer to You. Keep me alert to your instructions, show us the path we should go, and guide us with Your Light, we pray. How wonderful to know You are the refuge we seek when we are troubled and the courage we need when we venture into the unknown. May we never stray from Your perfect path, and may our lives be a godly witness to others and a blessing to You, We humbly ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer Eric McCracken

Chat with the Children Julie Burenga
Children may be dismissed to AWE

Church Life Matt Proctor

Offering Statement

Receiving tithes and offerings

*Offertory: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Prayer of thanks and dedication

***Scripture Lesson:** Romans 5:12-19

Series: Empty And Filled

Sermon: *The Emptiness of this World* Pastor Chris Farmer

Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Song:

*Benediction

KID’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 8:15

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.

8:15 AWE - AWE is an exciting time of helping kids experience God through weekly Bible points, fun activities, and engaging worship. This class includes preparing a worship presentation during service.

First Church's Maundy Thursday event will look differently this year! We are encouraging our congregation to join our brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity Friends Church, 605 N Franklin Street, Van Wert, Ohio in a Community Event. FREE tickets (for seating purposes) will be available after Feb. 11 at <https://www.trinityfriendschurch.com/events>. *We hope you will join us and bring a friend.*

