

Graduate Sunday

Next Week

**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

LOST and Found



Lost and found
items in the
Narthex
**May 5th &
May 12th**

**CLASS
OF
2024**

College Graduates!!!

Please submit your
graduation information
to Teresa **TODAY**
School
Major
Graduation Date
Photo



Our **May offering** is
designated to Operation
Back to School. Please
use the special
envelopes in the church
pews or write OPBTS on
your check memo line.

Operation Back to School

Fountain Park July 28 2024

3pm - 5pm

Register on
vanwertfirst.net

VBS

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

Use the link or
QR Code



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

**MANDATORY VOLUNTEER
VBS PREP MEETING**

FRIDAY, MAY 31st

6:30pm



*** we will NOT meet on Sunday the 2nd***

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**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**

May 12, 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

All of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-9 NIV

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Welcome & Announcements

Al Arnold

Prelude *How Firm Thy Friendship* arr. Jim Searingen/Scott Turner

*Call to Worship

Al Arnold

L: Come, let us bow before the holy One.

P: Come, let us confess God's might.

L: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

P: Come, let us live in God's light.

L: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

P: Glory to you, gracious and loving God!

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#89

*Opening Prayer

Al Arnold

Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Who will you lead us to serve? Help us trust you. Help us listen. Bless this community as we come together in worship. Encourage us, comfort us, unite us, make our joy complete. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Chat with the Children

Grace Dowler

Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church

Al Arnold

Pray for Our VBS

Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS. Amen

*Scripture Philippians 2:1-8

Anthem *O Give Thanks!* By Mary Kay Beall

Chancel Choir
Linda Mechling, Accompanist

Series Message

How Shall We Love
Selfless Love

Dillon Staas

Song *The King Is Among Us*

Prayers of the People

Jeremy Laukhuf

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

(Children return from AWE)

Offertory *Meditation on "Showalter"* by David Lasky

*Doxology *I Surrender All*

*Prayer of Gratitude

*Hymn *Hymn of Promise*

#707

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude: *Postlude by Edward Broughton*

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

The flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of God by John & Jean Auld
for the birth of their daughter, Sammi Jo

**NEXT SUNDAY - WE CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES DURING SERVICE
AND INVITE EVERYONE FOR LUNCH TOGETHER IN THE DINING HALL**

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: Kent Smelser

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Acolytes: Ceci Staas and Anna Stoller

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant