



Volunteers!!!

We are looking for volunteers to help build the OPBTS 10th Anniversary float or walk in the Peony Parade June 7th

Volunteers can sign up with Teresa at the Take 5 Kart

WHAT A MESS!

LEARN HOW GOD MAKES MESSY THINGS BEAUTIFUL

Use QR code to register

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	Hayden Dowler
Evan Falk	Brittany Ganger
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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Preschool Enrollment Open

Contact Marilyn for more information
marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net

Chronic Pain Support Group

Sign up sheet on the Media Board

First meeting will be in the Scheidt Room on May 18th following church service at 11:45AM

If you have questions please contact Julia McGrath or Audrey Taylor

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.

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May 11, 2025
 Happy Mother's Day!

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

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.” Psalm 23:6

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jordan Dettrow

PRELUDE

Borning Cry

Handbell Choir
Gloria Wendel, Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jordan Dettrow

Leader: The God of day and darkness moves among us.

People: **We are the people of Living Water.**

Leader: The God of hope and promise lives among us.

People: **We are the people of Living Water.**

Leader: The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name.

People: **We are the people bathed in the Living Water of Creation, God’s kin, traveling toward home and a love that will not let us go.**

*HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Scott Turner

#2051 in The Faith We Sing

*OPENING PRAYER

Jordan Dettrow

Holy One of the morning, we come together to remember who we are and whose we are. Open our hearts to the nudging of your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, nurture, and care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives through all you have made and wash us again in your life-giving waters. Amen.

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Acolytes: Jackson Osburn & Jovie Pollock

Screen Creators: Melody Taylor

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Sound Engineer: Kyle Wendel

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant

SONG

Here I Am To Worship/Build My Life

Jeremy Laukhuf

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

Judy Krites

(Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th Grade)

*SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17

SERIES

Believing Into Christ

MESSAGE

Springs of Living Water

Pastor Christian Taylor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Christian Taylor

ANTHEM

Let’s Have Some Old Time Religion

arr. Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

Scott Turner, accompanist

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

(Children return from AWE)

OFFERTORY

Allegro

by Tielman Susato

Scott Turner

*DOXOLOGY

Gloria Patri

#71

Scott Turner

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#110

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE

Postlude

by Leon Boellmann

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.