

AUGUST 20TH
9:30am service

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



least meals VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED *FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS*

Desserts & Clean up Crew
for Wednesday night meals

PLEASE PHONE JODY TO SIGN UP.

Beginning Sept. 13 *Thank You!*

SMALL GROUPS growing together in christ

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

You're Invited!



First United Methodist Church
PRESCHOOL
419-238-0631
vanwertfirst.net
Where Kids can Learn & Discover

Take a short journey to the 2nd floor to view the new paint, room layouts and carpeting.

We're proud of our space and thank everyone that had a part in updating our area!

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*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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

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**

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A Messenger with the Message



August 13, 2023
One Blinding Moment
Acts 9:1-19

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 13, 2023

“Then I remembered the word of the Lord, as He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 11:16

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Prelude: *Spirit of God* arr. Lani Smith Scott Turner

Welcome: Matt Krites

***Call to Worship:** Matt Krites

Leader: Lord, we come before you in joy, clothed in the majesty of your glory.

People: We come to sing your praises.

Leader: Like the myriad faithful of old,

People: We proclaim the Lamb to be worthy of blessing,

Leader: Not blessing only but honor and glory.

People: We fall down before you in worship. Amen!

***Hymn:** *How Great Thou Art* #77 vs. 1,3,4

***Opening Prayer:** Matt Krites

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others.

Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Song: *Simplicity* Jeremy Laukhuf

Chat with the Children: Cristi Laukhuf
Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool—5th Grade)

Life in the Church I: Matt Krites

Song: *Psalm 25:6-7* Jeremy Laukhuf

***Scripture:** Acts: 9:1-19 Pastor Christian Taylor

Series: **A Messenger with the Message**
Message: “One Blinding Moment” Pastor Christian Taylor

***Song:** *Here I Am To Worship* Jeremy Laukhuf

Life in the Church II: Pastor Christian Taylor

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

***Spoken Benediction:** Pastor Christian Taylor

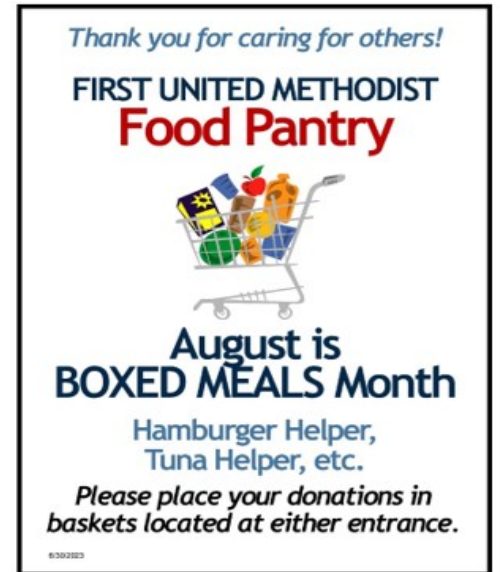
Postlude: *On “Italian Hymn”* by Edward Broughton Scott Turner

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

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



Thank you to each one of you who helped me celebrate my birthday. I am so wonderfully blessed to be a member of this body of believers in Jesus Christ. Eleanor Souders



Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Praise & Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Announcer: Matt Krites

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer

Organist: Scott Turner

Projectionist: Jill Smelser

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

Videographer: Dave Thompson

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.