

You're invited! *Brunch for
Chris and Melinda*
Sunday, June 25th @ 10:45 am

**Must RSVP by June 11 to
firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net
 or call the church office.**

HAPPY retirement

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
 in honor of Gary and Barb Showalter's
 45th Wedding Anniversary

Israel Study Trip Highlights
Jeremy Laukhuf

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 - 9:00am

First United Methodist Church
 113 W Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH
 Dining Room

Light refreshments will be provided.

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**YOUTH
 MISSION TRIP
 JUNE 21st - 28th**

 **Dominican
 Republic**

*See the Donation
 Board at the
 church to donate
 supplies for
 this trip.*

**Please return items by
 June 18, 2023**

WE ARE HIRING Part-time Associate
 Worship Leader

Contact Pastor Chris for details

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

 **Plastic Grocery Bags &
 Food Donations**

Monetary donations are also accepted and
 will help with filling in any needed items.

 **Ignite Van Wert 2023**
 July 27-29 

A JOB FOR EVERY SKILL LEVEL!

- Project work - Clean host facilities - Transport materials
- Share life w/ the homeowner for the day
- Prepare / serve / clean up / meals

Sign up with Teresa at the *Take 5 with Teresa* Cart today!!

**Missing Something?
 Take a look at the table
 in the Narthex**



 **Enjoy an evening of
 fun & fellowship
 on Tuesday, July 18**

opponent: **@ 7:05pm.**
Lake County Captains

Tickets are \$11⁵⁰ - see Jody in office to purchase.
Seats are located along first base line.

For more information or to purchase tickets
 419/238-0631

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Series: What's Next 

June 11, 2023 9:30 am

Preparing for What's Next

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.

9:30 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11, 2023

“Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.” “Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?” So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.” I Kings 19:20-21

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Gathering in God’s Presence

Prelude: *My Tribute* arr. Dino/S. Turner

Scott Turner

Welcome:

Martin Burchfield

***Call to Worship:**

Martin Burchfield

Leader: Rejoice, for this is the day the Lord has made.

People: A day of rest.

Leader: A day of renewal.

People: A day of reconciliation.

Together: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn:** *Rejoice the Lord is King*

#715

Song: *Micah 6:8*

Jeremy Laukhuf

VBS Kids:

Children dismissed to AWE

Cristi Laukhuf

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Andrew Joseph Fox, McKenna Ann Hicks, Carson Joseph Fox, & McKaylyn Danielle Fox
Daniel Grant Proctor (parents Matt and Aryn Proctor)

Jeremy Laukhuf: Do you, as Christ’s body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Jeremy Laukhuf: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

Congregation: With God’s help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Life in the Church I:

Martin Burchfield

Worship with the Word

***Scripture Lesson:**

1 Kings 19:19-21

Pastor Chris Farmer

Series:

What’s Next

Sermon:

“Preparing for What’s Next”

Pastor Chris Farmer

Worship through Prayer

Song: *Listen To Your Children Praying*

Jeremy Laukhuf

Prayers of the People:

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Chris Farmer

Sending Into the World

Life in the Church II:

Pastor Chris Farmer

***Song:** *I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry*

Scott Turner

***Spoken Benediction:**

Pastor Chris Farmer

Postlude: *This is My Father’s World* arr. Mark Hayes

Scott Turner

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

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Lead Pastor: Pastor Chris Farmer

Pianist: Scott Turner

Announcer: Martin Burchfield

Projectionist: Grace Dowler

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

KID’S MINISTRY Summer AWE

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship time. Awe will not meet Communion Sundays which is the first Sunday of the month. Please sign in before service with KidCheck located by the nursery or the Scheidt room.

Tithes/Offerings may be made by dropping it in one of the wooden boxes around the sanctuary, using our online giving option found on our website at vanwertfirst.net, texting 419.963.3557 or mailing it to First UMC, 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891. Thank you for your support to First UMC and her ministries.

The roses on the altar are in honor of

Betty Campbell born May 28, 2023 to parents Sara Jean Campbell & Jared Shaffer

& Arlo Waylon Shaffer born June 3, 2023 to parents Taylor Boroff & Logan Shaffer

Proud Grandparents Neil & Teresa Shaffer and Great Grandma Janet Kreisler