

FIRST United methodist CHURCH

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Children & Teens—Not Second Rate Citizens

August 20, 2023

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.

Pickup an order form from
the office or see Teresa.

**Mums and Fall
Flowers**

Orders are due August 28th.

August 25 4:30pm-6:00pm
In Fountain Park

Cougar Huddle Tailgate

See Teresa @ Take 5 Cart to volunteer

65
More
Kits



Festival of Sharing
2023 NUMBERS

School Kits
Hygiene Kits
Period Packs
Buckets

KITS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED
UNTIL FALL 2023. DROP OFF ANYTIME!

We are seeking adults to be mentors. We need 15 adult men
and women by September 20.

More information is available by contacting Teresa.



H2O is the new middle school aged
mentoring program that will be starting
in the fall. This program will match
middle school kids with an adult mentor.

YOUTH

FALL KICKOFF August 27
4pm

location: @ Tom and Julie Burenga's Home

Middle school and High school youth
and their families are invited to enjoy
delicious food, fun games and great fellowship.

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!

Community Prayer Meeting

Thursdays - 12-1 pm

will be held at:

First United Methodist Church
113 W Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891
month of August

9:30 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 20, 2023

“He put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, “Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me—God who sent me.” Mark 9:36-37 MSG

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Welcome: Susan Burchfield

Introit: *Walk together, Children* arr. Tom Gettke and Thomas Grassi
In Spiritu Ensemble

***Call to Worship:** Susan Burchfield

Leader: Here we are, the young and old,

People: The believing and doubting,

Leader: The weak and strong.

People: Here God is, almighty and merciful,

Leader: Gracious and just,

People: Trustworthy and true.

Leader: So since we are here, and God is here, let us worship God.

***Hymn:** *God Will Take Care Of You* #130 vs. 1-4

***Opening Prayer:** Susan Burchfield

Lord God, we ask you to guide us as we teach young people to be spiritual people. Enlighten us always to follow the example of Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit to guide and protect all children as they pass through our hands. Give us the strength to be good vessels they can emulate in their day to day lives. We know you have good plans for each of them, and we thank you for enabling us to be part of it. Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Cristi Laukhuf

Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool—5th Grade)

Special Music: *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* arr. Tom Gettke
In Spiritu Ensemble

Life in the Church I: Susan Burchfield

Song: *Psalm 25:6-7* (see Insert)

Message: “Children & Teens - Not Second Rate Citizens” Teresa Shaffer

***Song:** *No Longer Slaves/Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying* Jeremy Laukhuf

Life in the Church II: Teresa Shaffer

Prayers of the People: Teresa Shaffer
The Lord’s Prayer

Vocal Benediction: *I Believe* arr. Stan Beard and Barry Tucker
In Spiritu Ensemble

***Spoken Benediction:** Teresa Shaffer

Postlude: *On “Nicaea”* arr. Gilbert M. Martin Scott Turner

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

The Altar flowers are given
In loving memory of Corbin Shaffer
by His Family

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Speaker: Teresa Shaffer

Liturgist: Susan Burchfield

Organist: Scott Turner

Praise & Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Sound Technician: Kent Smelser

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Usher/Greeter Coord.: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer



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

The "In Spiritu" Ensemble was formed by Sheila Chilcote-Collins in the Spring of 2019 and has had different members over the last 4 years. The group has performed at area concerts & churches, shared the stage with Daniel O'Donnell at The Lima Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center in November 2021, & they were the featured special music at Venedocia's Gymanfa Ganu in 2022. "In Spiritu" is Latin and translates to "In The Spirit".

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.