

Our Agape Fund is running low.
If you feel so moved,
please donate today!

Our community
thanks you.



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

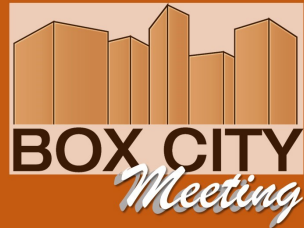


Please take your gently worn shoes
to the following dropoff locations:

Wednesday nights

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

They will be collecting shoes through July 8th.



Tuesday
July 11 6pm
Dr. Scheidt Room
Everyone who
wants to help
is welcome!

BRAINSTORM
MEETING
5th Quarter
pregame
tailgate bash

Bring your ideas!



July 12th 6:30pm
location: First United Methodist Church
113 W Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH

Sponsored by: First United Methodist Church and local businesses.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
May 28 - September 3
ONE SERVICE @ 9:30AM



2023 High School
EVENT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 – 2:30-6pm
Event will be held at the Goedde building.

Pre-registration is required.

Students are encouraged to enter the
building as soon as they get off the bus.



REGISTER AT: www.vanwertfirst.net

Volunteers Needed
IGNITE Van Wert 2023
July 27-29
A JOB FOR **EVERY** SKILL LEVEL!
SIGN UP AT
communityrelief.net
choose Ignite Sign Up then fill out the volunteer form

OPERATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL
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.

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*

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

113 West Central Avenue | Van Wert, Ohio 45891 | 419-238-0631 | vanwertfirst.net



July 2, 2023 9:30 am

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, July 2, 2023

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Prelude: *My Tribute* by Andrae Crouch Scott Turner

Welcome: Jordan Dettrow

***Call to Worship:** Jordan Dettrow

Leader: Truly our God is Lord of all, His name is majestic in all the earth. Our God has set His glory in the heavens.

People: Even infants and children give shouts of praise. Their praise drowns out all the shouts of God's enemies and silences the voices of the hardhearted.

Leader: We look at the heavens, the work of God's fingers, the moon and the stars that light our God has established.

People: We think, "Why would our God even think about us? Why does our God even bother to care for us? Why would our God take a second look our way?"

Leader: Yet, God has made us a little lower than God. God crowns us with glory and honor. He has given us a holy responsibility to care for his world.

People: He made us stewards of sheep and oxen, all living things that walk upon the earth. Yes, even the birds that fly in the sky and fish that swim in the sea.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how Majestic is your name in all the earth!

(from Psalm 8)

***Hymn:** *Blessed Assurance* #362 Scott Turner

***Opening Prayer:** Jordan Dettrow

O Living God, who is our Creator and Lord and even our Friend. We bow before you as humble children trusting in your care. We desperately crave for more knowledge of you and the work of your hand. Take away, we ask, all thoughts and unhealthy feelings which separate us from you. Help us to worship you today in Spirit and in truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Song:** *Build My Life* Jeremy Laukhuf

Blessing of the Children: Jeremy Laukhuf
Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool thru 5th Grade)

Life in the Church I: Jordan Dettrow

***Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 Al Arnold
James 2:14-26

Message: "Award Assembly" Al Arnold

Hymn: *Let the Lower Lights be Burning* Scott Turner

Prayer: Al Arnold
The Lord's Prayer

***Song:** *L'dor Vador* Jeremy Laukhuf

Life in the Church II: Al Arnold

***Spoken Benediction:** Al Arnold

Postlude: *The Stars and Stripes Forever* arr. V. Horowitz/S. Turner Scott Turner
Please stay and enjoy our special postlude this morning

The Altar Flowers are given By Kathy & Kristina Welker
in Loving memory of their parents
Richard & Geraldine Welker and brother, John



The Church Building and Office
will be closed Tuesday, July 4th

Visit our Sarah/Soul Friends Food booth at the Holiday at Home Event
near the museum. Proceeds go to Operation Back to School

Leaders in Today's Worship

Speaker of the Day: Al Arnold

Pianist: Scott Turner

Praise & Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Announcer: Jordan Dettrow

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

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.