


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

Moms of Preschool - 5th Grade

The Bible Mom Awards

Join us as we celebrate Bible moms and You!

Sunday, May 11th
9:00am
Meet in the Blue Preschool Room

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.

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

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.

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May 4, 2025
Youth Sunday

May Prayer Partner

prayer

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

“Heavenly Father, please hear my heart for (_____) as I petition for their spiritual growth. It is a personal decision that is between you and them, and I pray that they ultimately come to know you. I pray that you reveal your Holy Spirit to them and that they make you Lord over their life. I pray you would plant the seed, and help them grow in grace and knowledge of who you are God. 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

“Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, ‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’” Revelation 5:13

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mandy Burenga

PRELUDE Allegro by Tielman Susato (1510-1570) Scott Turner

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Ella Pruden

Leader: God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.
People: From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.
Leader: God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.
People: In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.
Leader: God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.
People: To the east, to the west, to the north, and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear.
All: Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.

*HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 #92 Scott Turner

*OPENING PRAYER Ashlynn Shaffer
God of love, we bring our very selves to worship. Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities. Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows. In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. Amen.

Altar Flowers given In Memory of Roy and Neal Souders
By Eleanor Souders

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor
Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf
Director of Music: Scott Turner
Acolytes: Addison Karl & Heather Keen
Screen Creators: Melody Taylor
Projectionist: Noah Krites
Sound Engineer: Justin Siefker
Videographer: Kurt Massillo
Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant

SONG My God Can Jeremy Laukhuf

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Lillie Best
(Children remain in worship - no AWE) Meah Johnson

*SCRIPTURE John 21:1-19 Elijah Pollock
SERIES Believing into Christ
MESSAGE Circling Toward Food Justice Pastor Christian Taylor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER Olivia Snyder

ANTHEM On Eagles’ Wings arr. Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Adagio by Samuel Barber Scott Turner
*DOXOLOGY Gloria Patri #70 Scott Turner
*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*SPOKEN BEDICTION Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE Sortie by Léon Boëllmann Scott Turner

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

Chronic Pain is an issue for many people. We are wondering if there is interest in a support group for people who are experiencing Chronic Pain. There is a sign up sheet on the Media Board. The initial meeting for those interested will be held in the Scheidt Room on May 18, 2025 following church service (11:45AM). If you have any questions, please contact Julia McGrath or Audrey Taylor.

Kid’s Worship Kits

Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE. We have Worship Kits located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today’s service. Please remember to return the kits after service. Thank you.