




Preschool Book Fair
April 22nd-29th
<https://C14748.paperpie.com>
Online Only

Youth Flower and Vegetable Pick Up
 April 30th
Fairgrounds EMR Building
 3:30pm - 5pm



Love INC Chicken Dinner Fundraiser



Pick up @ **Calvary Evangelical Church** | **Sunday, May 5th**
 11am - 1pm
 \$12 per dinner
 Pre-sale tickets only
 See Teresa for tickets

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION
MAY 9TH @ 6PM
IN SANCTUARY



Graduation Sunday
May 19
 Come fellowship with our graduates at their tables in Krout or over a meal after service



VBS June 3rd - 6th
Registration is open to students & volunteers

Use the link or QR Code




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

April Baby Shower - Pregnancy Life Center
WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

Diapers (Size 4,5,&6)	Summer Baby clothes (Size newborn to 4T)
Baby Bath or Lotion	Baby Spoons/Dishes (Preferably silicon)
Comb and Brush Sets	Large Items: Highchair, Baby Swing, Bouncy Chairs, Jumper or Boppy Seats
Baby Nail Clipper Set	
Child Safety Devices (Wall Plugs Covers, Baby Gates, etc)	
Breast Milk Storage Bags	
Baby Spoons/Dishes (Preferably silicon)	

Place items in the Pack & Play by the office.



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.

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April 21, 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

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:12-13 NIV

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

Welcome & Announcements Matt Krites

Prelude *Adoration* by Florence Price

***Call to Worship** Matt Krites

L: What a joy it is to welcome you this day!
P: We are grateful and happy to be here.
L: Christ, the Good Shepherd, invites you to walk with him.
P: We accept that invitation, confident in his guidance.
L: Be ready to serve the Lord in all that you do, for his love has been poured upon you.
P: Open our hearts and spirits this day, Lord, to receive your holy words and to be challenged in our service to you. Amen.

***Songs** *Build My Life/What A Friend We Have In Jesus* (#526 vs. 1-3)

***Opening Prayer** Jeremy Laukhuf

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. Amen.

Chat with the Children
Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church Matt Krites

***Scripture** 1 John 3:16-24

Series **How Shall We Live**
Message We Abide in Christ Pastor Christian Taylor

***Hymn** *Abide with Me* #700 vs. 1, 3, 4

Prayers of the People
The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings (Children return from AWE)

Offertory *Adagio Cantabile* by L.V. Beethoven

***Doxology** *I Surrender All*

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Spoken Benediction**

Choral Benediction *A Gaelic Blessing* by John Rutter Chancel Choir
Scott Turner, Accompanist

Postlude: *Cavatina* by A. Dvorak

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

The flowers on the altar are in Loving Memory
of Corbin Jacob Shaffer, given by his 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 and return during offering time. AWE will not meet Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor
Director of Music: Scott Turner
Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf
Acolytes: Addisyn Karl and Ceci Staas
Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichte, Assistant
Projectionist: Noah Carter
Sound Technician: Kent Smelser
Videographer: Kurt Massillo
Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor