


The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Roy and Neal
by Eleanor Souders


MAY 10 - 17 will be set up in Krout Memorial over Sunday, May 14

Check out bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf search 45891 and begin shopping!



Book Fair **SHOPPING HOURS:**
8:30am - Noon Monday - Thursday
5:30pm - 7:00pm Thursday, May 11th

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

May 21, 2023
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
113 W CENTRAL AVE., VAN WERT, OH



Class of 2023 Congratulations!

Breakfast for graduates & their families during the Sunday School hour.

MOMS! Join your child for a special




Mother's Day Event

DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

9:30am
MAY 14, 2023



The AWE memorization program will be on May 14th at the 10:45am service.

Thursday May 23rd 6pm
Dr. Scheidt Room

Everyone welcome who wants to help!

Meeting

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



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Who We Are

May 7, 2023 10:45 am
We Live Good, Honorable Lives
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, May 7, 2023

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.” (1 Peter 2:11-12)

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Prelude: “*Reverie*” by Claude Debussy Scott Turner

Welcome: Matt Proctor

***Call to Worship:** Matt Proctor

Leader: The Lord is our refuge.

People: We can find peace in God’s abiding love.

Leader: When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

People: When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Leader: Welcome this day to God’s house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

People: We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary. AMEN.

***Hymn:** *Come, We That Love the Lord* #732

***Opening Prayer:** Matt Proctor

Lord God Almighty, You who created us in your image. We praise You for Your presence in our lives. Your name is above any other name in the universe. Your immeasurable love for us cleanses our past, heals our wounds, and emboldens our witness. As we worship you today, we ask that You fill our hearts, minds and souls with Your abundance. Transform us so that we may become more like You. Reveal Your presence in our worship. Open our ears to hear from You and our hearts to receive from You. Accept our sacrifice of worship on this day. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Children dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church I: Matt Proctor

PRAYER FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS

“Lord, please bring volunteers to serve at VBS. Fill their hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon our kids. Give them strength, health, and an overwhelming joy to serve! We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they would grow closer to you!”

Offering: Matt Proctor
Scott Turner
Offertory: *Shout to the Lord* by Darlene Zschech
*Doxology: “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*” #94
*Prayer of Dedication: Matt Proctor

***Hymn:** *Trust and Obey* #467 vs. 1,3,4

***Scripture Lesson:** 1 Peter 2:11-17 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: **Who We Are**
Sermon: *We Live Good, Honorable Lives* Pastor Chris Farmer

Choral Anthem: “*Come To The Table*”- Crescenz Chancel Choir

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Invitation
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
Distribution of the Bread & Juice

Prayer: Pastor Chris Farmer

Life in the Church II: Pastor Chris Farmer

***Choral Blessing:** *Go, My Children, Fed and Nourished* - J. Leavitt

***Benediction:** Pastor Chris Farmer

Postlude: “*Go Now in Peace*”- by Don Besig 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

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Pianist: Scott Turner

Acolyte: Dillon Staas

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

Liturgist: Matt Proctor

Projectionist: Grace Dowler

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

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.