

November Prayer Partner *prayer*

Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character. 1 Corinthians 15:33

Dear God, I pray for (_____) to have good, godly friendships. I pray that you would surround them with those who love you and who encourage them, sharpen them, and uplift them. I ask that you would help them form friendships that will last them a lifetime, and not let them be misled. Help them show love to everyone, but only let those who will stir up good works in them into their inner circle. I pray that you will help (_____) be a good friend to others as well.

In Jesus' name, Amen

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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**DOWNTOWN VAN WERT
POLAR EXPRESS EVENT**

Saturday, December 7th
10:00am - 2:00pm

We need 3 volunteers per hour
to greet and run EASY Grinch themed games
for our community

Sign up on the Take 5 Cart in Krout



Preschool Christmas Musical
Dec 5th
6pm-7pm



**Community
Thanksgiving Dinner**
Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024
Noon to 4:00 p.m.
EAT-IN or CARRY-OUT
Trinity Friends Church Family Life Center

605 N. Franklin St., Van Wert, Ohio - 419-238-2788

**For those who are homeless,
alone or in need of a helping hand.**
Need a Ride for Dinner or We Deliver...
Please Call the Church at 419-238 2788
Before Thanksgiving Day



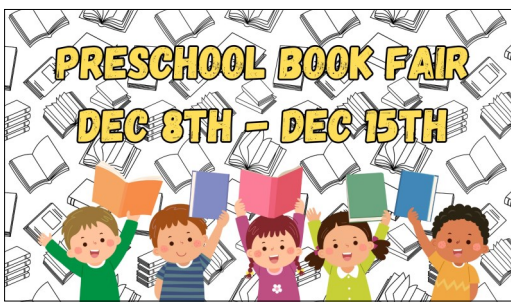
FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL
Sunday, December 1st
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Engage in activities celebrating Jesus'
HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

followed by cookies and milk
-volunteers appreciated-



PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR
DEC 8TH - DEC 15TH



Gathering for Worship

November 24, 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

“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young — a place near your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.” Psalm 84: 1 & 3 NIV

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Welcome & Announcements

Eric McCracken

Prelude Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Craig Courtney
(congregation stands and sings upon direction)

Chancel Choir

*Call To Worship

Eric McCracken

Leader: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

People: The refreshing springs of God’s love clean and restore us.

Leader: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

People: The least and the lost, the homeless and hopeless, are always welcome in God’s house.

Leader: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

People: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. Amen.

***Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

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*Opening Prayer

Eric McCracken

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

***Song** *You Are Worthy Of It All*

Chat with the Children

RuthAnn Dowler

Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th grade

Life in the Church

Eric McCracken

***Song/Hymn** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (#465), Sanctuary, Shema*

*Scripture

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30

Anthem *Now Thank We All Our God*

Chancel Choir

(congregation stands and sings upon direction on final verse)

Series Message

Gathering for Worship
Sent Out to Live

Pastor Christian Taylor

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Meditation* by Lani Smith

*Doxology *Give Thanks*

*Prayer of Gratitude

(Children return from AWE)

*Spoken Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude *Hornpipe* by John Dixon

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

Thank you for worshipping 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

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Acolytes: Aubrey Osborn/Addisyn Karl

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle & Melody Taylor

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Sound Technician: Kent Smelser

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant