

First United Methodist Church Preschool presents a **FREE** family concert featuring...

SLUGS & BUGS

SUNDAY, 3:00pm
APRIL 16


with RANDALL GOODGAME



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

SEE JODY FOR UPDATES TO:

- ADDRESSES
- PHONE NUMBERS
- MARITAL STATUS
- BIRTHS, ETC.



Graduation Sunday
May 21, 2023 **2023**

Information is needed to complete graduation arrangements.

Please contact Sierra Shaffer at sierra.shaffer@vanwertfirst.net ASAP!



Take stock in our Youth!

We are offering 'stock' for our youth group!

1 share of stock equals \$50
2 shares of stock equals \$100 etc.

Buy stock on the following Sundays:
April 23 & 30

What you will get for your stock:

- to support our youth
- a stock certificate
- an invitation to stockholders meeting on July 23rd

ASSISTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE

COMMUNITY RELIEF

IGNITE VAN WERT 2023
JULY 27-29



REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS:

use this link to sign up!
vbspro.events/p/fumcstellarvbs

Or visit our website:
vanwertfirst.net/vbs

Vacation Bible School JUNE 5-8 8:30-11:30am
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH




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

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Empty & Filled



April 9, 2023 10:45 am
Filled with New Life
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.

10:45 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 9, 2023

First UMC Mission Statement:

Embracing, Empowering, and Equipping Persons to Know and Follow Jesus

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”
Matthew 28:5-6

Order of Worship

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Introit: “Majesty” #176

Congregation and Choir

***Call to Worship:**

Jordan Dettrow

Leader: Good Morning! This is Resurrection Morning. There is no force that can conquer Him, no power that can hold Him.

All: He has risen from the dead. He has passed from death into life.

Leader: We are Easter people proclaiming: Hope has arisen; there is forgiveness for our failures, grace for our guilt and mercy for our shame. We can't outrun the infinite reach of His grace.

All: The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive. Alleluia!

***Hymn:** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

#302 vs. 1-5

***Prayer or Gratitude:**

Jordan Dettrow

Lord Jesus Christ, We rejoice in Your glorious and triumphant victory over death. For Your victory is our victory. Help us to live by it, in it, and for it. We're forever grateful. Amen.

Video:

“Let It Go”

Blessing of the Children:

Children dismissed to AWE

Pastor Chris Farmer

Life of the Church I and The Joy of Giving:

Jordan Dettrow

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”-arr. Tom Keesecker Scott Turner

*Response: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Jordan Dettrow

Choral Anthem: “He is Not Here!”- Russell Nagy

***Scripture:**

Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor Chris Farmer

Series:

Empty and Filled

Sermon:

Filled with New Life

Pastor Chris Farmer

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem: “Rejoice, The Risen Lord is King” - arr. Heather Sorenson

***Hymn:** When directed, stand and sing: “Rejoice, the Lord is King”
(words on screen)

Life of the Church II:

Pastor Chris Farmer

***Benediction:**

Pastor Chris Farmer

Postlude: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”-arr. Tom Keesecker

Scott Turner

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace

Thank you for attending today's service. We hope to see you next Sunday!

Participants in Today's Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer

Pianist: Scott Turner

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Liturgist: Jordan Dettrow

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

Acolyte: Aiden Bockrath

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn

Brass Assemble: Philip Hoverman, Tim Hoverman - Trumpet

Tony Alessandrini - Trombone, Tim Olt - Tuba

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 fond treasures into our hearts, minds, and daily lives. This class includes scripture memorization and presentation during service.

5th Sunday

APRIL 30, 2023

One Service at 10:30am

Student Led Worship

speaker: Reverend Matt Overman