

Our Altar Flowers this morning are given

*In loving memory of Barbara Schroer
and In honor of all mothers*

by Jim and Cheri Oechsle and family



May 21, 2023

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



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

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

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



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



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!



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

June 4 - 9:30am



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.



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May 14, 2023 10:45 am

Repaying Evil with Goodness and Hope

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

“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing..” I Peter 3:8-9

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Gathering in God's Name

Voluntary: “*It Is Well*” arr. Glenda Austin Scott Turner

Welcome: Dillon Staas

***Call to Worship:** Dillon Staas

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.
(Habukkuk 2:20)

People: We rejoice that they have said unto us, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’ (Psalm 122:1)

Leader: “This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

***Hymn:** *When Love is Found* #643 vs. 1 (All), 2 (Women), 3 (All), 4 (Men), 5 (All)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession: Dillon Staas

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you celebrating Mother's Day. We thank you for all mothers who have freely given themselves to us. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, their wisdom, their patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts that form us into maturity. God, you are also aware of every detail in our lives. You know every single person who is without a mother, either by choice or some other misfortune. Today, we ask that you bring comfort to those individuals, those who may have had a mother and lost her, and those who never had someone to call “mother.” We are affected by every parental relationship that we do and don't have. Yet God, we know that in spite of the hurt we may feel, you love us.

We also pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing upon their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, we ask that you help every word and action to be done in love. We ask that children throughout the world take time to honor their mother in unique and tangible ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Our AWE Children: Marcia Wise

Children dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church I: Dillon Staas

PRAY FOR OUR STAFF

“Lord, be with our staff as they plan, prepare, and put on our VBS this year. Keep them healthy in body and mind before, during and after VBS. Allow opportunities for them to share the good news of who you are with kids. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace when times get stressful, and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete your work.”

Giving of Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory: “*Amazing Grace*” arr. Cindy Berry

*Doxology: *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* #176

*Prayer of Gratitude:

Dillon Staas

Scott Turner

Scott Turner

Dillon Staas

Choral Anthem: “*Love divine, all Loves Excelling*”- (Hyfrydol)-C. Wesley/M. Wilberg, arr.

Worship with the Word

***Scripture Lesson:** I Peter 3:8-12 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: **Who We Are**
Sermon: “*Repaying Evil with Goodness and Hope*” Pastor Chris Farmer

Worship through Reflection

Hymn: *Hymn of Promise* #707 vs. 1,2

Prayer: Pastor Chris Farmer

The Lord's Prayer

Life in the Church II: Pastor Chris Farmer

Sending Into the World

***Choral Blessing:** *A Prayer of Blessing* - M. Parks

***Spoken Blessing:** Pastor Chris Farmer

Postlude: “*Revolutionary Etude*” by Fred Chopin 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: Johnse Breese

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

Liturgist: Dillon Staas

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

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.