

To all the FEAST meal makers, bakers and clean up helpers:



We couldn't do it without you!

Festival of Sharing 2023

Please bring in your completed kits.

Small Groups
Bible Studies
Families



Check out the weekly progress under the Shepherd's Window at the front of the church.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.

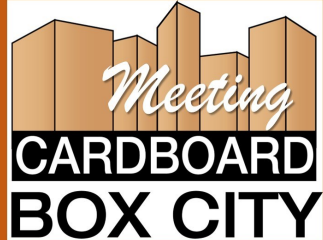
2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE

Pick yours up today!

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| MY SHARE IN CHRIST'S MINISTRY OF LOVE: | | <p>113 W. Central Ave. Van Wert, Ohio 45891</p> |
| United Budget | \$ _____ | |
| Other(specialty) | \$ _____ | |
| Other(specialty) | \$ _____ | |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED | \$ _____ | |
| Name | _____ | |

VBS March 2023 Special Offering

Vacation Bible School



Thursday
March 30th 6pm
Dr. Scheidt Room
Everyone welcome
who wants to help!



Bake Sale
@the Courthouse

FRIDAY
APRIL 7, 2023
8:00AM-11:30AM

Christ in the Passover

SOLD OUT

605 N. Franklin Street
Van Wert, OH

FIRST CHURCH

OFFICE hours

MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:30-1:30

FRIDAY 8:30-12:00

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

113 West Central Avenue | Van Wert, Ohio 45891 | 419-238-0631 | vanwertfirst.net



March 26, 2023 8:15 am

Empty of Condemnation, Filled with Freedom

Pastor Chris Farmer

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, March 26, 2023

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed, the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.”
(Romans 8-9-10)

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The Gathering

Welcome

Jeremy Laukhuf

*Opening Prayer:

Help us, O loving God, when we hit rock bottom. Hear our cries for help! Listen hard, open your ears. We cry out for your abundant mercy. God if you kept a record of all our misdoing and misguided thoughts, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that’s why we worship you. We offer our lives to you as a life of prayer. We wait to receive what you want to reveal to us and what you want us to become. We’re waiting and watching, waiting and watching for you to come in the fullness of your love and mercy. Amen

(Based on Psalm 130, The Message)

Song: *Only A Holy God*

Chat with the Children

Children may be dismissed to AWE

Judy Krites

Church Life I

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Opportunities to Give

Offertory: *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

Martin Burchfield

Jeremy Laukhuf

*Scripture:

Romans 8:5-11

Pastor Chris Farmer

Series

Empty and Filled

Sermon

Empty of Condemnation, Filled with Freedom

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Song: *No Longer Slaves*

Jeremy Laukhuf

Prayers for the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Chris Farmer

Church Life II

*Benediction

Pastor Chris Farmer



Interested in Attending a Discernment Meeting

If you have not attended a **Discernment Meeting**, and would like more information, please contact the office on Monday, March 27 at 419-238-0631 ext 302 or email firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net

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.

Leaders in Worship

Pastor:

Pastor Chris Farmer

Worship Assistant:

Martin Burchfield

Praise and Worship Leader:

Jeremy Laukhuf

Sound Engineer:

Ron Allison

Projectionist:

Jeff Welker

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Noah Carter

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