

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



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

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

Please use pews **without** white ropes and/or fans.  
 Thankyou!




**Krout Memorial**  
 VAN WERT FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
*You're invited!*  
**SMALL GROUP FAIR**  
 August 27 AND September 3, 2023  
 Many groups to choose from!

**Children's Ministry Meeting**  
 Sunday, August 27th 11:00am  
 Scheidt Room  
**JOIN OUR TEAM!** contact *Cristi Laukhuf* for more info

*third grade*  
**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD GOING INTO THIRD GRADE?**  
 Contact *Cristi* at [cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net)  
 Bible Presentation Sunday is coming up!

**YOUTH**  
**FALL KICKOFF** August 27 4pm  
 location to be determined  
 Middle school and High school youth and their families are invited to enjoy delicious food, fun games and great fellowship.

**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!**

**Festival of Sharing 2023**  
 Please bring in your completed kits.  
 Small Groups Bible Studies Families  
*Festival of Sharing* Drop off Sept 18 - Sept 22.  
 Kits will be picked up Thursday, Sept 28.

# FIRST United methodist CHURCH

113 West Central Avenue | Van Wert, Ohio 45891 | 419-238-0631 | [vanwertfirst.net](http://vanwertfirst.net)



August 6, 2023 9:30am  
 Pastor Christian Taylor

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, August 6, 2023

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

Luke 15:20 NIV

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

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

**Prelude:** *Lord, I Want to Be A Christian* arr. Edward Broughton Scott Turner

**Welcome:** Dillon Staas

**\*Call to Worship:** Dillon Staas

Leader: Whether we embrace God’s call in our lives or try to avoid it,

**People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

**People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

**People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

All: **We praise God’s name forever and ever!**

**\*Hymn:** *Grace Greater than Our Sin* #365 vs. 1,2,4

**\*Opening Prayer:** Dillon Staas

**Everlasting God, You are always seeking us despite our failures, our sin, and our indifference. Lord, You continue to watch out for us while we are still far away. Help us to see You longing for our return and run to You. We desire fellowship with You and those whom you love. Be with us now and open our hearts to see what breaks Your heart and draw us unto those places. We look to You for grace and guidance. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.**

**Song:** *Great Are You Lord/Shema* Jeremy Laukhuf

**Chat with the Children:** Ruth Ann Dowler  
*There is no AWE today-children will remain in the sanctuary*

**Life in the Church I:** Dillon Staas

**Song:** *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise* Jeremy Laukhuf

**\*Scripture:** Jonah 4:1-11 Pastor Christian Taylor

**Series:** **A Whale of a Fight**  
**Message:** “Do you understand?” Pastor Christian Taylor

**Hymn:** *Amazing Grace* #378 vs. 1,2 (tune of When Love Is Found #643)

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

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion:**

Invitation  
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord’s Prayer  
Distribution of the Bread & Juice

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

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

**Postlude:** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* arr. Chris Neal Scott Turner

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

<p><b>2012 Group</b></p> <p>Proverbs 20:12: The hearing ear and the seeing eye – ADONAI made them both</p> <p><b>Bible Study / Sunday School class after service in the church library</b></p>	<p><b>AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> 9:30am service</b></p> <p><b>BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS</b></p> 
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## Leaders in Today’s Worship

<b>Pastor:</b> Christian Taylor	<b>Organist:</b> Scott Turner
<b>Praise &amp; Worship Leader:</b> Jeremy Laukhuf	<b>Projectionist:</b> Cayden Laukhuf
<b>Announcer:</b> Dillon Staas	<b>Sound Technician:</b> Kyle Wendel
<b>Screen Creators:</b> Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn	<b>Videographer:</b> Noah Carter
<b>Usher/Greeter Coordinator:</b> 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. Today, children will stay in the sanctuary.

**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.