



**First United Methodist Church**  
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# TRUNK or treat

26 October  
10am-12pm

Bring your car, you can decorate it and have enough candy or goodies for 600 kids! Have your car in place by 9:30am. Sign up today!

RSVP  
Teresa  
419-238-0631  
Ext. 307

## Men's Chili Cookoff is today from 4pm - 6pm

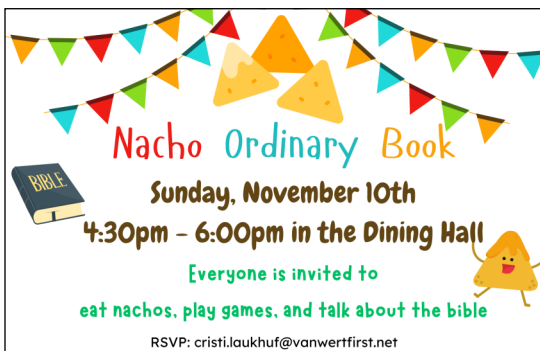


## Van Wert Apple Festival

The volunteer availability times for the booth are:

Friday, October 18	Saturday, October 19
5:00-7:00 7:00-9:00	9:00-11:00 1:00-3:00 3:00-5:00

If you can help, please contact  
Lisa Dunn at 419-203-3750 or  
Eleanor Souders at 419-238-3631.



## Nacho Ordinary Book

Sunday, November 10th  
4:30pm - 6:00pm in the Dining Hall

Everyone is invited to  
eat nachos, play games, and talk about the bible

RSVP: cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net

Thank you for caring for others!

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST Food Pantry

October is CANNED VEGGIES Month



Green beans, carrots, kidney beans, baked beans, corn, peas

Please place your donations in baskets located at either entrance.

8/30/2023

## Oct 16th Join Us!

Cranberry Chicken  
Rice Pilaf  
Corn  
Tossed Salad  
Hot Dog/Bun  
Dessert



**FEAST Meal**

# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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## STEWARDSHIP

October 13, 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

“My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him,  
and in my name, his horn shall be exalted.” Psalm 89:24

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Matt Krites

**Prelude:** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Patricia A. Sanders Handbell Choir  
Gloria Wendel, Director and Martha Balyeat, Flutist

## Choral Introit

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share,  
the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

**People: Come! Let us worship!**

Leader: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all  
that we carry to worship.

**People: Come! Let us worship!**

Leader: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering,  
and to be reoriented to God's ways.

**People: Come! Let us worship!**

Leader: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are  
to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together  
as a community in Christ.

**People: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Amazing Grace*

v. 1,2,4,6 #378

### \*Opening Prayer

**Equip us, God, for the work of ministry. For the work involved with building  
unity of purpose and vision. Equip us with saints who will say yes to your will and  
yes to your way. Equip us, God, to journey with Jesus through life's uncertain paths.  
Equip us, God, with the maturity that comes from knowing you. Equip us, God, to  
speak the truth in love even when it's uncomfortable. Equip us to move beyond a  
childish faith that whines for more while giving less. Equip us, O God, for the work  
of ministry that you have called us to do. Amen.**

\*Song *Here I Am To Worship / Great Are You Lord*

## Chat with the Children

Cristi Laukhuf

*Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th grade*

## Life in the Church

\*Scripture

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

**Series  
Message**

**Gathering for Worship  
Call to Worship**

Pastor Christian Taylor

**Anthem:** *Seek the Lord* by John Carter

Chancel Choir  
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

## Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

## Giving of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** *Reflection* by Mark Hayes

\***Doxology** *My Tribute*

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\***Prayer of Gratitude**

\***Hymn:** *How Great Thou Art*

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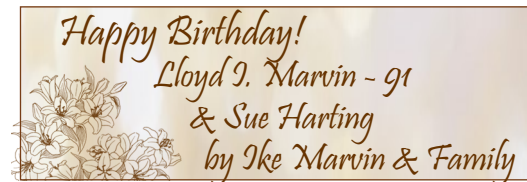
## \*Spoken Benediction

## \*Choral Benediction

**Postlude** *Hymntune Recessional* arr. Mark Hayes

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.*

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*



Daylily and Iris flower bulbs 'ready for planting' are available across from the office! These are from Merle & Romaine Whetstone's garden and any proceeds will go to the youth. If you have questions, please contact Romaine at 419/238-1962.

## 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 return during offering time. AWE will not meet Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.

## Leaders in Today's Worship

**Pastor:** Christian Taylor

**Projectionist:** Noah Carter

**Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Sound Technician:** Kyle Wendel

**Director of Music:** Scott Turner

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Acolytes:** Ceci Staas & Vivian Laukhuf

**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer &

**Screen Creators:** Cheri Oechsle &

Dave Lichtle, Assistant

Melody Taylor