

# Children's Ministry



Each Sunday the children can engage in worship, scripture memorization, bible stories, games, and crafts in both large and small group settings all designed to help them grow in their faith and understanding of our amazing and awesome God. Scan the [QR CODE](#) to check out all that we offer!

**We Are Blessed by the Hands That Served.**

**Thank You, Volunteers!** ONLY 2 MORE MEALS FOR THIS YEAR!

## WEDNESDAY FEAST MEALS

Nov 12 MENU

Cranberry Chicken  
Cheesy Potatoes Green Beans  
Hot dog/Bun - Rolls Desserts

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### Advent Festival

Sun, Nov 30  
18 volunteers needed  
Arrive at 3PM  
No prep necessary  
Fun is PROMISED



See Cristi to join the fun!



#### RICE MEAL PACKING EVENT

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



VOLUNTEERS AND DESSERTS NEEDED  
Meals continue through Nov 19  
Sign up at entrances

# November

#### PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:31-32



Lord, this month, please subdue any anger that is bubbling in \_\_\_\_\_. Take any issues of misunderstanding and pride and turn them into thankfulness and humility. May each day in this month allow \_\_\_\_\_ to see gratitude all around them. Gratitude for a good friend, a beautiful day, or an answered prayer. All thanks and honor to you Lord, Amen

#### PRAYER PARTNER

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!



# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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# November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Our Mission is to Embrace, Equip, and Empower People to Know and Follow Christ.**

**Thanks for joining us today!** 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! We pray your experience in our Worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ. Please see the Welcome table - located inside the Jefferson St. entrance - or scan the QR code below to help accommodate your visit with us today.



Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43: 18 - 19

# ORDER of WORSHIP

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** ..... Jordan Dettrow

**HANDBELLS PRELUDE** ..... *Glorius Things of Thee are Spoken* | arr. Linda McKechnie  
Gloria Wendel, Organ & John Auld, Trumpet

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ..... Jordan Dettrow

Leader: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.  
**People: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.**  
Leader: Yet God is with us.  
**People: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.**  
Leader: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.  
**People: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.**

**+ HYMN #130** ..... *God Will Take Care of You* | UMH

**+ OPENING PRAYER** ..... Jordan Dettrow

**Most Holy and Powerful God, You are our provider and our strength. Center your presence in our work to rebuild this church and to bless the community around us. Shake the heavens and the earth, our hearts and hands, so that what we have may be freely given for your glory. All we have needed, you have provided. Now use what we offer to make your temple and our community whole. Remind us that all silver and gold belong to you. As you bless us, help us to bless others in need. We thank you and praise you, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.**

**+ SONG** ..... *What a Beautiful Name it Is*

**CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN** ..... Judy Krites  
*Children are dismissed to AWE\* - Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** ..... *I'll Fly Away* | arr. Craig Courtney  
Linda Mechling and Gloria, Piano

*\*AWE - Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons.*

<b>LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP</b>	<b>PASTOR</b> CHRISTIAN TAYLOR	<b>ANNOUNCER</b> JORDAN DETTROW	<b>VIDEOGRAPHER</b> DAVE THOMPSON	<b>SCREEN CREATORS</b> MARY ANN FALK
	<b>DIR. OF MUSIC</b> SCOTT TURNER	<b>CHILDREN'S CHAT</b> JUDY KRITES	<b>PROJECTION</b> NAOMI WHITE	<b>MELODY TAYLOR</b>
	<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b> JEREMY LAUKHUF	<b>GREETERS</b> SAMMI AND KIRBY JOSEPH	<b>SOUND/AUDIO</b> JUSTIN SIEFKER	<b>JEREMY LAUKHUF</b>
				<b>USHERS</b> NEIL SHAFFER
				<b>DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.</b>

**+ SCRIPTURE SERIES MESSAGE** ..... Pastor Christian Taylor



HAGGAI 2: 1 - 2:9  
THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ..... Jordan Dettrow

**God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we confess that we forget your faithfulness. Our memories fade, our fears cloud our vision, and we fail to see what you are doing among us. Forgive us, O God. Remind us that your Spirit abides with your people, not just in buildings but in every heart that calls your name. Give us the courage to trust your future and to build up the body of Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** ..... Pastor Christian Taylor

Leader: Hear the good news: God's Spirit still abides among us! Even when our memories fade and our faith feels uncertain, God's mercy remains steadfast.  
**People: God is with us - yesterday, today, and forever.**  
Leader: In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole. Take courage and live in the hope of God's glory.  
**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** ..... Pastor Christian Taylor

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**+ OFFERING SONG** ..... *Holy Spirit* ..... *Place offerings in the tins coming through Pews, during Offering song.*

*Children return from AWE*

**+ DOXOLOGY #99** ..... *My Tribute*

**+ SPOKEN BEDICTION** ..... Pastor Christian Taylor

**POSTLUDE** ..... *Allegro* | by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*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.*



The Altar Flowers are given in honor of...

*Llo Marvin's 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup>*

by Lloyd Marvin and Family