

Christmas Musical

Rehearsal to start Oct, 4th

See Chris Gordon in Krout for more info

Sept 29/Oct 13
4:30pm-6:00pm
 In Fountain Park


Cougar Huddle Tailgate

See Teresa @ Take 5 Cart to provide cookies or volunteer at the event.

PROJECT 216
 FIGHT HUNGER. GIVE HOPE.

NEXT PACKING EVENT:
Saturday, October 7
9-11 am

Come help us pack meals for others!
 Hope Boxes and Sign up Sheets are available @ the Take 5 Cart.




Every Wednesday at 5pm

Join us in the basement dining hall. A complete meal is served for \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. Relax and recharge mid-week and touch base with family and friends.

All are welcome!

Desserts/Cleanup: There are slots available to donate a dessert or help with cleanup.

This week's meal:
 Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Peas/Carrots, Salad, Hot Dog/Bun, Dessert



FIRST UNITED METHODIST Food Pantry

September is SOUP Month



Children's Ministry Fall Family Event

Saturday October 7 4:30pm - 6:30pm

RSVP to
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@ The home of Annie and Ross Shartzter



FIRST CHURCH

OFFICE hours

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

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A Messenger with the Message

Gaining Strength & Acceptance September 24, 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 24, 2023

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Welcome: Eric McCracken

Prelude: *To God Be the Glory* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski Handbell Choir
Gloria Wendel, Director and Scott Turner, Organist

***Call to Worship:** Eric McCracken

Leader: With eyes to see,

People: And ears to hear,

Leader: With lips to sing,

People: And hands to help:

All: Let us worship God with the fullness of our being.

***Hymn:** *Come, Christians Join to Sing* #158 vs. 1 & 3

***Opening Prayer:** Cheri Oechsle

Lord, Paul's missionary adventures show us the gospel should not be confined to one corner of the world but the hope be offered to all people. Help us Lord not to have a silo mentality with interest only in self and family; but instead venture forth to witness for Christ and further Your kingdom. Lord, we Seek Your Purpose; Lord, we Seek Your Empowerment; Lord, we Seek Your Restoration. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

Song: *Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone* Praise Band
10,000 Reasons

Chat with the Children: Ruth Ann Dowler
Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool—5th Grade)

Life in the Church: Eric McCracken

***Scripture:** Acts 13:42-52 Pastor Christian Taylor

Anthem: *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Craig Courtney Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

Series: **A Messenger with the Message**
Message: "An Encouraging Message" Pastor Christian Taylor

***Hymn:** *There's Within My Heart a Melody* #380 vs. 1 & 5

Prayers of the People: Pastor Christian Taylor
Song: **The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)** Praise Band

***Spoken Benediction:** Pastor Christian Taylor

Postlude: *Lucis Creator Optime* by Jean Titelouze (1562-1633) Scott Turner



Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Liturgist: Eric McCracken

Worship Leader: Cheri Oechsle

Praise Band: Susan Burchfield, Noah Carter, Rod Oliver

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinators: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer

Acolyte: Dillon Staas

Handbell Director: Gloria Wendel

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

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, 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.