


**SPRING is almost here! Fill the sanctuary with color and aroma on Easter Morning, April 20th, by giving glory to God and honoring or remembering a loved one.**

# Easter Flower Sale

Order Forms and Cash/Check due **MARCH 9TH** to Church Office  
**Order Forms are located on the Take-5 Cart and in the Church Office**



**PRESCHOOL FRY PIE ORDERS** can be picked up **TODAY** after church.



**Dessert makers and clean-up crew volunteers are always needed. Please check the sign-up sheets outside the office. Or call the office to sign-up - (419) 238-0631**

**2025 LENTEN FISH FRIES**  
**Van Wert Knights of Columbus Hall**  
**425 Woodland Ave.**  
**Serving 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm the following Fridays of Lent**

**March 21** - benefiting Van Wert Co. Cooperative Food Bank **CARRY-OUT or DINE-IN**  
**April 11** - benefiting Haven of Hope

Fish Dinner - \$10.00  
 Shrimp Dinner: \$12.00  
 Box of Fish Only - \$17.00



**Wenesday Night Feast**

**Feb. 26, 2024**

- BBQ Pork**
- Sandwich**
- Broccoli**
- Rice Casserole**
- Hot Dogs / Rolls**
- Chips**
- Tossed Salad**
- Desserts**




# OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday 3/6/2025**

**Please join us at First United Methodist Church Preschool**  
**113 West Central Ave.**  
*Located on the second floor of the Church.*

Take a tour of our Christ-centered preschool which offers classes for children ages 3-5. Our curriculum is guided by the Ohio Department of Education. You may pick up information packets and register for the 2025-2026 school year at this time.

**Contact: Marilyn Agler, Administrator 419-238-0631 ext. 308**  
**Marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net**





# Lessons in Legos

**Sunday, March 23rd**  
**4:00pm**

**a fun afternoon learning how Jesus can use tiny blocks to teach big ideas**



**February Prayer Partner** *prayer*

*But Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. Jeremiah 17:7*

“Lord, I ask for your Holy Spirit to fill (\_\_\_\_\_) with all the confidence they need, and may they know that their true worth is found in you. I pray their confidence and trust be in you alone and that standards they strive for are those that You provide. Give them grace and peace and remind them of your great love for them.

**In Jesus’ name, Amen.”**

# FIRSTunited methodist CHURCH

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**[ Where You Are: Far Horizons ]**  
 WORSHIP SERIES

February 23rd, 2025

**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

“The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.” Psalm 37:40

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Matt Krites

**PRELUDE** *Lord of the Dance* arr. Vicki Smith Handbells  
Gloria Wendel, Director

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Matt Krites  
Leader: Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”  
But who are the others?  
**People: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.**  
Leader: Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.”  
But what is mercy?  
**People: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.**  
Leader: Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?  
**People: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.**  
Leader: Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.  
**People: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (#57) Scott Turner

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Matt Krites  
*Holy Jesus, You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not. You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. We want the easy way, but You have given us the hard path. Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You, to allow ourselves at times to stumble, to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience Your love, grace, and peace in this world, by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others. In Your name, we pray. Amen.*

**SONG** *Build My Life* Jeremy Laukhuf

**CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN** Chris Gordon  
*(Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th Grade)*

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH** Matt Krites

**\*SCRIPTURE** Luke 6: 27-38  
**SERIES** **Where You Are: Far Horizons**  
**MESSAGE** *Do to Others* Pastor Christian Taylor  
**ANTHEM** *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another* by Frederick Chatfield Chancel Choir  
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** Pastor Christian Taylor

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**THE LORD’S PRAYER** Pastor Christian Taylor

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
*(Children return from AWE)*  
**OFFERTORY** *On a Theme of Beethoven* arr. Mervyn Warren Scott Turner  
**\*DOXOLOGY** *To God Be the Glory* (#98) Scott Turner  
**\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

**\*HYMN** *Victory in Jesus* (#370)

**\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION** Pastor Christian Taylor

**POSTLUDE** *On "Italian Hymn"* arr. Edward Broughton Scott Turner  
*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

<b>Pastor:</b> Christian Taylor	<b>Projectionist:</b> Noah Carter
<b>Worship Leader:</b> Jeremy Laukhuf	<b>Sound Engineer:</b> Kent Smelser
<b>Director of Music:</b> Scott Turner	<b>Videographer:</b> Kurt Massillo
<b>Acolytes:</b> Heather Keen & Dillon Staas	<b>Usher Coordinator:</b> Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant
<b>Screen Creators:</b> Melody Taylor	