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The following can now be found on the Bulletin Board in the Kitchenette off Krout.

- Monthly birthdays and anniversaries
- Current prayer list
- Financial information
- Last month's attendance numbers

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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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 are released to AWE during the Chat with the Children and return after the Message.



Celebrate and Remember with Flowers

Want to honor a special person or commemorate a significant event?

Consider providing an altar arrangement on an available Sunday.

Check the flower calendar on the bulletin board in the kitchenette and your name to any open Sunday.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PRESCHOOL
Where kids love to learn & discover

OPEN HOUSE - AUG 7
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM or 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Come tour our Christ-centered preschool for ages 3-5, where our curriculum follows Ohio Department of Education guidelines. Information packets and 2025-2026 registration will be available. For more information, contact Marilyn Agler at 419.238.0631 x308 or marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net



Family Summer CHALLENGE

- Grab a Popsicle paper from Children's Ministry bulletin Board
- Choose a Popsicle EACH Sunday
 - Complete the activity
 - Take a photo and share with Cristi
 - Repeat the next week



Everything is POPSICLE with God

Calling All Young Adults!

Are you in your college years, 20's, or early 30's? Want to explore your faith and build genuine connections with young adults who 'get' what you're going through? You are invited to join a group of other young adults who want to do the same.

When: Every other Wednesday at 6 PM
Where: The Youth Room
July 16, July 30, Aug 13,

JOIN US

CROSS TALK

All Adults are invited to join CrossTalk. Sundays at 9 AM in the Library

See Chris Hogan for details.

CrossTalk is based on working towards a greater understanding of God's word and one another.

July 20th, 2025

Mission Sunday
H2O & Cougar Huddle

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

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

HEBREWS 1:3

+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE
PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MATT KRITES

PRELUDE

Lord of the Dance | arr. Mark Hayes
PAULA LARUE & SCOTT TURNER, PIANO

+ CALL TO WORSHIP:

MATT KRITES

One: Children of God, in Jesus, Love became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

All: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

One: In Jesus, we meet the fullness of God with no barriers to access.

All: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

One: In Jesus, our separation from God, neighbor, self, and creation has been removed. We are free for a divine and loving connection once again.

All: We gather to worship Christ, the image of the invisible.

One: Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God, whose power makes Love visible to us so that we might reflect Love to the World.

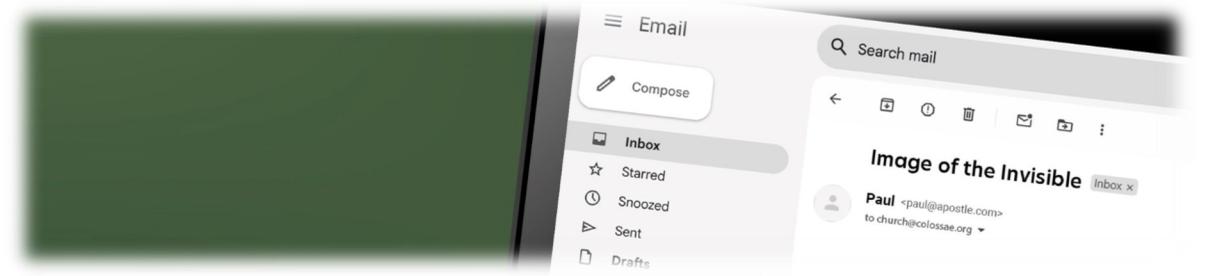
All: Come, let us worship Christ, Love who came to dwell among us and within us!

+ HYMN #370

Victory in Jesus | UMH MARY ANN FALK, LEAD

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTOR	Christian Taylor	PROJECTIONIST:	Cayden Laukhuf
WORSHIP LEADER	Jeremy Laukhuf	SOUND ENGINEER:	Kent Smelser
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Scott Turner	VIDEOGRAPHER:	Dave Thompson
ANNOUNCER:	Matt Krites	CHILDREN'S CHAT:	Cristi Laukhuf
USHER COORDINATORS	Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichte, Asst.	SCREEN CREATORS:	Mary Ann Falk, Melody Taylor, & Jeremy Laukhuf



+ OPENING PRAYER

MATT KRITES

O Christ, your cross speaks both to us and to our world.

In your dying for us, You accepted the pain and hurt of the whole of creation. The arms of your cross stretch out across the broken world in reconciliation. You have made peace with us. Help us to make peace with you by sharing in your reconciling work. May we recognize your spirit, disturbing and challenging us to care for creation and for the poor who feel the effects of its abuse. O Christ, the whole of creation groans.

Set us free and make us whole. Amen.

SONG(S)

The King is Among Us / Lord I Need You

JEREMY LAUKHUF

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

CRISTI LAUKHUF

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO AWE - PRESCHOOL THRU 5TH GRADE

MISSION MOMENT

TERESA SHAFFER &

COUGAR HUDDLE & H2O

ROGER OKULEY

+ SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1: 15-28

SERIES

Dear Children of God: Part 2

MESSAGE

Image of the Invisible

PASTOR TAYLOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR TAYLOR

SONG

All Creatures of Our God and King

JEREMY LAUKHUF

CHILDREN RETURN FROM AWE

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION

PASTOR TAYLOR

POSTLUDE

Praise to God the Father | arr. Franklin Ritter

SCOTT TURNER, ORGAN

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshipping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.*