

Our Agape Fund is running low. If you feel so moved, please donate today.



Our community thanks you!

Operation Back to School High School Event

Get school supplies for your young adult

August 21 2:30pm - 6pm @ the Goedde Gym

Register your student by Aug 19th on our website: vanwertfirst.net

Wednesday Night Feast Volunteers WNF begins Sept 11th - Nov 13th Every Wednesday @ 5pm

Sign up sheets will be available August 11th

We are in need of volunteers



YOUTH KICK OFF

SEPT 8TH

SAVE THE DATE

4PM - 6PM

MORE INFO COMING SOON



Families of kids Birth - 5th Grade

Volunteers needed to reset games.

First Church Kids FALL KICK OFF

Sunday, Sept. 8th - After church - 2:00pm
Lunch, Inflatable, Friends, Faith, and Fun!!!

Happy Birthday & Anniversary to everyone in August

AUGUST 18th 9:30am service

BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

Anyone attending school in the fall please bring your backpacks to service so we can pray over you

Third Grade Bible Presentation

September 8th 10:15am Service

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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

DANIEL: Godly Integrity



guest speaker: **Dru Johnson**

August 4, 2024

COMMUNION SUNDAY - YOUTH SUNDAY

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

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 NIV

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

Welcome & Announcements

Mandy Burenga

Song *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Bill Wieszczyk
Paula LaRue, handbells and Jeremy Laukhuf, bass guitar

*Call to Worship

Maddy Laukhuf

Leader: We come to celebrate God’s blessings to us.

People: and we proclaim: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to open ourselves to God’s guidance and love.

People: and we say: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to see more clearly God’s presence in our lives.

People: and we cry: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to see God in community both far and near,

People: and we hold fast to the promise: Surely God is in this place!

Leader: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

People: and we exclaim: Surely God is in this place! Come, let us worship!

***Hymn** *Standing on the Promises*

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*Opening Prayer

Kaden Shaffer

God, we pray that you would help us live for this purpose. Help us to follow in the footsteps of Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah, and so many others who have gone before us and trusted in you. We have set aside the ways of this world and yielded ourselves up to you, trusting you with our very lives. God, help us to obey you today. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen

Chat with the Children

Lauren Gearhart & Ashlynn Shaffer

Children will remain in worship

Life in the Church

Mission Trip Testimonies

Song *No Longer Slaves*

***Scripture** Daniel 3:7-18

Nate Gearhart

Series **Daniel: Godly Integrity**
Message Freedom Isn’t Free

Dru Johnson

***Hymn** *Nothing But The Blood*

#362 - verses 1,2 and 3

Holy Communion

(gluten free wafers available upon request)

Prayers of the People

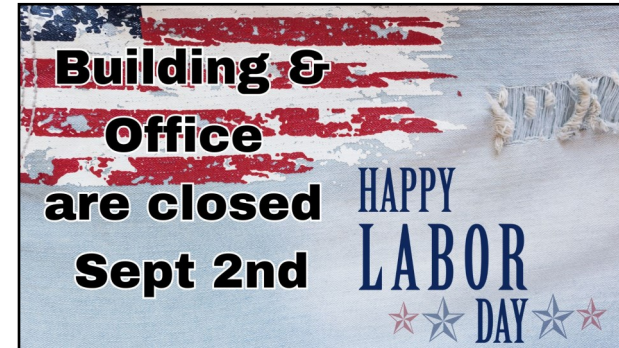
Pastor Christian

The Lord’s Prayer

*Spoken Benediction

Pastor Christian

Postlude *Blessed Assurance* arr. Fred Bock



August Food Pantry needs:

BOXED MEALS

Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc.

Happy 100th
Paul Miller!



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 (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 Taylor

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

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, Assist.