

Festival of Sharing Kit Collection

Kit instructions can be found at the church entrances – or visit vanwertfirst.net/events to find the details. You can be a beacon of hope by making kits which enable Festival of Sharing to respond quickly and deliver exactly what is needed when it's needed most.

KITS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH BY AUGUST 31.

OPTIONS TO HELP - Make a kit.

- School Kit (Kids Kit)
- Period Packs
- Hygiene Kit

Or
Provide funds to make Cleanup Buckets or for shipping



Food Pantry

August is **BOXED MEALS** month

Hamburger Help, Tuna Helper, etc

Your support makes a real difference in caring for others!



Please place your donations in the baskets located at the entrances.

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 FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday
Aug 17, 2025
4:00-7:00 PM

Families with children Birth through Grade 5 **SAVE THE DATE** for an afternoon of fun, food, and connecting with our church family as we kick off the fall season! **MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**



FIRST united methodist CHURCH
Children's Ministry



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sun, Aug 17

HIGH SCHOOL OPERATION

BACK TO SCHOOL

GRADES 9-12

AUG 21, 2025
2:30 - 6 PM

Goedde Gym
vanwertfirst.net



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.



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



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August 3rd, 2025
Communion Sunday

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

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

ROMANS 6:4

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR

+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANA THOMPSON

PRELUDE

Hornpipe in D | by John Dixon

SCOTT TURNER, ORGAN

+ CALL TO WORSHIP:

JANA THOMPSON

One: Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

One: The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

One: In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

All: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

One: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

All: Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

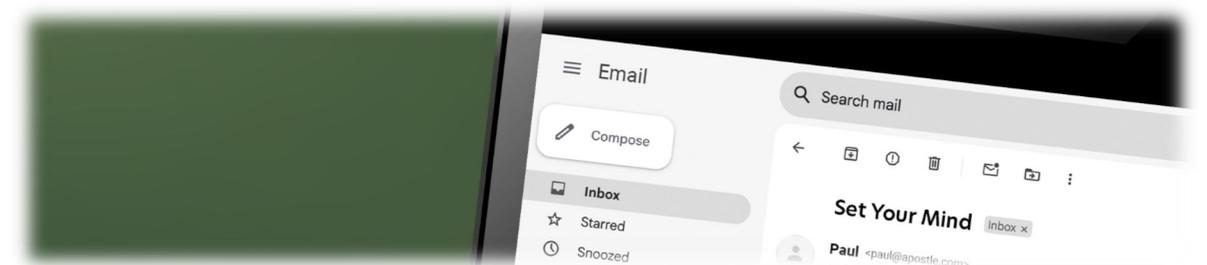
+ HYMN #377

It Is Well with My Soul | UMH

MARY ANN FALK, LEAD

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTOR	Christian Taylor	ANNOUNCER:	Jana Thompson
WORSHIP LEADER	Jeremy Laukhuf	PROJECTIONIST:	Elora Hogan
HYMN LEADER	Mary Ann Falk	SOUND ENGINEER:	Justin Siefker
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Scott Turner	CHILDREN'S CHAT:	Julie Burenga
USHER COORDINATORS	Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Asst.	VIDEOGRAPHER:	Dave Thompson
		SCREEN CREATORS:	Mary Ann Falk, Melody Taylor, & Jeremy Laukhuf



+ OPENING PRAYER

JANA THOMPSON

God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your Spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.

+ HYMN #393

Spirit of the Living God | UMH

MARY ANN FALK, LEAD

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

JULIE BURENGA

Colossians 3: 1-11

Dear Children of God: Part 2

Set Your Mind

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

HOLY COMMUNION

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers | arr. James Mansfield

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.*

