


Paul Miller turns 100!
 Come Out and Celebrate Paul
Aug 3rd hosted by Miller Family
 1pm-3pm
 In The Church Dining Hall
Please No Gifts
 Cards may be
 dropped off to the
 Church Office

Fall Flower & Mum Sale
July 7th-Aug 28th
 Order forms will be @ both entrances
 & Take 5 Kart
Pickup will be September 20th
 Proceeds are for the Hope for Her trip



TINCAPS GAME **AUG 15, 2024**
7:05 PM
TICKETS ARE \$12 EACH
PURCHASE TICKETS IN CHURCH
OFFICE OR TAKE 5 KART

Hope for Her A WOMEN'S TRIP TO GO
 AND LOVE ON OTHER
 WOMEN AND MOTHERS
 IN THE DR
 OCTOBER 2-6, 2024
Pray for this trip



**Don't forget to
 pick up your
 Flat Jesus in
 front of Cristi's
 office**



Operation Back to School
 Fountain Park July 28 2024
 3pm - 5pm
 Register Students and
 Volunteers @
vanwert.first.net



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





FUMC Preschool
 Summer Open House
 Thursday Aug 8th 6pm-7:30pm
 113 W Central Ave, Van Wert
marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net Phone: (419) 238-0631
Vanwertfirst.net (Click on Preschool Tab)



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**Open
 Your
 Heart**



July 7, 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

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
Isaiah 40:28-29 NIV

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

Welcome & Announcements

Teresa Shaffer

Prelude *I Believe in Miracles* arr. Fred Bock

Scott Turner

*Call to Worship

Hayden Dowler

L: We are called by Jesus to be in ministry and mission to this world.

P: But we wonder if we are going to be able to do this mighty work.

Special Music Hymn #505 vs. 1

L: As we have listened to Jesus' words of teaching, seen the healing ministry, so we must place our trust in the call to go and serve.

P: Lord, prepare us this day to truly be the disciples you would have us be.

Special Music Hymn #505 vs. 4

P: Amen.

*Hymn *When Our Confidence is Shaken*

#505

*Opening Prayer

Leah Krites

Lord Jesus, you challenge us daily with a thorn in our flesh. We see need everywhere we look but often feel powerless to attend to that need. We see pain in all directions, but we have little to offer those in pain. Lord, remind us of Paul's powerful lesson: Your power is perfected in our weakness. Help us to embrace human weakness so Your divine power may be perfected and our ministry reaches the corners of the earth for Your great glory. In Your name, we pray, Amen.

Chat with the Children

Children will remain in worship

Maddy Laukhuf & Ashlynn Shaffer

Life in the Church

Teresa Shaffer

Song *Who You Say I Am*

*Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Noah Krites

Series Message

Open Your Heart
In Weakness and In Strength

Pastor Christian Taylor

*Song *He Leadeth Me*

Holy Communion Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer

Meah Johnson & Lillie Best

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude *How Excellent is Thy Name* arr. Glenda Austin

Scott Turner

The flowers on the altar are given by Sammi Joseph
in celebration of Jean Ann Auld's 75th,
Kirby Joseph's 50th & John Auld's Birthday

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 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: Cayden Laukhuf

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Sound Technician: Kent Smelser

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assist.