

Building, Office and Food
Pantry Will be Closed

Memorial Day
May 27th

Honored & Remembered

**MANDATORY VOLUNTEER
VBS PREP MEETING**

FRIDAY, MAY 31st
6:30pm

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

FIRST united
methodist **CHURCH**

113 West Central Avenue | Van Wert, Ohio 45891 | 419-238-0631 | vanwertfirst.net

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.

Thank you for caring for others!

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
Food Pantry**

May is **PERSONAL HYGIENE Month**

Soap, powder, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant

Please place your donations in baskets located at either entrance.



Operation Back to School

Fountain Park July 28 2024

3pm - 5pm

Register on vanwertfirst.net

SAVE THE DATE

TINCAP'S GAME

AUG 15, 2024

7:05 PM

\$12 EACH

TICKET SALES START JULY 1ST

VBS Use the link or QR Code

June 3rd - 6th

Registration is open to students & volunteers

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

FIRST CHURCH

OFFICE hours

MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:30-1:30
FRIDAY 8:30-12:00

May 26, 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

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”
Titus 3:5

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

Prelude *Great Is thy Faithfulness* arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements Eric McCracken

***Call to Worship** Eric McCracken

L: God's love is poured out on God's world.

P: From the foundations of time, God's love is woven into all things.

L: When we cry "Abba, Father!", God hears and lovingly responds to us.

P: Thanks be to God who forgives and lifts us up.

L: Now we are called to be born anew!

P: Open our hearts and our lives that we may truly be born with hearts aflame with God's love. Amen.

***Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #384

***Opening Prayer** Eric McCracken

O Sovereign of the universe, we stand in this house of worship, proclaiming your splendor and majesty. You are the Holy One! You are full of glory! You speak, and the oaks whirl and the cedars fall! We stand in your presence in awe and humility. We stand in your presence with boldness and courage. We look and listen for your presence here today. Amen.

Song *Lord, Listen To Your children Praying/Goodness Of God*

Chat with the Children Chris Gordon
Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church Eric McCracken

Pray for Our Kids

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime. Amen

***Scripture** Isaiah 6:1-8

Series **Ascribe to God**
Message All-Consuming Presence Pastor Christian Taylor

***Song** *Open The Eyes Of My Heart/Come, Holy Spirit*

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings (Children return from AWE)

Offertory *There is a Fountain* arr. Joel Raney

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

***Prayer of Gratitude**

Anthem *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* arr. Peter Wilhousky
Congregation stand and sing as directed

Chancel Choir Paula LaRue and Linda Mechling, Piano

***Spoken Benediction**

Choral Benediction *Benediction* by John Ness Beck Chancel Choir
Larry Taylor-Director, Mary Ann Falk-Soloist, and Scott Turner-Piano

Postlude: *How Great Thou Art* arr. Glenda Austin

*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 memory
of Michael Arn by Sherri Arn and 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

Projectionist: Noah Krites

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant