

**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**

*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



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*Youth Fundraiser Flower Sale*

**Pickup: May 2nd from 1-6pm**  
at the VW Co. Fairgrounds  
behind the Extension Office

**MAIN WASHINGTON STREET ENTRANCE**  
**CASH & CARRY WILL BE AVAILABLE**

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*Thank you for supporting our Youth!*

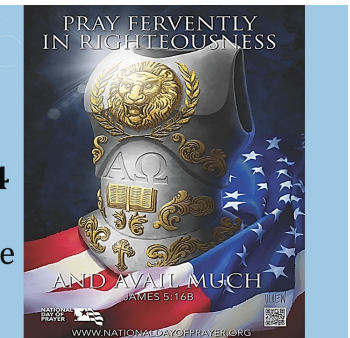
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 4  
Van Wert  
County Courthouse  
12:00 noon


PRAY FERVENTLY  
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B



*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

MOMS!

Join your child for a special

*Mother's Day Event*

DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR  
PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

9:30am  
**MAY 14, 2023**

FAMILY ministry



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

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**



April 30, 2023 10:30 am

We Are God's Precious Possession

Pastor Matt Overman

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.

# 10:30 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 30, 2023

## PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

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

**Prelude:** “Hymn of Promise” - Sleeth/Thompson Handbell Choir

**Welcome:** Cayden Laukhuf

**\*Call to Worship:** Cayden Laukhuf

**Leader:** Even though Jesus was rejected by some people, you are invited to come to him in trust and hope.

**People: Lord, guide us and give us courageous faith.**

**Leader:** For he is the cornerstone, and this church will stand faithfully as a house of praise and service because of his love.

**People: We are not afraid. We are given a mandate to serve with joy and peace. AMEN.**

**\*Praise and Worship:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**\*Prayer:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Chat with the Children:** Ashlynn Shaffer & Maddie Laukhuf  
*Children dismissed to AWE*

**Church Life I:** Leah Krites

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings:** Leah Krites

Offertory:

\*Chorus of Praise: “Come Thou Fount” Jeremy Laukhuf

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Kaden Shaffer

**Choral Anthem:** “How Firm a Foundation”- Elkins Chancel Choir

**\*Scripture Lesson:** 1 Peter 2:4-10 Hayden Dowler

**Series:** **Who We Are**  
**Sermon:** *We Are God’s Precious Possession* Pastor Matt Overman

**Prayer:** Pastor Matt Overman

**Church Life II:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**\*Closing Song:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**\*Benediction:** Pastor Matt Overman

**Postlude:** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”- arr. Glenda Austin Scott Turner  
*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace*

## Participants in Today’s Worship

**Pastor for the day:** Pastor Matt Overman - Grand Lake UMC, Celina, OH

**Praise & Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Liturgist:** Students

**Choir Director:** Paul Hoverman

**Projectionist:** Jill Smelser

**Pianist:** Scott Turner

**Sound Technician:** Ron Allison

**Handbell Director:** Gloria Wendel

**Videographer:** Kurt Massillo

**Acolyte:** Elora Hogan

**Usher/Greeter Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer

**Screen Creatives:** Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

## **KID’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 10:30**

**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.

**10:30 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.

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

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