

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.

What you will get for your stock:

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

Buy stock on the following Sundays:
April 23 & 30

5th Sunday

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

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

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

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





Preschool Spring Graduation



Thursday, May 11, 2023
6:00 – 7:30pm

Will be held indoors. Refreshments served.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Food Pantry

April is CLEANING NEEDS Month



Detergent, dish soap

Please bring in your donations. Baskets are located at either entrance.

April 23, 2023 8:15 am
We Are Becoming Holy
Pastor Chris Farmer

Youth Fundraiser Flower Sale

Pickup: **May 2nd** at the VW County Fairgrounds behind the Extension Office

MAIN WASHINGTON STREET ENTRANCE CASH & CARRY WILL BE AVAILABLE



Thank you for supporting our Youth!

REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS:

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

Or visit our website:
vanwertfirst.net/vbs



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

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 23, 2023

“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”” (1 Peter 1:14-16)

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Please fill out the Attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

The Gathering:

Welcome Jeremy Laukhuf
***Worship through Praise** Jeremy Laukhuf & Praise Team
***Opening Prayer** Jeremy Laukhuf

We praise you, O LORD, our God. From the depths of our being, we will praise You. We will praise you, because your name is holy. We will never forget anything you have done for us. You forgive all our sins. You heal all our sicknesses. You save our lives from going down into a pit. Your faithfulness and tender love makes us feel like royalty. You satisfy us with the good things we desire. Then we feel young and strong again, just like an eagle. You always do what is right and good, even for those who are treated badly. We Praise you, O Lord. We join the angels and all your servants in praising you. We praise your Holy name. Amen
(Based on Psalm 103)

Song: *O Praise The Name*

Chat with the Children: Judy Krites
Children are dismissed to AWE

Church Life I: Matt Krites

Offering Statement: Matt Krites
Receiving Tithes and Offerings
***Offertory Music:** *Give Thanks* Jeremy Laukhuf
***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

***Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1:22-2:3 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: **Who We Are**
Sermon: *“We Are Becoming Holy”* Pastor Chris Farmer

Song: *Great Are You Lord* Jeremy Laukhuf

Prayers with the People: Pastor Chris Farmer
Pastoral Prayer

Church Life II: Pastor Chris Farmer

***Benediction:** Pastor Chris Farmer

Leaders in Worship

Lead Pastor: 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: Noah Carter
Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Dave Lichtle

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.



Have a college graduate?

Please send us their:
• School
• Major
• Date graduating
• Also a photo!



Forward your college student's information to Jody ASAP to update our database!
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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.