



OPERATION BACK TO SCHOOL
FOUNTAIN PARK JULY 28 2024
3PM - 5PM
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
SEE CRISTI FOR FORMS, REGISTRAR AT
VANWERTFIRST.NET, OR QR CODE



Rooftop unit replacement continues this week.

Hope for Her
 A WOMEN'S TRIP TO GO AND LOVE ON OTHER WOMEN AND MOTHERS IN THE DR
 OCTOBER 2-9, 2024
 If interested see Teresa for more information



IGNITE 2024
JULY 18-20
 We Need Volunteers of All Skill Levels
 There is a Place for Everyone to Serve.
 Bring the Whole Family
 Sign up with Teresa or use the QR code




Summer Hours
Service starts
@ 9:30am



Sanctuary Pew Repair and Staining
 Annual pew repairs and staining will begin soon



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



FIRST^united
 methodist CHURCH
 113 West Central Avenue | Van Wert, Ohio 45891 | 419-238-0631 | vanwertfirst.net


Preschool Enrollment Open
 Contact Marilyn for more information
 marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net



FIRST^united methodist CHURCH

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

Open Your Heart



June 23, 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

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.” Psalm 107:2-3

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

Welcome & Announcements Al Arnold

Prelude *Moment by Moment* by Cindy Berry

***Call to Worship** Al Arnold

L: In the midst of life’s storms, God is there.

P: What have we to fear?

L: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

P: Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

P: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.

***Hymn** *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* #462

***Opening Prayer** Al Arnold

Holy God, we extol and honor you for who you are. We praise you for your faithfulness and for your tender mercies that are renewed every morning. We exalt you, Sovereign One, for every blessing of yesterday, the gift of this day, and the promises of our tomorrows. Grant us an enduring faith as we strive against oppression and despair. Endow us with contagious joy that uplifts the downtrodden and inspires hope in you. Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. In your majestic name, we pray, Amen.

Song *Here I Am To Worship*

Chat with the Children Christie Wendel
Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church Al Arnold

***Scripture** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Series **Open Your Heart**
Message In Sorrow and In Rejoicing Pastor Christian Taylor

***Song** *There Is A Hope*

Prayers of the People
The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings *(Children return from AWE)*

Offertory *Interlude* by Glenda Austin

***Doxology** *All Creatures Of Our God and King*

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude *Ocean Etude* by Frederic Chopin



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

Screen Creators: Jana Thompson, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assist.

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Sound Technician: Kent Smelser

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Sermon Notes: