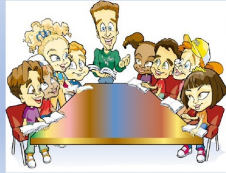


Children's Ministry Meeting

Sunday, August 27th at 11:00 in the Scheidt room.



Today!!!

Middle school or High school student!!!



Pool Party

Today
from
4pm-7pm

At the
Burenga's
home.

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!

Pickup an order form from
the office or see Teresa.

Mums and Fall
Flowers

Orders are due **TOMORROW**

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

*Preschool
Staff*

DEDICATION SERVICE
September 10 10:45am

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.



Krout Memorial
VAN WERT FIRST UNITED METHODIST

You're invited!
SMALL GROUP FAIR

**August 27 AND
September 3, 2023**

Many groups
to
choose from!



**VOLUNTEERS
ARE NEEDED**

FAMILIES
OR
INDIVIDUALS

Desserts & Clean up Crew
for Wednesday night meals

PLEASE PHONE JODY TO SIGN UP.

Beginning
Sept. 13

Thank You!

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THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5:13-26

AUGUST 27, 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.

9:30 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 27, 2023

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”
Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

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

Prelude: *Pianosong* by Paul Halley
Cindy Wendel, pianist and Gloria Wendel, organist

Welcome: Al Arnold

***Call to Worship:** Al Arnold

Leader: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

People: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

Leader: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

People: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

Leader: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

People: Lord, allow us to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Leader: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

People: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.

***Worship Songs:** *Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord* Praise Band
Heart of Worship

***Opening Prayer:** Al Arnold

Holy One, we come before you today full of hope, desire, and promise. Help us take up the mantle of faith you have laid before us, that we may use our gifts of the Spirit to face the challenges before us. Help us face the turmoil within and around us that we may face the future unafraid. Show us your way, your truth, and your life. Amen.

Hymn: *Spirit Song* #347 vs. 1-2

Chat with the Children: Julie Burenga
Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool—5th Grade)

Special Music: *Elegy* by Nicholas Bowden Scott Turner

Life in the Church 1: Al Arnold

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-26

Message: “The Fruits of the Spirit” Dillon Staas

***Hymn:** *Spirit of the Living God* #393

Life in the Church 2: Dillon Staas

Prayers of the People: Dillon Staas
The Lord’s Prayer (singing)

***Spoken Benediction:** Dillon Staas

Postlude: *On an Old Hymnsong* arr. Philip Buttal Scott Turner
You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
In loving memory of Dick Dunn
by His Family

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

Chancel
Choir
Rehearsal starting Weds.,
Sept. 6 at 7:30pm

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Speaker: Dillon Staas
Liturgist: Al Arnold
Organist: Scott Turner
Praise & Worship Band: Cheri Oechsle, Rod Oliver, Noah Krites
Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor
Usher/Greeter Coord.: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer
Projectionist: Luke Compton
Sound Technician: Noah Carter
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.