

Thank you!

for painting the parsonage:
 Joel Penton
 Kent & Judy Bradford
 Jim & RuthAnn Covey
 Lonnie & Deb Nedderman
 Tony Smith

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

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

You don't want to miss it!

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Vegetables & Plastic Grocery Bags

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

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.

SERIES:
Whale of a Fight...

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

Our community thanks you.

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

July 9, 2023 9:30 am
 Pastor Christian Taylor

OPERATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL

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 for our 8th Annual Operation Back to School event to be held July 30th from 3-5pm are being asked for their help!

WE NEED YOU!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FROM 1-6pm ON DAY OF EVENT.

Contact Paula LaRue or Teresa Shaffer.

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What an awesome way to give back to the community where you live!

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

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 9, 2023

“But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” Psalm 86:15

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Prelude: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Cindy Berry Scott Turner

Welcome: Jordan Dettrow

***Call to Worship:** Jordan Dettrow

Leader: The Word of the Lord comes to you and me.

People: We fear the Word of God and what it might mean.

Leader: The Lord desires that none should perish.

People: Often our desires are in conflict with God

Leader: When we flee from God

People: Thanks be to God that He is slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness.

***Hymn:** *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

***Opening Prayer:** Jordan Dettrow

Heavenly Father, thank you for being a God who answers when we cry out to you. But like Jonah, too often we wait until we hit rock bottom before we call out to you. Lord, draw us close to you and give us a desire to speak with you in good times and in bad. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Song:** *Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children/You Are Holy*

Chat with the Children: Chris Gordon

Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool thru 5th Grade)

Life in the Church I: Jordan Dettrow

***Scripture:** Jonah 1:1-3 Pastor Christian Taylor

Series: **A Whale of a Fight**
Message: *“Fight or Flight”* Pastor Christian Taylor

Prayerful Song: *Sanctuary*

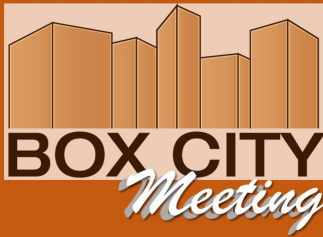
Prayers of the People: Pastor Christian Taylor
The Lord's Prayer

Life in the Church II: Pastor Christian Taylor

***Song:** *It Is Well With My Soul* Jeremy Laukhuf

***Spoken Benediction:** Pastor Christian Taylor

Postlude: *Prelude in C Major* formerly attributed to JS Bach Scott Turner
You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace



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

BRAINSTORM MEETING
Bring your ideas!
5th Quarter pregame tailgate bash
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.



Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor
Praise & Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf
Announcer: Jordan Dettrow
Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn
Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer

Organist: Scott Turner
Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf
Sound Technician: Ron Allison
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.

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.