



### PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10: 23-25

Dear God, This school year, please draw two good friends to \_\_\_\_\_. We know that where three or more are gathered together, there you are. Let \_\_\_\_\_ and their friends feel your presence in their lives so they may have the strength to overcome challenges and guidance in making wise decisions. Glory and praise to you alone, Amen

## OCTOBER PRAYER



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.

## OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Today - October 5

**Confirmation Class**  
11:30AM  
Dining Room in Basement

### Tuesday - October 7

**Fry Pie Orders Due!**

### Friday - October 10

**Cougar Huddle**  
4:30PM - 6:30PM  
Fountain Park

### Sunday - October 12

**Scott Turner's Recital**  
3PM - 4PM  
Sanctuary

### Sunday - October 19

**Chili Cook-off & Cookie Bake-off**  
4PM - 6PM  
Sign-up at Take 5 Cart

### Friday - October 24

**Cougar Huddle**  
4:30PM - 6:30PM  
Fountain Park

### Saturday - October 25

**Trunk or Treat**  
10AM - NOON (12PM)  
Sign-up at Take 5 Cart



## Food Pantry

Your support makes a real difference in caring for others!

October is  
**CANNED VEGGIES**  
month

Green beans, carrots,  
kidney beans, corn, peas,  
baked beans



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

## WEDNESDAY FEAST

MEALS

Oct 8  
MENU

Potato Soup    Shredded Chicken Sandwiches  
Tossed Salad  
Hot dog/Bun - Rolls    Desserts

Help Support Our Women's Ministry

## BAKE SALE OCT 17 & 18

at the Van Wert County Apple Festival

### DONATE YOUR BAKED GOODS

- DROP AT THE CHURCH BY 3 PM on THURS, OCT 16 or AT THE BOOTH ON FRI OR SAT MORNING
- WRAP IN CLEAR PLASTIC
- MARK WHAT THE ITEM IS and IF IT CONTAINS NUTS



## HELP NEEDED!

- **Food Pantry Coordinator** - See Becky Wells or Teresa Shaffer for the Job Description.
- **Tuesday Volunteer to stock the food pantry** - anywhere from 2-4 times a month
- **Bread and Bowl coordinator** - organize the schedule of churches and buy the paper products.



## LIBRARY UPDATE!



The only new book for our shelves is a member donation and will give you so much to be thankful for. *When Faith is Forbidden* by Todd Nettleton opens your eyes to what is going on in countries today. Other books on the carousel will be those that are aging out of the library and have only been read by two or three members. Enjoy!

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## CHOOSING Faith



# October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*Holy Communion Sunday  
Youth 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

“ For we walk by faith, not by sight.  
2 Corinthians 5:7 ”

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vivian Laukhuf

## PRELUDE

*On a Theme of Ennio Morricone* | arr. Scott Turner

## + CALL TO WORSHIP

Ella Pruden

One: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around

**All: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.**

One: The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

**All: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.**

One: How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**All: The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still –  
the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

## + HYMN #110

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* | UMH

## + OPENING PRAYER

Jackson Osbourn

For the gift of faith that sees beyond the present moment and looks to eternity, we give thanks. For the gift of faith, small as a mustard seed, which has power within its simplicity, we thank you. For the gift of faith bestowed on those who would simply come, hearts open in humility, we thank you.

## CHORUS

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* | Hymn #526

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

Christie Wendel



Faith TO CHANGE



## + ANTHEM

*Shout to the Lord* | by Darlene Zschech Chancel Choir  
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

+ LUKE 17: 5 – 10  
**CHOOSING FAITH**  
*Faith to Change*

Leah Krites

## HOLY COMMUNION

Dillon Staas, Elijah Pollock,  
Adin Bockrath

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Christian Taylor

## OFFERTORY + DOXOLOGY

*Andante* | by W.A. Mozart

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | Hymn #95

## + SPOKEN BENEDICTION

Pastor Christian Taylor

## POSTLUDE

*Cries from Earth to Heaven* | by Serban Nichifor

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 TODAYS WORSHIP

**LEAD PASTOR**  
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR  
**DIR. OF MUSIC**  
SCOTT TURNER

**SOUND/AUDIO**  
JUSTIN SIEFKER  
**VIDEOGRAPHER**  
KURT MASSILLO  
**PROJECTION**  
NOAH KRITES

**ACOLYTES**  
CECI STAAS  
ANNA STOLLER  
**USHERS**  
NEIL SHAFFER  
DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.

**SCREEN CREATORS**  
MARY ANN FALK  
MELODY TAYLOR  
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