

# FIRST United methodist CHURCH

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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SHORT TERM SERVICE OPPORTUNITY????

### Think about the following:

- **Cougar Huddle Tailgate** - Friday home game nights. Need people to serve food, hang with students, help set up and take down. This was 5th Quarter. It's been moved to pre-game rather than post-game. Call or see Teresa for details.
- **Wednesday Night Dinners** - 10 weeks beginning September 13. Need kitchen help, clean up help, dessert makers. Linda Mechling is your contact person or call the church office.
- **H2O Mentor program** - H2O is the new middle school aged mentoring program that is starting this fall. This program matches middle school kids with an adult mentor. We are needing 15 adult men and women by September 20. Call or see Teresa for details.
- **Friendly Visitors** - do you like to visit with people? This opportunity means seeing our people who are shut ins, nursing home bound or just need a friendly face now and then. Susan Mathew is your contact or call the office. Yes, we train you and give you tips on conversation.
- **Children's Ministry** - be an assistant in a child's classroom. You literally get to play and make friends! If you are unsure about this, call Cristi and observe.

## Wednesday Night

Menu

Sept. 13  
 Chicken and Noodles  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Salad  
 Hot Dog/ Bun  
 Dessert

FIRST CHURCH

OFFICE hours

MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:30-1:30  
 FRIDAY 8:30-12:00

FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
**Food Pantry**

September  
 is  
**SOUP  
 Month**



September 2023  
**Special Offering**

Envelopes are  
 in the pew

will go toward  
**Blanket Sunday**



Gaining Strength & Acceptance September 10, 2023

**NEW SUNDAY MORNING TIMES**

Sunday School 9:00am and Worship 10:15am

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.

# 10:15 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 10, 2023

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

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

**Welcome:** Al Arnold

**Prelude:** *Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling* Scott Turner

**\*Call to Worship:** Al Arnold

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
**People: for my hope is from God, who alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**  
Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.  
**People: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.**

**\*Hymn:** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #548 vs. 1, 3, 4  
*Go Make of All Disciples* #571 vs. 1, 4

**\*Opening Prayer:** Jeremy Laukhuf  
**Gracious Lord, You sent the Son of Encouragement to be our guide and model Godly character. As we continue to live and work for the kingdom, we pray that You continue to send timely encouragement to spur us on. We desire to encourage others as we grow closer to You. Help us to see how You love the world and step up to love with the same intensity and capacity. We want to be more like You in everything we say and do. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**Song:** *2 Corinthians 5:20-21/God Of Wonders* see insert

**Third Grade Bible Presentation:** Cristi Laukhuf  
*Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool—5th Grade)*

**Preschool Teacher Dedication:**

**Life in the Church:** Al Arnold

**\*Scripture:** Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3 Pastor Christian Taylor

**Series:** **A Messenger with the Message**  
**Message:** “Set Apart and Sent Out” Pastor Christian Taylor

**\*Hymn:** *Pass It On* #572 vs. 1 and 3

**Prayer:** Pastor Christian Taylor

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

**Postlude:** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Tom Birchwood Scott Turner  
*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.*

**School Prayers**

**Lifting our children up to the Lord**

Choose a prayer from the bulletin board and commit to praying for that child’s prayer all year long



**Festival of Sharing**  
2023 NUMBERS

School Kits  
Hygiene Kits  
Period Packs  
Buckets

Turn in Kits by Friday Sept 22

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Project 216 Event will be Saturday, October 7 at the Goedde Building! Great family event! Bring your family, your neighbors for a wonderful two hours!

Leaders in Today’s Worship

<b>Pastor:</b> Christian Taylor	<b>Projectionist:</b> Luke Compton
<b>Liturgist:</b> Al Arnold	<b>Sound Technician:</b> Kyle Wendel
<b>Organist:</b> Scott Turner	<b>Videographer:</b> Kurt Massillo
<b>Worship Leader:</b> Jeremy Laukhuf	<b>Screen Creators:</b> Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor
<b>Usher Coordinators:</b> Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer	

**KID’S MINISTRY 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.

**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.