



Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser
TODAY

Adults- \$9
Under 12- \$6

Menu	Spaghetti	Red Sauce	Desserts and Drinks
	Salad Bar	Alfredo Sauce	
	Bread sticks	Meatballs	

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COLLECTING CHANGE FOR UNICEF TODAY

This service project helps reinforce to our kids that it is never too early to start serving and caring for others. Their goal of \$250 will provide emergency needs to kids around the world. This goal amount can provide mobile school kits to kids so they may continue their education during a crisis. **Don't have change?** Use the following link or QR Code to donate online.

<https://unicefusa.donorsupport.co/-/NJGMHSDB?member=SCEQCDHW>



FINANCE UPDATE

September 2023		Year to Date	
Donations	\$31,463.00	Donations	\$439,821.00
Expense	-\$46,430.00	Expense	-\$462,545.00
Expense over Donations	-\$14,967.00	Expense over Donations	-\$ 22,724.00

Brothers & Sisters,

As you can see, we are running behind in our donations for the year. As you consider your year end giving, we hope you will consider additional support for your church and her ministries. The finance committee and the staff are watching expenses during this last quarter of the year. We have adequate reserves to cover our costs. If you want to see a more detailed report, please contact Jana Thompson, Treasurer.

We have many ways to make your giving easy - online giving, direct deposit, weekly envelopes and you can always mail a gift. If you have any questions about these options, please contact Jana at 419-203-1137 or email, jana.thompson@vanwertfirst.net.

Thank you for your faithfulness in your tithing and support of First UMC.

The Finance Committee

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**The Path
of the
Disciple:
Imagining
a New
Reality**

YOUTH SUNDAY - October 29, 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 29, 2023

YOUTH SUNDAY

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Rom. 8:28 NIV

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Welcome and Announcements: Zakk Hogan

Prelude: *A Gaelic Blessing* by John Rutter Scott Turner, piano

***Call to Worship:** Hayden Dowler

Leader: Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness;

People: Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Leader: I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

People: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

Leader: Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me—they have no regard for you.

People: But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

***Hymn:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #140 vs. 1, 2, 3

***Opening Prayer:** Jeremy Laukhuf

Heavenly Father, the moment we get tired of waiting, Your Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. The Spirit does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs or aching groans. Your Spirit knows us far better than we know ourselves, it knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. Remind me of your ultimate truth, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Song: *Trust In You/Oceans*

Chat with the Children: Lauren Gearhart, Ashlynn Shaffer & Caroline Kelly
Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church: Mandy Burenga

Testimony: Sydney Dowler

***Scripture:** Romans 8:26-39 Noah Krites

Anthem: *As the Deer* by Martin Nystrom Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

Series: **The Path of the Disciple: Imagining a New Reality**
Message: *“Hidden and Mixed In”*

***Hymn:** *Be Thou My Vision* #451 vs. 1, 2, 3

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings:
Offertory: *Offertory* by Lani Smith
***Doxology:** #95 (Old Hundredth)
***Prayer of Gratitude:** Leah Krites

***Spoken Benediction:**

Postlude: *The Rejoicing* by George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

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

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
Director of Music: Scott Turner
Acolyte: Elora Hogan
Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor
Projectionist: Noah Carter
Sound Technician: Ron Allison
Videographer: Dave Thompson
Usher Coordinators: Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer