

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.

PARADE

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 VBS 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

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.

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

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Preschool Enrollment Open

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

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.

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BELIEVING INTO CHRIST

May 18, 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

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Al Arnold

PRELUDE Toccata on "Veni Creator Spiritus" arr. Sandra Gay Scott Turner

MISSION MOMENT Love INC. (In the Name of Christ) Teresa Shaffer

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Al Arnold
Leader: In the beginning was the Dream.
People: And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.
Leader: In the beginning was the Dream.
People: And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.
Leader: In the beginning was the Dream.
People: And the Dream was with God and longed for love.
All: We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.

*HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384 Scott Turner

*OPENING PRAYER Al Arnold
Ever-dreaming God, come to us now, in this time, opening our imaginations to your promise for us, in us, and in all you have made. We pray in the name of your Dream made flesh, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM It is Well With My Soul arr. Tom Fettke Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor
Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf
Director of Music: Scott Turner
Acolytes: Ceci Staas & Aubrey Osborn
Screen Creators: Melody Taylor
Projectionist: Noah Krites
Sound Engineer: Kent Smelser
Videographer: Kurt Massillo
Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Christie Wendel
(Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool thru 5th grade)

SONG Tears in Heaven by Eric Clapton/Will Jennings Jeremy Laukhuf
Pastor Christian Taylor

*SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-6
SERIES Believing into Christ
MESSAGE A New World Pastor Christian Taylor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Christian Taylor

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
(Children return from AWE)

OFFERTORY Prayer by Leon Boellmann Scott Turner
*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94 Scott Turner
*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION Pastor Christian Taylor

*CHORAL BENEDICTION composed by Rod Stoller arr. by Jeremy Stoller

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" arr. Matthew McConnel
Scott Turner

Storm Whitaker is FUMC's Administrative Assistant. Her home was destroyed by fire on Saturday, May 10. It was a total loss. FUMC would like to help with cash donations to allow Storm and her family to relocate. You can give online or in the office. Call with any questions.

Altar Flowers given "In Memory of Marlene Follas"
From the Dettrow Family

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.