

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

FIRSTunited
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 10:45 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!
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

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 23, 2023

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“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.”” (I Peter 1:14-16)

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

**indicates please stand if you are able
Please fill out the Attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Prelude: “Jesus Loves Me” - arr. Cindy Berry Scott Turner

***Call to Worship:** Eric McCracken

Leader: We come to Praise the Lord for the glory that belongs to him.

People: We bring an offering and come to him.

Leader: Let’s worship the Lord because of his beauty and holiness.

People: We trust that our God will show His greatness and holiness. He wants to make himself known in the sight of many nations. Then all nations will know that He is the Great I AM.

***Hymn:** “We Bring The Sacrifice of Praise” #2031 (2x)
“All Creatures of Our God and King” #62 vs. 1, 3, 5

***Opening Prayer:** Eric McCracken

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)

Chat with the Children: Christie Wendel
Children dismissed to AWE

Worship through Offering

Life in the Church I: Eric McCracken

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: Eric McCracken
Scott Turner

Offertory: “Latin Melody” - arr. S. Turner

*Doxology: “Holy, Holy, Holy” #64 vs. 1

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Eric McCracken

Choral Anthem: “God so Loved the World”- J. Stainer

Worship with the Word

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

Series: Who We Are
Sermon: We Are Becoming Holy Pastor Chris Farmer

Worship through Prayer

Hymn: “Take Time to be Holy” #395 vs. 1, 4

Prayer for the People: Pastor Chris Farmer
The Lord’s Prayer

Going Into the World

Hymn: “He Leadeth Me” #128 vs. 1, 2, 3 (choir quartet), 4

Life of the Church II: Pastor Chris Farmer

***Spoken Blessing:** Pastor Chris Farmer

Postlude: “Allegro”-W.A. Mozart Scott Turner

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

Participants in Today’s Worship

Lead Pastor: Pastor Chris Farmer

Pianist: Scott Turner

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Liturgist: Eric McCracken

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

Acolyte: Langston Wright

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn **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.

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!
firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net



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

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