

New Sunday School and Worship Hours

Starting September 10

Sunday School @ 9:00am **Worship @ 10:15**

September 4th
Building & Office Closed

LABOR Day

FIRST united
methodist CHURCH

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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

REGISTER YOUR YOUTH **SCAN ME**

First United Methodist Church

Preschool Staff
Dedication Service

September 10 @ 10:15am



51 More

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 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.

Gaining Strength & Acceptance
September 3, 2023

Krout Memorial
 SMALL GROUPS VAN WERT FIRST UNITED METHODIST

You're invited!
SMALL GROUP FAIR
September 3

Many groups to choose from!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

They need teachers, assistants, and a tech crew.

Please see Cristi Laukhuf if you are interested.

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

“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.” Psalm 19:14 KJV

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Welcome: Jordan Dettrow

Prelude: Scott Turner
Improvisation on “Heal Me, Hands of Jesus (#262) and Surely the Presence (#328)”

***Call to Worship:** Jordan Dettrow

Leader: For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile in Christ

People: The same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

Leader: For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

People: How can they call on the one they have not believed in?

Leader: And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?

People: And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

Leader: And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

People: It is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

***Worship Songs:** *Open the Eyes of my Heart* Jeremy Laukhuf

***Opening Prayer:** Jeremy Laukhuf

Lord of creation, You sent me into the world to proclaim your message, yet no one will listen or trust my message. Lord, be with me like You were with Moses. Show me that “I Am” has sent me into the world. Strengthen me for the journey ahead, and send Your divine helper to guide me into all the places where fear prevents me from traveling, my fear or the fear of those to whom you have sent me. I ask in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God* Jeremy Laukhuf
Here I Am Lord #592 vs. 1 & 3

Chat with the Children: Chris Gordon
There is no AWE today-children will remain in the sanctuary

Special Music: *Elegy* by Nicholas Bowden Scott Turner

Life in the Church: Jordan Dettrow

Scripture: Acts 9:19b-31 Pastor Christian Taylor

Series: **A Messenger with the Message**
Message: “Gaining Strength and Acceptance” Pastor Christian Taylor

***Hymn:** *Be Still My Soul* #534 vs. 1-3

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: Pastor Christian Taylor
Invitation
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
Distribution of the Bread & Juice

Prayers of the People: Pastor Christian Taylor

***Spoken Benediction:** Pastor Christian Taylor

Postlude: *Allegro* by Lani Smith 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 honor of
Dave Leindecker’s 99th Birthday

*Third Grade
Bible Presentation*
SEPTEMBER 10

**Chancel
Choir**

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

Handbell
rehearsal
begins Weds.,
Sept. 6 @
6:30 pm



Leaders in Today’s Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Liturgist: Jordan Dettrow

Organist: Scott Turner

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Projectionist: Jill Smelser

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Usher Coordinator: Dave Lichtle

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.