



**Office and Building
Closed July 4th**

**Happy
Independence Day**

Sanctuary Pew Repair and Staining



Annual pew repairs and staining will begin soon




**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



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

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



SAVE THE DATE

TINCAPS GAME

AUG 15, 2024

7:05 PM

\$12 EACH

TICKET SALES START JULY 1ST



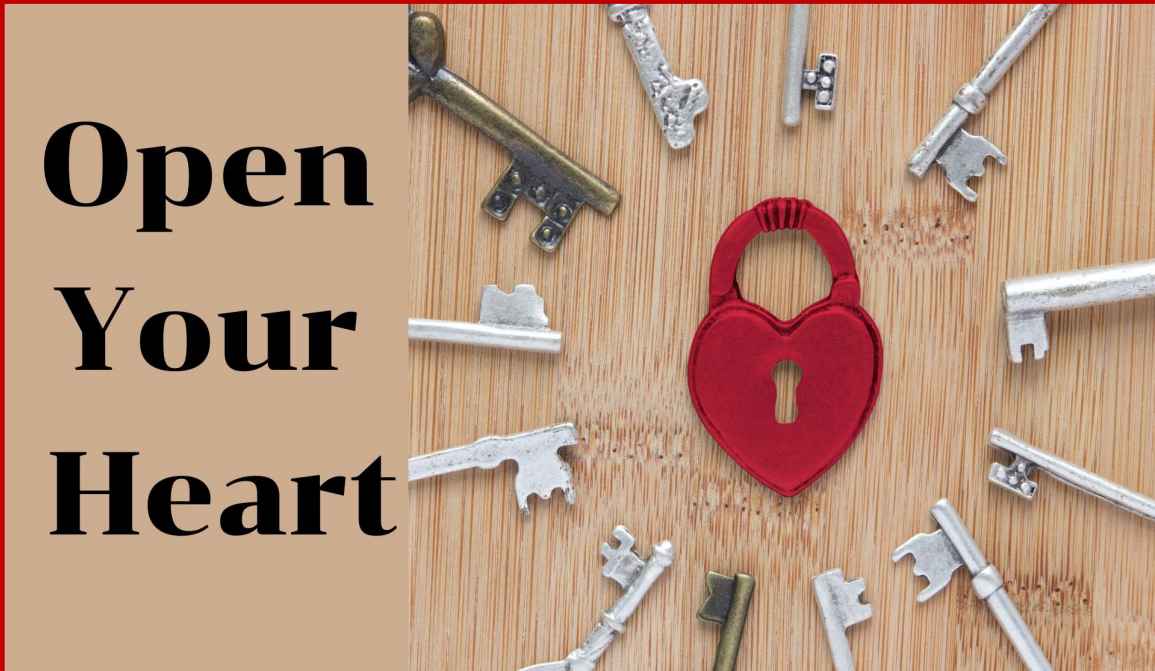
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Preschool Enrollment Open

Contact Marilyn for more information
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Open Your Heart

June 30, 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

“For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.” Acts 4:34-35 NIV

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

Welcome & Announcements

Jovie Pollock, Willow Snyder

Prelude *Soon and Very Soon* arr. Wolaver

Linda Mechling

*Call to Worship

Ronan Shartzter

L: Independence Day is this week.

P: We celebrate a time when our country declared its independence from foreign domination.

L: But many things dominate our hearts: fear, apathy, intolerance, anger.

P: May God hear our celebrations and also our cries for help.

L: Remember how God has blessed you, and be a blessing to others.

P: Lord, keep our hearts and minds open to your word and your way. Amen.

*Song *Jesus Loves Me*

*Opening Prayer

Vivian Laukhuf

God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction this morning. We are so busy with the holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet the words of anguish arise around us. News of tragedy and war blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come and comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day so that we might become people who bring peace and hope to those in despair, for we ask these things in the name of the master healer, Jesus Christ. Amen

Song *Let Your Light Shine*

Chat with the Children

Julie Burenga

Children are dismissed to AWE--they may be picked up after service in the Scheidt room

Life in the Church

Elijah Pollock

*Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Series

Open Your Heart

Message

In Need and In Abundance

Pastor Christian Taylor

*Song *God of Wonders*

*Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Spoken Benediction



Tithes & Offerings may be made by dropping them in one of the wooden boxes around the sanctuary, using our online giving option found on our website at vanwertfirst.net, texting 419.963.3557 or mailing it to First UMC, 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891. Thank you for your support to First UMC and her ministries.

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 may be picked up at the Scheidt room after service. AWE will not meet Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Projectionist: Nicholas Carter

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Videographer: Noah Carter

Screen Creators: Leah Krites, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assist.

Sermon Notes: