



Building, Office and Food
Pantry Will be Closed
Memorial Day
May 27th
Honored & Remembered

SAVE THE DATE
TINCAP'S GAME
AUG 15, 2024
7:05 PM
\$12 EACH
TICKET SALES START JULY 1ST

OPERATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL
VAN WERT COUNTY
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 Use the link or QR Code
June 3rd - 6th
Registration is open to students & volunteers
<https://vbspro.events/p/fumchometownvbs>

MANDATORY VOLUNTEER VBS PREP MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 31st
6:30pm
*** we will NOT meet on Sunday the 2nd***

FIRST United methodist CHURCH

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May 19, 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

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."
John 8:58 NIV

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

Welcome & Announcements Sydney Dowler

Prelude *The King is Coming/We Shall Behold Him* arr. Glenda Austin

***Call to Worship** Jeremy Laukhuf

L: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

P: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

L: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

P: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

L: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

P: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen.

***Song** *For The Beauty Of The Earth; Praise Him, Praise Him All Ye Little Children;
Revelation Song*

***Opening Prayer** Austin Bockrath

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. Overwhelm us with your Spirit so we may continue in the prophet tongues that you gifted when you established your church. We are Your people, O Lord, the workmanship of Your hands. Inspire us anew with Your great gifts. In the Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Presentation of Graduates Sierra Shaffer

Graduate Testimonies

Life in the Church Sydney Dowler

Pray for Our Church

God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us. Amen

***Scripture** Hebrews 13:1-3 & 5-8 Kaden Shaffer

Anthem *Who Is God?* By Jeremy Stoller Chancel Choir
Paula LaRue, Accompanist

Series **Overcome by the Spirit**
Message Can You See Pastor Christian Taylor

Hymn/Song *Bo Ruach Elohim (Come Holy Spirit Come)*

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude: *Benediction by John Rutter*

*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 given
in loving memory of Marlene Follas
by the Dettrow Family

Kid's Worship Kits

Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE. We have **Worship Kits** located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today's service. Please remember to return the kits after service. Thank you.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Acolytes: Vivian Laukhuf and Elora Hogan

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant