

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

Oct 30th Join Us!
 Poor Man's Steak
 Mashed Potatoes
 Corn
 Tossed Salad
 Hot Dog/Bun
 Dessert
FEAST Meal

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
 FREE SOBER EVENT
NOVEMBER 2, 2024
 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
 FOUNTAIN PARK
 Call FUMC to sign up your team. There will be gift card prizes for The winning team. There will be free soft drinks, food, music, and fun. Bring the whole family!
 Call FUMC at 419-238-0631 ext. 307
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Gathering for Worship

October 27, 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.

Don your ugliest Christmas sweater, and have a Dickens of a good time with **A Christmas Yarn**
 A Christmas Carol-esque journey that brings the beautiful good news of Christmas!
Sunday, December 15th
6:30pm

If you would like to pick up an Angel Tree angel, you can do so **November 17th & 24th**.
 Gifts are to be returned on December 22nd.
 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.

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL
Sunday, December 1st
4:00pm - 5:30pm
 Engage in activities celebrating Jesus'
HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE
 followed by cookies and milk
 -volunteers appreciated-

It's Poinsettia time!
ORDERS / PAYMENT DUE NOVEMBER 24TH
 6.5" - \$11 EACH
 White Red or Glitter (RED / WHITE COMBO)
 8.5" - \$29 EACH
 White Red or Glitter (RED / WHITE COMBO)
 Plants will be available for pick up after Christmas Eve.

ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out,
that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” Acts 3:19 NIV

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Welcome & Announcements

Susan Burchfield

Prelude *Festive Prelude* by Donald Patterson

Scott Turner

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship

Susan Burchfield

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

Pastor: We are part of God’s good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

Pastor: Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

People: While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin and toward the love of God.

Leader: Family of God, what is our story?

People: We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God’s love and the mercy of God’s grace.

Leader: Family of God, this is our story and our song!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn *Blessed Assurance*

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*Opening Prayer

Susan Burchfield

One body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all, take this patchwork collection of persons and quilt together your church. Like old pieces of cloth, take these words and songs and prayers, take our thoughts and inner pangs of hunger, and join them all together into a new and living fabric - the purpose of which is to cover and color your world or at least our corner of it, with grace and love. In Christ, Amen.

***Song** *Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying / Holy Spirit*

Chat with the Children

Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th grade

Cristi Laukhuf

Life in the Church

Susan Burchfield

*Scripture

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Anthem *Come to the Water* arr. J. Foley

Chancel Choir

Series

Gathering for Worship

Message

The Weight of the Word

Jeremy Laukhuf

***Song** *You Are Holy*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

(Children return from AWE)

Offertory *Second Theme* by Andrea Morricone

***Doxology** *Now Thank We All Our God*

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***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Song / Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Chancel Choir

Postlude *Prelude* (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!

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: Addisyn Karl & Aubrey Osborn

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer &

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle &

Dave Lichtle, Assistant

Melody Taylor