

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.



### Bake Sale @the Courthouse

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

### Maundy Thursday

with our Brothers & Sisters in Christ  
Trinity E

April 6, 2023  
Service @ 6:30pm



605 N. Franklin Street  
Van Wert, OH

**SOLD OUT**

### Graduation Sunday 2023

May 21, 2023



Information is needed to complete graduation arrangements.

Please contact Sierra Shaffer at [sierra.shaffer@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:sierra.shaffer@vanwertfirst.net) ASAP!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First United Methodist Church

RINGO HALLEY LUNA  
ASTRO COSMO

Save the Dates

June 5-8, 2023



### Preschool Art Show

Thursday, April 20, 2023 6 - 7:30pm

First United Methodist Church

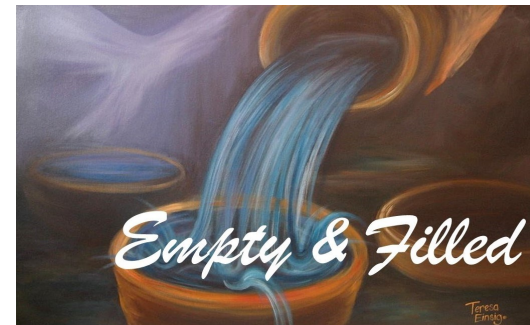
113 W CENTRAL AVENUE, VAN WERT, OH

Join our little artists as they display their masterpieces. Parents are invited to enjoy pizza with us. Freewill donations will go toward our scholarship fund.

For more information contact Marilyn Agler, Administrator @ 419/238-0631 ext 308

# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

113 West Central Avenue | Van Wert, Ohio 45891 | 419-238-0631 | [vanwertfirst.net](http://vanwertfirst.net)



April 2, 2023 8:15 am  
When Christ Comes to Town  
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, April 2, 2023

## PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” (Matthew 21:5, Zechariah 9:9)

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

### The Gathering

#### Welcome

Jeremy Laukhuf

#### \*Praise & Worship Time

Procession of Palms

Jeremy Laukhuf

#### Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 118:1-2; 21-24

Matt Krites

#### Praise & Worship Time

Jeremy Laukhuf

#### Offering

Offertory Music: *I Surrender All*  
Prayer of Dedication

Matt Krites  
Jeremy Laukhuf

#### \*Scripture:

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor Chris Farmer

#### Series:

**Empty and Filled**

#### Sermon:

*When Christ Comes to Town*

Pastor Chris Farmer

#### Song: *All Creatures Of Our God And King*

Jeremy Laukhuf

#### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation  
The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Distribution of the Bread & Juice  
Prayer of Gratitude

#### Song of Thanksgiving: *10,000 Reasons*

Jeremy Laukhuf

#### Life of the Church

Pastor Chris Farmer

#### \*Benediction

Pastor Chris Farmer

The altar flowers are given today in loving memory of

David Zeigler  
by his family



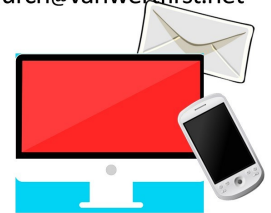
Jean Leiendecker  
by her family

### 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE

Pick  
yours up today!

Contact us with any changes  
so we can update your records!  
EMAIL US AT: [firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net)

SEE JODY  
FOR UPDATES TO:  
 ADDRESSES  
 PHONE NUMBERS  
 MARITAL STATUS  
 BIRTHS, ETC.



### ASSISTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE



IGNITE  
VAN WERT  
2023  
JULY 27-29

**VBS**  
is in need of  
**LARGE**  
CARDBOARD BOXES

Contact  
Cristi Laukhuf  
for more information  
**419/238-0631**  
ext. 306  
Thank you ~

#### 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. Today, children will stay in worship.

#### Leaders in Worship

**Pastor:** Chris Farmer

**Worship Assistant:** Matt Krites

**Projectionist:** Jill Smelser

**Graphics:** Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

**Praise and Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Sound:** Kent Smelser

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Usher/Greeter Coordinator:** Dave Lichtle