



**Oct 23th** *Join Us!*

BBQ Pork Sandwich  
Hearty Baked Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Tossed Salad  
Hot Dog/Bun  
Dessert

**FEAST Meal**

**IT'S TIME TO TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF**

START GATHERING YOUR COINS  
OUR KIDS WILL BE DRESSED IN COSTUMES  
AND HAVE THEIR BOXES READY ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

**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](mailto:cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net)

**ATTN: WINTER TRAVELERS**

**IF YOU ARE TRAVELING AND WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH THE ADDRESS.**

**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

If you would like to pick up an Angel Tree angel, you can do so November 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

Gifts are to be returned on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Requirements are to purchase a \$20.00-\$25.00 fun gift, & a \$20.00-\$25.00 clothing gift for each angel taken.

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach.

# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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## Gathering for Worship

October 20, 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

“For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.  
If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.” Mark 4:22-23 NIV

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

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

## Welcome & Announcements

John White

**Prelude** *Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)* arr. John Weaver

Gloria Wendel, organ

## Choral Introit

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Turn your hearts to God.

**People: What shall we do when we are worried?**

Leader: Place your trust in God’s love and mercy.

**People: What shall we do when our lives seem too crowded and busy?**

Leader: Take time for the refreshing words of God’s love for you.

**People: Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready for your words to us.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Trust and Obey*

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### \*Opening Prayer

**Holy God, the joy of the universe, your incredible love brings us here. You awaken within us a loving response that hungers and thirsts for your truth and beauty. As we worship you, please do not give us the blessings we want but the ones we most need. Satisfy us with the truth that we may need, though such truth might be most uncomfortable, and confront us with your holy beauty that brings us healing. Through Christ Jesus, your joyful Son. Amen!**

## Chat with the Children

Christie Wendel

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

## Life in the Church

### 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.

## Consecration of the Organ

### Scripture: Colossians 3:15–17

Leader: We present this instrument to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service in this congregation.

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**People: to sing praises to your name, O Most High,**

Pastor: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**People: and your faithfulness at night,**

Pastor: to the music of the lute and the harp,

**People: to the melody of the lyre.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

**People: at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.**

Hymn *Glory Be to the Father*

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### Prayer

#### \*Scripture

2 Samuel 11:1-15

#### Series

**Gathering for Worship**

#### Message

Call to Confession

Al Arnold

**Anthem** *God of Comfort, God of Courage* arr. Wilbur Chenoweth

### Prayers of the People

**The Lord’s Prayer**

### Giving of Tithes & Offerings

*(Children return from AWE)*

**Offertory** *Theme* by Ennio Morricone

**\*Doxology** *To God Be the Glory*

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**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

### \*Spoken Benediction

### \*Choral Benediction

Chancel Choir

**Postlude** *Prelude in C* (composer unknown; formerly attributed to J.S. Bach)

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

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

### Leaders in Today’s Worship

**Pastor:** Christian Taylor

**Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Director of Music:** Scott Turner

**Acolytes:** Heather Keen & Ashley Bunker

**Screen Creators:** Cheri Oechsle &

Melody Taylor

**Projectionist:** Noah Krites

**Sound Technician:** Kent Smelser

**Videographer:** Kurt Massillo

**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer &

Dave Lichtle, Assistant