

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY????

- **3 OR 4 people to host the coffee hour on Sundays** - This means make sure the coffee pots are full and the donuts replenished. It does not mean making the coffee or purchasing the donuts. Could you help us **once a month** from 8:30 -10:00 on Sunday morning?
- **Data entry for our attendance** - This is a weekly job, takes about an hour or so.
- **Coordinating greeters and acolytes** - Requires some phone calls and ability to make a schedule.
- **Cougar Huddle Tailgate** - Friday, October 13th 4-6:30pm. 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** - Now through Nov 15th. 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 matching middle school kids with an adult mentor. We fulfilled our initial goal and are looking at adding more students to the program. 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.

Contact the church office to get started—419-238-0631 ext. 302 or firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net

MISSING BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

Due to the higher cost of books, we can no longer replace them when they disappear. The sad thing is that others don't get to read them. Please check all your books to see if one of these is hiding in your home.

- ◇ A Season of Secrets - Elizabeth Adams
- ◇ Silent Days, Holy Nights - Phyllis Clark
- ◇ A Treasury of Christmas Classics
- ◇ When Women Walk Alone - Cindi McMenamin
- ◇ Breaks Your Heart - James W Moore
- ◇ Real Life Relationships - Jim Pitman
- ◇ When Your Comfort Zone Gets the Squeeze - Large Print - Charles Swindoll
- ◇ Mere Christianity - C. S. Lewis
- ◇ Dream Land - The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic - Sam Quinones



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A Personal God for Spiritual People

October 8, 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.

10:15 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Matthew 19:21

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Prelude: *Improvisation on Old Hymns*

Welcome and Announcements: Dillon Staas

***Call to Worship:** Dillon Staas

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and we will tell what God has done for us.

People: God is the Sovereign of heaven and earth, maker of this world and all within it.

Leader: God has given to all mortals life and breath and every blessing.

People: Bless our God, O peoples! Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

All: Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God!

***Hymn:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #92 vs. 1-3

***Opening Prayer:** Jeremy Laukhuf

Song: *1 Peter 1:18-19/Nothing But The Blood*

Chat with the Children: Christie Wendel
Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church: Dillon Staas

***Scripture:** Acts 17:16-31

Anthem: *The Light of the World* by Don Besig Chancel Choir

Series: **A Messenger with the Message**
Message: "A Personal God for Spiritual People" Pastor Christian

***Hymn:** *There's Something About That Name* #171
His Name is Wonderful #174

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings:
Offertory: *When We Are Living* (Traditional Spanish Melody)
***Doxology:** *Majesty* #176
***Prayer of Gratitude:**

***Spoken Benediction:**

Postlude: *Chorale from Suite Gothique* by Léon Boëllmann

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

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 28th
10AM- 12PM



- Sign up to have a decorated trunk and hand candy out
- Bring candy in to donate
- Sign up to help with the refreshments that day

The Women's Ministry Team will have a booth at the

Van Wert
Apple
Festival

October 20 and 21.

Baked goods from ANY First Church member are appreciated.

Baked goods should be brought to the church by 3:00 on Thursday, October 19 or you can bring them to the booth Friday and Saturday morning.

The Altar flowers are given in honor of
Arlene's Keysor's 92nd Birthday by her family

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.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Announcer: Dillon Staas

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Acolyte: Dillon Staas

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Usher Coordinators: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer