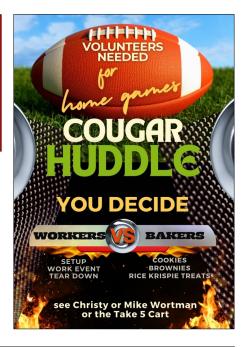




WEDNESDAY NIGHT FEAST VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Sept 11 - Nov 13

Sign up sheets are available on the kitchen dinette bulletin board!





CENTRAL AVENUE DOORS WILL BE OPEN:

Monday: 8:30am-3:00pm Tuesday: 8:30am-1:30pm Wednesday: 8:30am-3:00pm Thursday: 8:30am-1:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

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August 18, 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

"But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking."

Acts 6:10 ESV

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Camp Meeting Jubilee arranged by Mark Hayes

Annette Hoverman and Scott Turner, pianos

*Call to Worship

Leader: We trust in God's care, not the king's provision.

People: Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about

what we do not see.

Leader: We trust God to give us the words to say, not our wisdom.

People: Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about

what we do not see.

Leader: We trust the power of God's love against the heat of man's furnace.

People: Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about

what we do not see.

Leader: God guides our mouths as we proclaim judgment on the proud. People: Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about

what we do not see.

Leader: Our faith in God will transform even the strangest writing into

sacred wisdom.

People: Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about

what we do not see.

***Hymn** *My Hope is Built* #368 verses 1,4

Blessed Assurance #369 verses 1,3

*Opening Prayer God of signs and wonders, we look to You when we see the writing on the wall. Help us to decipher the meaning of the sign You place in front of us. Guide our hearts and change our minds to see how You are trying to transform our lives. Show us where we need to stand firm and where we must yield to Your divine will. God, you continue to challenge our faith to look beyond the faults of our brothers and sisters to see their needs. Challenge us again to set aside our piety and embrace the Divine humility that we need to be your hands and feet in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Song: Ancient Gates/Another In The Fire

Blessing of the Backpacks:

Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th grade

Life in the Church

*Scripture Daniel 5:18-31

Special Music Festival of Hymns for Four Pianos arranged by Mark Hayes Annette Hoverman, Linda Mechling, Scott Turner and David Van Tillburg, pianos

Series Daniel: Godly Integrity

Message The Writing on the Wall Pastor Christian

*Song King Of My Heart

Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude Come, Christians Join to Sing arranged by Mark Hayes





Pastor Christian has an intensive class August 19-23. Please pray for him during this time.

<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.

 $\label{eq:awe} \mbox{AWE will not meet Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.}$

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor
Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf
Director of Music: Scott Turner
Announcer: Jordan Dettrow

Projectionist: Luke Compton
Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel
Videographer: Kurt Massillo
Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle &
Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Asst.