

The Altar Flowers are given...
to the Glory of God, in Memory of, Dick Dunn
 by Lisa Dunn

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LUNCHEON AFTER CHURCH ON
SEPT 7, 2025

The table is set, and you BELONG HERE!



Through the Agape Fund, your financial gifts provide crucial support for persons facing housing, utility, or other immediate needs.

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO THE FUND.

Help us share God's selfless love - give to the Agape Fund today!

The Altar Flowers are given...
in Memory of late husband, Harold Kreisler
 by Sherry Kreisler

Do you love to cook and want to bless others with your gift?

- We're looking for kitchen angels to prepare meals for church members in need.
- Your meal can make a huge difference for someone recovering from surgery, welcoming a new baby, or facing another challenge.

To join the list, please contact the church office.



YOUTH FALL FLOWER SALE

Taking orders now through Sept 7
 Pick up order forms at entrances or from youth.
 DELIVERED FRI, SEPT 19

COUGAR HUDDLE TAILGATE
 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SEPT 5 4:30-6:30PM
 SEPT 12
 SEPT 26
 OCT 10
 OCT 24

FOOD - DRINKS | SPIKE BALL NINE SQUARE | MUSIC

FREE TICKETS INTO THE GAMES

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SEE TERESA SHAPPER

Building Closed and NO FOOD PANTRY on Monday, Sept 1, 2025

LABOR DAY

FIRST CHURCH YOUTH KICKOFF

Bring the entire family!

- ✓ Swimming & Games
- ✓ Great food!
- ✓ Youth Group info & Schedules
- ✓ Parents fill out forms

SUNDAY SEPT 21 4-7 PM

RSVP to Teresa or Sierra
 MORE DETAILS AT VanWertFirst.net

1st Annual HOPE WALK

SUNDAY, AUG 31, 2025 2-5 PM IN FOUNTAIN PARK

OVERDOSE AWARENESS RECOVERY SUICIDE PREVENTION

You are invited to walk in remembrance of lives lost, in support of those still fighting, and in celebration of those living in recovery.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING KITS DUE TODAY!



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August 31st, 2025
Children's 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

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LILLIAN LAUKHUF & VIVIAN LAUKHUF

PRELUDE

Micah 6:8

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

+ CALL TO WORSHIP:

JOVIE POLLOCK

One: Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and
listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

One: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the
suffering of people near and far, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

One: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more
influence surround us on every side, remember:

All: Let mutual love continue.

One: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us,
surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love
everywhere we go.

**All: We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day
so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and
whatever we do. Amen.**

+ HYMN #371

I Stand Amazed in the Presence | UMH

+ OPENING PRAYER

JOVIE POLLOCK

In the face of all our realities, we are the people who heal each other,
who grow strong together, who name the truth, who know what it means
to live in community, moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and
a new earth. In the power of the love of God our Creator, the company of
Jesus Christ, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



CAN BE PLACED IN THE WOODEN BOXES LOCATED:
before the **Entrance** of the sanctuary (on the table); **The Sanctuary**; at the end of
the ramp, in front of the video stand; and **The Krout** by the coat rack and stairs.



SONG

Hold on to Me

MADALYNN LAUKHUF, VOCALS

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

JULIE BURENGA

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

HEBREWS 13: 1-8, 15-16

DEAR CHILDREN OF GOD: DEAR BELOVED CHILDREN

Let Mutual Love Continue

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

+ SONG

His Name Is Wonderful | **Insert***

JEREMY LAUKHUF

(Children return from AWE)

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.

POSTLUDE

Autumn from The Four Seasons | Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

SCOTT TURNER

Thank you for worshipping with us, and for your continued generosity and support.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AWE - 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.

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP

LEAD PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR	VIDEOGRAPHER DAVE THOMPSON
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SCOTT TURNER	SCREEN CREATORS MARY ANN FALK
PROJECTION ELORA HOGAN	MELODY TAYLOR
SOUND/AUDIO KENT SMELSER	JEREMY LAUKHUF
	USHER(S) NEIL SHAFFER
	DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.

* Renew! Songs and Hymns for Blended Worship. (#30). The Gathering.