

WEDNESDAY FEAST MEALS

MEALS START SEPT 17

SIGN UP NOW TO HELP COOK, CLEAN UP, OR PROVIDE A DESSERT. CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE OR SIGN UP AT THE ENTRANCES.

September Library Update

Summer is fleeting, but two books will help you hold on to it a bit longer - a mystery - "The Summer of You and Me and Sunrise Reef." "Welcome to the Honey B&B" sheds light on dementia. "Where the Last Rose Blooms" and "A Token of Love" are exciting searches for family members with many twists and turns. As I began last month, a book gifted to us will be included. "The Rocking Chair Prophet" is fiction but speaks to us in every season of life.

Happy Reading! Romaine

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



COUGAR HUDDLE TAILGATE
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

4:30-6:30 PM

SEPT 5 SEPT 12 SEPT 26 OCT 10 OCT 24

FOUNTAIN PARK

FOOD - DRINKS | SPIKE BALL
NINE SQUARE | MUSIC

FREE TICKETS INTO THE GAMES

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SEE TERESA SHAFER

YOUTH FALL FLOWER SALE

Taking orders now through Sept 7

Pick up order forms at entrances or from youth. DELIVERED FRI, SEPT 19




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.



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.

tithes&offerings

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.

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September 7th, 2025 Fall Kick-Off

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.

COMMUNITY EVENT

PLC HEALTH CLINIC

Visit VanWertFirst.net/events for more info

WALK FOR LIFE

Sun, Sept 14 | 2PM | Franklin Park

Food Pantry

September is SOUP month

Chicken noodle, tomato, cream of chicken, vegetable beef

Your support makes a real difference in caring for others!



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:14

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAMIE RAMOS

PRELUDE

The Love of God | arr. Robert Thygerson

Tune by Frederick Lehman

LINDA MECHLING, PIANO

+ CALL TO WORSHIP:

JAMIE RAMOS

One: The body of Christ is not made up of just one part, but of many.

All: We are many members, yet one body, called together in Christ.

One: No one can say, "I have no place here," and no one can say,
"I don't need you."

**All: For the hand cannot say to the foot, "I have no need of you,"
And the eye cannot say to the ear, "I don't need you."**

One: Together we form the Body of Christ to bear witness to the savior.

**All: Christ is our head, and we are His body, united in love and
sent to serve.**

One: Come then, let us worship the One who calls us together and
equips us for every good work.

**All: We come as one body, one Spirit, and one people -- to worship
the Lord with joy!**

+ HYMN #548

In Christ There Is No East or West | UMH

+ OPENING PRAYER

JAMIE RAMOS

God of all creation, You have called us together as one body, each with a part to play in Your mission. Thank You for the gifts You have given us -- some strong, some wise, some creative, some compassionate. Like a great team, You have placed us side by side, that we might reflect Your power and love to the world. Forgive us when we compare ourselves to others, or when we think our gifts are too small to matter. Forgive us when we try to go at it alone, forgetting that You made us for community. Unite us by Your Spirit, empower us to work together for the good of all, and give us courage to stand for what is right, so that our lives may point others to Jesus Christ, our Savior and our King. Amen.

Faith, Unity, and Superheroes

CHORUS

Through It All | UMH #507

3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

+ ANTHEM

We Are the Church | UMH #558

+ EPHESIANS 6: 10-12

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith, Unity, and Superheroes

JEREMY LAUKHUF

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

HOLY COMMUNION

+ SPOKEN BLESSING

PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude | by Lani Smith

SCOTT TURNER

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

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP

LEAD PASTOR
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
MESSAGE
JEREMY LAUKHUF

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
SCOTT TURNER
PROJECTION
NAOMI WHITE

SOUND/AUDIO
JUSTIN SIEFKER
VIDEOGRAPHER
DAVE THOMPSON
USHER(S)
NEIL SHAFFER
DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.

ACOLYTE(S)
CECI STAAS
JOVIE POLLOCK
SCREEN CREATORS
MARY ANN FALK
MELODY TAYLOR
JEREMY LAUKHUF