

5th Sunday
APRIL 30, 2023
 One Service at 10:30am
 Student Led Worship
speaker: Reverend Matt Overman

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

SLUGS & BUGS

SUNDAY, 3:00pm
APRIL 16

with **RANDALL GOODGAME**

Spaghetti Dinner FUNDRAISER
 Sunday, April 30 – 11:30am Support our Youth

\$9.00 Adults \$6.00 under 12

Spaghetti Salad Bar Bread Sticks Meatballs
 Red Sauce Alfredo Sauce
 Desserts Drinks

OPERATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL
 VAN WERT COUNTY

8th ANNUAL OPBTS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2023
 6:30pm

We Can Use YOUR HELP! Come help Plan!

First United Methodist Church
 113 W Central Ave, Van Wert, OH

Card boxes will be available on **May 21st** for our 4 graduates!

- Carly Bebout
- Hunter Burton
- Ryleigh Hanicq
- Damon McCracken

Please bring in cards for our young adults!

2023

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Are you receiving our Weekly Email and the Monthly Friendly Visitor?

If not, please contact Jody in the office to update your email and address.

DUE DATE

Discernment Surveys

- Due this **Wednesday, April 19th**
- Additional copies available in the church office today, Monday & Tuesday
- Drop off box is located outside the church office

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

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

Who We Are

April 16, 2023 10:45 am
 We Are God's Chosen
 Rev. Dillon Staas III

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 16, 2023

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“To God’s elect...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: grace and peace be yours in abundance.”

(1 Peter 1:1-2)

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew

Prelude: *“Etude in C Major, Op. 10 No. 1”* - by Fred Chopin Scott Turner

***Call to Worship:** Matt Proctor

Leader: It was said long ago: “The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

People: We’re glad when we’re invited to go to the house of the LORD for worship, prayer, and teaching.

ALL: This is the day which the LORD has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

(Based on Hab. 2:20; Psalm 122:1; Psalm 118:24)

***Choral Introit:** *“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”* - M. Hayes

***Hymn:** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* #89

***Opening Prayer:** Matt Proctor

Lord Almighty, God of Israel and your beloved Church, you are GOD and there is none like you. Your promises are trustworthy, and you have promised many good things to your beloved, chosen ones. Now be pleased to bless this gathering at this time and in this space, that we may continue in your favor. Sovereign LORD, we acknowledge that you have spoken throughout the ages and with your blessing your servants will be blessed forever. Amen.

Based on 2 Samuel 7:28-29

Chat with the Children: Ruth Ann Dowler

Children dismissed to AWE

Giving of tithes & Offerings: Matt Proctor

Offertory: *“Easter Meditation”* - by John Reeksecker Scott Turner

*Doxology: *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* #139 vs. 1

*Prayer of Gratitude Matt Proctor

Choral Anthem: *“Agnus Dei with “How Great Thou Art”*- M.W. Smith/J. Raney

Worship with the Word

***Scripture Lesson:** I Peter 1:1-12 Rev. Dillon Staas III

Series: **Who We Are**
Sermon: *We Are God’s Chosen* Rev. Dillon Staas III

Worship through Prayer

Prayer Hymn: *“Is He Worthy?”* - arr. H. Sorenson Chancel Choir
Eric Hurless, Soloist

Prayer with the People: Rev. Dillon Staas III
The Lord’s Prayer

Life of the Church: Matt Proctor

***Hymn:** *“Shalom to You”* #666

***Spoken Blessing:** Rev. Dillon Staas III

Postlude: *“Up From the Grave He Arose”*-by Robert Lowry Scott Turner
You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace

Participants in Today’s Worship

Preacher of the Day: Rev. Dillon Staas III
Choir Director: Paul Hoverman
Liturgist: Matt Proctor
Acolyte: Addie Breese
Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn

Pianist: Scott Turner
Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf
Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel
Videographer: Kurt Massillo
Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer

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.

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

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.

