

SEPTEMBER PRAYER PARTNER *prayer*



PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH
"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19

Creator God, as the new school year begins, as seeds are being planted, I ask that you create a nurturing environment for _____. Create opportunities for _____ to grow spiritually, physically, and socially. Let this school year be good soil for making positive choices and necessary changes. I pray all this in your mighty name, Amen.

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.



WEDNESDAY FEAST MEALS

MEALS START SEPT 17

ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY
SCOTT TURNER
PRESENTS
A CINEMATIC RECITAL: THE MUSIC OF THE SILVER SCREEN
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 3 PM | FREE ADMISSION
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
113 W CENTRAL AVE | VAN WERT | OHIO

WITH GUEST ARTISTS
MICHELLE AMSTUTZ ANNETTE HOVERMAN JEREMY LAURHUFF GLORIA WENDEL



FOOD PANTRY - SEPTEMBER IS SOUP MONTH!
PLEASE DROP DONATIONS IN BIN OUTSIDE OFFICE.

FALL EVENTS

Go to vanwertfirst.net and click on Events for all the details about "What's Happening at First Church."

COMMUNITY EVENT

PLC HEALTH CLINIC

Visit VanWertFirst.net/events for more info

WALK FOR LIFE

Sun, Sept 14 | 2PM | Franklin Park

WALK-IN FLU SHOT CLINICS

Sept 17	9AM - 6PM
Sept 24	9AM - 4PM
Oct 1	9AM - 4PM
Oct 8	9AM - 6PM
Oct 15	9AM - 4PM
Oct 22	9AM - 4PM
Oct 29	9AM - 4PM

BRING INSURANCE CARDS

VAN WERT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
HELD AT 1179 WESTWOOD DR, SUITE 500
VAN WERT | 419-258-0808 ext 103

Chronic Pain support group

Chronic pain is an issue that affects many people. If you are interested in a support group, contact **Julia McGrath or Audrey Taylor.**

SIGN UP FOR RICE MEAL PACKING EVENT

>>> SAT, NOV 22 <<<
9AM - 12PM | GOEDDE GYM

All ages welcome

- Invite friends, family, co-workers to join
- Suggested donation of \$20 to cover expenses
- Families can take a miniature church from the Take 5 Cart to collect coins at each meal

Sign up outside Teresa's office or call 419-203-0431 ext 307

FIRST United methodist CHURCH

113 West Central Avenue | Van Wert, Ohio 45891 | 419-238-0631 | vanwertfirst.net



September 14th, 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

As it is written: 'There is no righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.'

ROMANS 3: 10-12

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS MATT KRITES

PRELUDE *Two Variations on Psalm 14* | by Wim Bomhof

+ CALL TO WORSHIP: MATT KRITES

One: We come seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: We come searching for safety in a world that often calls foolishness wisdom and wisdom foolishness.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: We come longing for rest in a world that bombards us with all the ways people work against the abundant life and flourishing of their neighbors.

All: God is our hope and our refuge.

One: Come, children of God, to find refuge and hope in God who delivers and restores us.

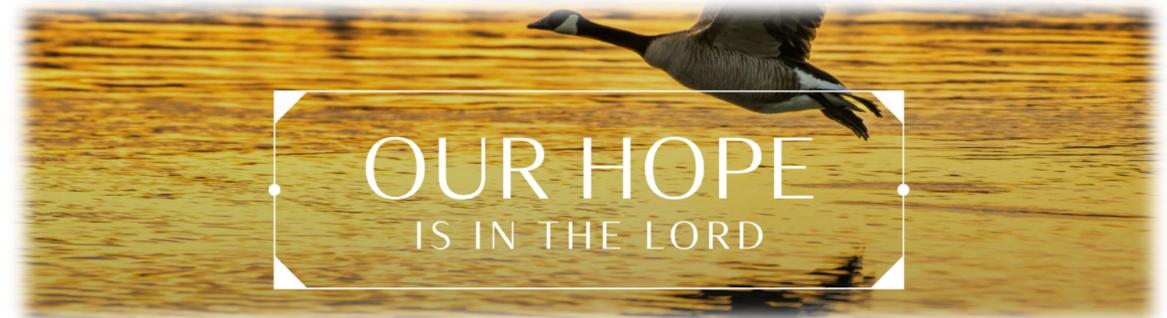
All: May God teach us and guide refuge to be with and for our neighbors today and every day.

+ HYMN #593 *Here I Am, Lord* | UMH

+ OPENING PRAYER MATT KRITES

The world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known your healing. We have known your provision. We have known your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears into songs of joy. We shall praise you ever more. 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 Krouit by the coat rack and stairs.



SONG *O Praise the Name (Anástasis)* JEREMY LAUKHUF

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN JULIE BURENGA
(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO AWE - PRESCHOOL THROUGH 5TH GRADE)

ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* | arr. Gerald Custer
CHANCEL CHOIR & GLORIA WENDEL, ORGAN

+ PSALM 14
I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD
Our Hope is in the Lord
PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

+ SONG *Be Still and Know* JEREMY LAUKHUF
(CHILDREN RETURN FROM AWE)

+ SPOKEN BLESSING PASTOR CHRISTIAN TAYLOR

POSTLUDE *Postlude* | by Edward Broughton

*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.*

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP

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