

**Youth Flower and Vegetable Pick Up**


April 30th

**Fairgrounds EMR Building**

3:30pm - 5pm

**April Baby Shower - Pregnancy Life Center**

**WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:**

Diapers (Size 4,5,&6)	Summer Baby clothes (Size newborn to 4T)	 <p><b>Place items in the Pack &amp; Play by the office.</b></p>
Baby Bath or Lotion	Baby Spoons/Dishes (Preferably silicon)	
Comb and Brush Sets	Large Items:	
Baby Nail Clipper Set	Highchair	
Child Safety Devices (Wall Plugs Covers, Baby Gates, etc)	Baby Swing	
Breast Milk Storage Bags	Bouncy Chairs	

Baby Spoons/Dishes (Preferably silicon)

Jumper or Boppy Seats

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**methodist CHURCH**

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**PRESCHOOL GRADUATION**  
**MAY 9TH**  
**@ 6PM**  
**IN SANCTUARY**



*Moms of preschoolers - 5th graders*

You are invited to join your child in the Dining Hall for a fun filled morning of mini games to celebrate all you do

**Sunday, May 12th**  
**9:00am**



**CLASS OF 2024**




**College Graduates!!!**

Please submit your graduation information to Teresa by May 12th

School  
Major  
Graduation Date  
Photo

**VBS** Use the link or QR Code

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



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



April 28, 2024

**Graduate Sunday**  
**May 19th**  
**Come Celebrate with our young adults**

**Class of 2024**  
**Lunch in Dining Hall after service**

**Card Boxes will be available with our Graduates**

- Austin Bockrath
- Sydney Dowler
- Macy Johnson
- Melissa Joseph
- Cayden Laukhuf
- Olivia Ramos
- Kaden Shaffer

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

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things, there is no law."  
Galatians 5:22-23

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

**Prelude** *Crown Him With Many Crowns* arr. Chris Neal

**Welcome & Announcements**

Jordan Dettrow

**\*Call to Worship**

Jordan Dettrow

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

**People: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**

Leader: Drink from the waters of life.

**People: We live in the light of God's grace.**

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

**People: All are welcome here.**

**\*Hymn** *O Worship the King*

#73 vs. 1-4

**\*Opening Prayer**

Jeremy Laukhuf

**God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**Chat with the Children**

*Children are dismissed to AWE*

Pastor Christian Taylor

**Life in the Church**

Jordan Dettrow

**Pray for Our VBS Staff**

**"Lord, be with our staff as they plan, prepare, and put on our VBS this year. Keep them healthy in body and mind before, during, and after VBS. Allow opportunities for them to share the good news of who you are with kids. Give them creative ideas to reach children, give them peace when times get stressful, and fill their hearts with joy as they faithfully complete your work."**

**\*Scripture**

John 15:1-8

**Anthem** *Keep Your Lamps* arr. Victor Johnson

Chancel Choir  
Linda Mechling, Accompanist

**Series  
Message**

**How Shall We Love**  
We Bear Fruit

Pastor Christian Taylor

**\*Song** *You Are The Vine*

**Prayers of the People**  
The Lord's Prayer

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

*(Children return from AWE)*

**Offertory** *He is Lord* arr. Garrett Parker

**\*Doxology** *Come Thou Fount*

**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**Postlude:** *Our Christ Ascends* arr. Todd Kendall

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



Our **April offering** is designated to VBS.  
Please use the special envelopes in the church  
pews or write VBS on your check memo line.

## **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

**Projectionist:** Cayden Laukhuf

**Director of Music:** Scott Turner

**Sound Technician:** Kyle Wendel

**Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Acolytes:** Dillon Staas and Elijah Pollock

**Screen Creators:** Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant