



third grade

DO YOU HAVE  
A CHILD GOING  
INTO THIRD GRADE?

Contact Cristi at  
cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net

Bible Presentation  
Sunday is coming up!

## Children's Ministry Meeting

Sunday, August 27th 11:00am  
Scheidt Room



contact Cristi Laukhuf  
for more info



Krout Memorial  
VAN WERT FIRST UNITED METHODIST

You're invited!  
SMALL GROUP FAIR

August 27 AND  
September 3, 2023

Many groups  
to  
choose from!

SIGN UPS ARE  
AVAILABLE IN  
KROUT:

- Volunteers to register for event
- To make food for the event

See Teresa or  
Sierra for  
additional  
information

BOX CITY HOMELESS FOR A NIGHT  
**HAVEN OF HOPE FUNDRAISER**  
September 9th, 2023

REGISTER YOUR YOUTH  
SCAN ME

COMMUNITY EVENT  
FUNDRAISER/FREEDOM  
CRUISE @7PM  
&  
YOUTH OVERNIGHT  
EVENT @10PM-6AM

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**OPEN HOUSE – AUG. 10**  
9:30-11:00AM and 3:30-5:00PM

First United Methodist Church  
**PRESCHOOL**  
419-238-0631  
fumpreschool.com  
Where kids can Learn & Discover

Dates are  
available for  
altar flowers.

Check  
office door to sign up!



FREE ACCESS

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Contact the office  
to sign up  
**TODAY!**

firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net  
or 419/238-0631

# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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SERIES:  
**Whale of a Fight...**

July 30, 2023 9:30am

Pastor Christian Taylor

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



*Our community thanks you!*

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 30, 2023

“Then once again I fell prostrate before the Lord for forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water because of all the sin you had committed”  
Deut. 9:18 NIV

*\*indicates please stand if you are able  
Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

**Prelude:** “Andante” by Lani Smith Scott Turner

**Welcome:** Eric McCracken

**\*Call to Worship:** Eric McCracken

Leader: Your words and ways are  
**People: Perfect. Sure. Right. Clear.**  
Leader: Your words and ways are  
**People: Pure. True. Righteous. Every one.**  
Leader: Their value, beyond price  
**People: Their goodness, beyond delight**  
Leader: Their counsel, enduring blessing  
**People: Place in me a longing to desire them and become them.**

**\*Hymn:** *To God Be the Glory* #98 vs. 1,2,3

**\*Opening Prayer:** Eric McCracken  
**Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us in this time of worship with the power of Your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive. Bless us with your word, shine upon us with your wisdom, and bring us into deeper communion with you and one another through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask it in his name. Amen.**

**\*Song:** *Shema/10,000 Reasons* Jeremy Laukhuf

**Chat with the Children:** Judy Krites  
*Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool thru 5th Grade)*

**Special Music:** *In the Garden* Arr. Lloyd Larson  
Nancy Farrell, Lauren Lanz-vocalists; Gloria Wendel - accompanist

**Life in the Church I:** Eric McCracken

**Special Music:** *His Eye is on the Sparrow* arr. Tom Fettke  
Nancy Farrell, Lauren Lanz-vocalists; Gloria Wendel - accompanist

**\*Scripture:** Jonah 3:1-10 Pastor Christian Taylor

**Series:** **A Whale of a Fight**  
**Message:** “A Great City” Pastor Christian Taylor

**Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* #378 vs. 1,3,6

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

**Song:** *Prayer Medley* Jeremy Laukhuf

**Life in the Church II:** Pastor Christian Taylor

**\*Spoken Benediction:** Pastor Christian Taylor

**Postlude:** “Allegro” by J.S. Bach Scott Turner

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

The Altar flowers are given by Steve and Michele Mendenhall  
In loving memory of their sisters  
*Susan Mendenhall Agler (6-13-51/6-29-72) and unborn child  
and Renee Wise Cryer (1-7-56/1-12-22)*

**SELECT PEWS WILL BE BLOCKED OFF  
FROM WEEK TO WEEK  
FOR MAINTENANCE**

**May 28 - September 3**  
**ONE SERVICE @ 9:30AM**

## Leaders in Today’s Worship

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

**Organist:** Scott Turner  
**Projectionist:** Noah Carter  
**Sound Technician:** Kent Smelser  
**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](http://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.