

Operation Back to School is in need of personal-sized pop up tents for July. 28th!

Please contact Rachael Dettrow: 419/771-8199

OR DROP TENTS OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE













We're looking for someone with a heart for serving God's people and confidence working with others to create a welcoming environment.

If Interested, email your resume and cover letter to Pastor Christian Taylor at, christian.taylor@vanwertfirst.net.



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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 not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17 NIV

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

Welcome & Announcements

Martin Burchfield

Prelude Abide With Me/Just A Closer Walk With Thee by Michael Hassell

Gloria Wendel, Piano

*Call to Worship Martin Burchfield

Leader: God is with us.

People: We are not alone.

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: The Risen One has met us, blessed and fed us on the road that leads

us home.

Leader: The community of the Holy Spirit is with us.

People: We gather with the communion of the saints in light throughout

history and with God's people worldwide.

*Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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*Opening Prayer Martin Burchfield

Lord, for all that You have planned and purposed for all your children, we pray with thanksgiving. As your disciples, we thank you that all things work together for good and we offer ourselves as your presence in this world. Give us this day a spirit of trust to rest in your word as the truth for our journey. We pray that You keep us focused on the gift of being Your called people as You lead us into the places You desire us to be. Amen

Song Here I Am to Worship/Confidence

Judy & Kayla Krites

Chat with the Children

Judy Krites

Children are dismissed to AWE

Life in the Church Martin Burchfield

*Scripture Daniel 1:1-14

Series Daniel: Godly Integrity

Message Choices Pastor Christian Taylor

*Song / Will Follow Judy & Kayla Krites

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty by Franklin Ritter

Gloria Wendel, Piano

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Deb & Larry Kramer by April VanHousen



<u>Tithes & Offerings</u> 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 (Pickup after service in Dr. Scheidt Room)

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 TaylorProjectionist: Noah KritesDirector of Music: Scott TurnerSound Technician: Kyle WendelWorship Leader: Jeremy LaukhufVideographer: Kurt Massillo

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assist.