

April Baby Shower - Pregnancy Life Center

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

Diapers (Size 4,5,&6)
Baby Bath or Lotion
Comb and Brush Sets
Baby Nail Clipper Set
Child Safety Devices
(Wall Plugs Covers, Baby Gates, etc)
Breast Milk Storage Bags
Baby Spoons/Dishes
(Preferably silicon)

Summer Baby clothes
(Size newborn to 4T)
Baby Spoons/Dishes
(Preferably silicon)



**Place items in the
Pack & Play by the office.**

Large Items:
Highchair
Baby Swing
Bouncy Chairs
Jumper or Boppy Seats

APRIL CHURCH EVENT

PAINT WITH A PARTNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH
7:00PM - 8:30PM

RSVP REQUIRED TO CRISTI.LAUKHUF@VANWERTFIRST.NET

Preschool Online Auction

April 15 - 19

The Auction Site is Open for Viewing

32auctions.com/FUMPRESCHOOL2024

Our April Mission Offering is VBS

Registration for VBS will begin April 8th

Use the link or QR Code

<https://vbspro.events/p/tumchometownvbs>

Thank you for caring for others!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Food Pantry

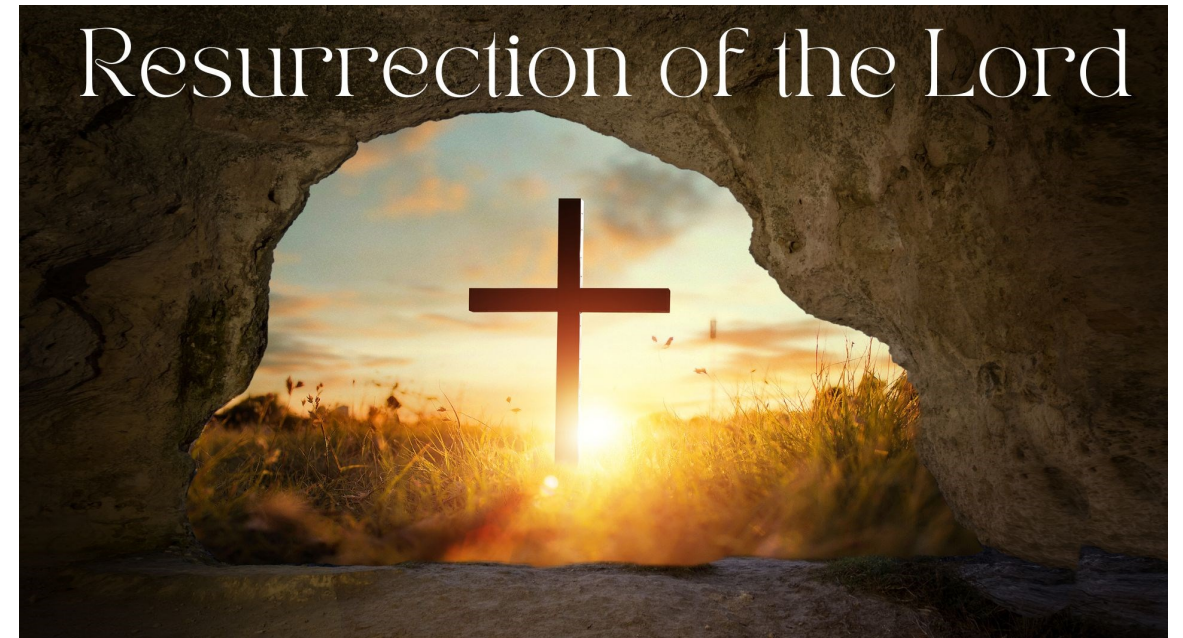
April is CANNED FRUITS Month

Peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce, mixed fruit

Please place your donations in baskets located at either entrance.

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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March 31, 2024

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Acts 10:39-41

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

Welcome & Announcements Melissa Joseph

Prelude *Easter Hymn of Promise* by Joel Raney Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir
Larry Taylor - Director, Linda Mechling - Piano, Scott Turner - Organ

***Call to Worship** Olivia Ramos

Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.
Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us
now and always.

People: Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #302 vs. 1,2,3,5,6

***Opening Prayer** Kaden Shaffer

O God, we worship on this holy day, knowing that we are your Easter people. We read the story again and marvel at the sight of the rising Son. It's as if we were a polar people who wonder at the glimpse of the light of the sun after a season of darkness. Memory recalls the return of light, yet we still marvel and wonder at its arrival. Help us reflect the light of your rising Son, that others might see and give glory to you, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song *Revelation Song*

Children's Activity Explanation Cristi Laukhuf

Life in the Church Teresa Shaffer

Baptisms and Confirmation

*Beau Bear Addison Breese Cayson Clark
Ella Pruden Ansley Schwab*

Mentors: Christian Taylor, Ella Stoller, Jalen McCracken, Audrey Taylor, Ashley Osburn

***Scripture** Mark 16:1-8

Choral Anthem *The Day of Resurrection* by Shelton Love Chancel Choir
Larry Taylor, Director and Scott Turner, Accompanist

Series **Resurrection of Our Lord**
Message You are Looking for Jesus Pastor Christian Taylor

***Song** *By His Wounds*

***Prayer of Gratitude** Hayden Dowler

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
Distribution of the Bread & Juice

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude: *Toccata for Easter Morning* by Don Hustad

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshiping with us!*



Our Easter offering is designated to replace our aging rooftop cooling and heating units. Please use the special envelopes in your box, the church pews or write Easter on your check memo line.

TODAY, Tithes & Offerings may be made by dropping them 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.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Sound Technician: Kent Smelser

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Acolytes: Addisyn Karl & Vivian Laukhuf

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant