

UNTIL MAY 26

SHOE DRIVE

Spring cleaning, give us your shoes!
any type, style and gender foot wear is accepted

DROP OFF AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST
M-TH. 8:30-1:30PM FRI. 8:30 - 12PM
QUESTIONS
419-238-0631

Proceeds from drive benefit mission trips.

DISCIPLESHIP BOOT CAMP

Stonybrook UMC in Gahanna, OH
May 15, 2025 9am – 4:30pm

This workshop will help create intentional pathways that guide people from curiosity to commitment in their faith. Together, we'll explore strategies for fostering deeper connections and multiplying discipleship efforts in our ministry.

Registration is open to all members

If interested please contact Pastor Christian

Graduation Sunday
May 25, 2025

Our graduates are:

Mandy Burenga	Haydon Dowler
Evan Falk	Nate Gearhart
Olivia Snyder	

There will be a meal after church to celebrate our graduates. They will have card boxes with them before and after church.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION
MAY 8TH
@ 6PM
IN SANCTUARY

WHAT A VBS MESS!

LEARN HOW GOD MAKES MESSY THINGS BEAUTIFUL

JUNE 2ND - 5TH
8:30AM - 11:30AM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
113 W. CENTRAL AVE, VAN WERT

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Preschool Enrollment Open

Contact Marilyn for more information
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Steadfast Love

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23

April 20th, 2025
Resurrection Day

April Prayer Partner

prayer

Finally, be strong in the Lord and mighty in his power.

Ephesians 6:10

"Heavenly Father, I ask that you would give (____) courage while they are at school. Help them to be strong in your mighty power, and give them the courage to do what's right, knowing that they worship a living God who is active, and will help them in times when they need strength. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.” Luke 24:1-3

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

CHORAL INTROIT Chancel Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Martin Burchfield

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Martin Burchfield
Leader: Beloved, Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Leader: Our Savior is risen!
People: Our Savior is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Leader: Steadfast Love is risen!
People: Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Leader: This is the day that God has made;
People: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

***CHORUS/HYMN** *Living Hope (v.3, Chorus)/He Lives* #310 Scott Turner
Jeremy Laukhuf

***OPENING PRAYER** Martin Burchfield
Lord Jesus, today we come to celebrate God, who looked beyond our faults and saw our needs. We come celebrating that victory is ours today. We come rejoicing that sin and evil did not get the last word. We praise you and we thank you for being a loving, patient God and for sending us Jesus Christ! Thank you for giving sinners like us a second, third, and endless chances to right our wrongs and follow the Author of Grace. Thank you for giving the Good News of your Son’s resurrection to the dutiful Mary Magdalene. You called her name, and she finally believed and proclaimed that she had seen the Risen Lord! Like Mary, time and time again, you have called our name. You have gotten our attention, and we stopped wallowing in despair, sin, and self-reliance. We turned, and there you were! Assuring us that God delivered you from death and God will deliver us also from sin and death. Today, we put Mary’s proclamation in our hearts and on our lips. May our tears turn into laughter as we hold fast to the Easter knowledge that in Christ, all things are possible, if we will only believe. Amen.

SONG *He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need* Scott Turner
Jeremy Laukhuf

BAPTISM

ANTHEM: AN EASTER CELEBRATION arr. Craig Courtney Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist
(The Congregation is invited to stand and sign Christ the Lord is Risen Today)

***SCRIPTURE** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

CHORUS *Revelation Song (v.1, v.1, Chorus)* Jeremy Laukhuf

SERIES **Steadfast Love**
MESSAGE *Steadfast Love: Reborn* Pastor Christian Taylor

OFFERING & COMMUNION

HYMNS: *Bless Thou the Gifts* #587
For the Beauty of the Earth #92
Holy, Holy, Holy #64
Spirit of the Living God #393

HYMN: *Up from the Grave He Arose* #322 Scott Turner

***SPOKEN BEDICTION** Pastor Christian Taylor
Leader: May God’s abiding love and hope give us new life. May God’s unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled. And may God’s restorative justice bring us all perfect peace, for Steadfast Love is risen!
People: Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Toccata* arr. Neil Sanders Scott Turner

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshipping with us!

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor	Projectionist: Noah Carter
Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf	Sound Engineer: Kent Smelser
Director of Music: Scott Turner	Videographer: Kurt Massillo
Acolytes: Henry Schaffner & Vivian Laukhuf	Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave
Screen Creators: Melody Taylor	Lichtle, Assistant