

Dominican Republic MISSION TRIP 2023



LEADERS:

Teresa Shaffer, Sierra Shaffer, Josh Poulson, Grace Dowler, Bob Spath, Chris Hogan, Connor Shaffer & Lindsay Mergy

STUDENTS:

Grade 8 - Ashlynn Shaffer Grade 9 - Lizzie Spath

Grade 10 - Griffin McCracken, Meah Johnson

Grade 11 - Hayden Dowler, Noah Spath, Mandy Burenga

Grade 12 - Macy Johnson, Missy Joseph, Sydney Dowler, Cayden Laukhuf, Kaden Shaffer Graduate - Damon McCracken

Brunch for Chris and Melinda

Join us TODAY after the service

FIRST CHURCH KITCHEN / DINING AREA



Tickets are \$11⁵⁰ each – please contact the office. 419/238-0631



Seats on the bus are going quickly. Phone the office today if you'd like a ride!

We will have a drawing for a chance to throw the 1st pitch of the game!

Tuesday, July 18 @ 7:05pm!!!



opponent: Lake County Captains



First Church wants to help Church on the Horizon meet their shoe drive goal!



Please take your gently worn shoes to the following dropoff locations:

Wednesday nights

634 N. Washington St. or the YMCA, the American Legion, or Council on Aging.

They will be collecting shoes through July 8th.



Volunteers to pack school supplies are needed!

We Need Your Help!

6-9pm EVENING SHIFTS Tuesday, July 25th through Thursday, July 27th

Contact Paula LaRue to sign up today! 419/203-0986

Faith & Works, Works & Faith, fit together hand and glove.



Ignite Van Wert 2023 July 27-29



TEN DOZEN COOKIES NEEDED!

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

Stockholder Annual Meeting

Sunday, July 23, 2023 2pm-4pm

Krout Memorial @ First UM Church

Desserts - Drinks Youth Presentations from Dominican Republic Trip and Youth Events

You don't want to miss it!

It's not too late to purchase your YOUTH STOCK! See Teresa or Sierra

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June 25, 2023 9:30 am

Confirming Your Identity

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 25, 2023

“For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood” Acts 20:27-28

**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: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* arr. Dino/S. Turner Scott Turner

Welcome: Jana Thompson

***Call to Worship:** Jana Thompson

Leader: In Christ, we are made new

People: and filled with hope.

Leader: In God, we belong to a new community.

People: Discovering we're brothers and sisters and friends in Christ.

Leader: In Christ, the old ways have lost their glitter and appeal,

People: for we have turned toward the new light.

Leader: In Christ, we are a new creation.

People: The old passes away, and we move into the fullness of His love and power.

***Hymn:** *We Are the Church* #558 vs. 1-3

***Opening Prayer:** Jana Thompson

Gracious God, daily your goodness and favor are extended to us. It is with deep gratitude and praise that we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen

***Congregational Song:** *Goodness of God* Jeremy Laukhuf

Chat with the Children: Christie Wendel

Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool thru 5th Grade)

Life in the Church I: Jana Thompson

Special Music: *What A Friend We Have In Jesus/Leave It There* Jeremy Laukhuf

Worship with the Word

***Scripture:** Acts 20:17-35 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: **What's Next**
Sermon: "Confirming Your Identity" Pastor Chris Farmer

Hymn: *Pass It On* #572

Prayers for the People:
The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Chris Farmer

***Song:** *I Exalt Thee* Jeremy Laukhuf

Sending Into the World

Life in the Church II: Pastor Chris Farmer

***Spoken Benediction:** Pastor Chris Farmer

Postlude: *He Is Lord* arr. arr. Fred Bock Scott Turner

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
for bringing Pastor Chris and Melinda into the lives of First Church
by John and Jean Ann Auld



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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
May 28 - September 3
ONE SERVICE @ 9:30AM
Join us in-house or online.
vanwertfirst.net
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
The nursery & AWE will be available each week.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Lead Pastor: Pastor Chris Farmer

Pianist: Scott Turner

Praise & Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Projectionist: Jill Smelser

Announcer: Jana Thompson

Sound Technician: Kent Smelser

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

Videographer: Noah Carter

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer

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.

Tithe/Offering 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.