

EASTER EVENTS!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 18th | 6:15PM | Krout Memorial

WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

February 18th – April 1st | Every Wednesday

LENT CHALLENGE

February 18th – April 2nd

PALM SUNDAY

March 29th | 10:30AM | First UMC

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2nd | 6:15PM | Ohio City UMC

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd | 6:15PM | First UMC

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 5th | 7:00AM | Ohio City UMC

EASTER BREAKFAST

April 5th | 8:30AM | First UMC

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 5th | 9:30AM | Fountain Park

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

April 5th | 10:30AM | First UMC

THE ROAD IS OPEN.

Journey in grace.

LENT BEGINS

LENT ENDS

UPDATE!

BEGINNING SUN, FEB 22

WORSHIP WILL START AT 10:30 AM

NO CHANGE
TO SUNDAY
SCHOOL
START TIME
OF 9 AM



SPRING FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SALE

Pick up Order
Forms at Welcome
Center in Krout or
Church Office
**ORDERS DUE
SUN, MARCH 1**
Pickup is
Tues, April 28
at Van Wert County
Fairgrounds

PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH

"All things work together for the good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Lord, I seek forgiveness this month for _____. Provide safe ways for _____ to turn back from making mistakes. I pray _____ will be able to see the wrong choices they've made and to ask for forgiveness and as well as extend forgiveness. Impress upon _____ that there is nothing you can't use for good. In your holy name I pray, Amen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR OUR STOP ON THE MAIN STREET VAN WERT

CHOCOLATE WALK

FRI, FEB 13 | 5-8 PM



HELP SET UP, TEAR DOWN, OR GREET GUESTS
WORK ALL OR PART OF THE EVENING
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

SAT, FEB 14 | 5:00 - 8:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE

We'll even feed the kids.
Make your date night plans NOW!



THE KIDS WILL BE ROTATING THROUGH CAR THEMED GAMES, CRAFTS, AND ACTIVITIES. TEN VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED.

TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY

FEB 15

These stuffed animals go to our local emergency room to comfort scared children. Bears should be NEW and no more than 12 inches tall with no choking hazards attachments.



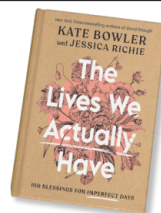
Women's Lenten Bible Study

TWO TIMES AVAILABLE:
1:00 PM or 5:30 PM

USING A STUDY DESIGNED AROUND THE BOOK *The Lives We Actually Have* by Kate Bowler

SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER (in Krout) or THE CHURCH OFFICE

You can also email FirstChurch@vanwertfirst.net to sign up



WEDNESDAY FEAST

FEB 11 MENU MEALS

- Meatloaf
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Hot Dogs - Rolls - Chips
- Tossed Salad
- Desserts

Sign up to help **Clean-Up** or bring **Desserts**, outside of the Church Office or in the Krout!



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February 8th, 2026

Live Faithfully

SCOUT SUNDAY

THE **MISSION** OF **FIRST CHURCH** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** in our local community and around the world.

Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. *You belong here!* We pray your experience in our Worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Order of worship

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8 NASB

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Greg Amstutz

PRELUDE Gloria Wendel, Director

I Love to Tell the Story | arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

SCOUT CEREMONY Cub Scouts Packs 31 & Scout Troops 31

- PROCESSION OF FLAGS
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG*
- SCOUT OATH & SCOUT LAW

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Scout Bentley Pavlides

Leader: People of God, the Lord calls us together and asks us to listen.
 People: We come to hear what God requires of us.
 Leader: God reminds us of faithfulness shown throughout generations.
 People: We remember the Lord's saving acts and give thanks.
 Leader: The Lord calls us to live lives shaped by justice and mercy.
 People: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
 Leader: Today, we give thanks for those who learn to serve, lead, and help others.
 People: We commit ourselves to living faithfully in all that we do.
 Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to live with integrity and hope.
 People: We worship the Lord with grateful hearts. Amen.

+ OPENING PRAYER Cub Scout Owen Holt

Faithful God, You have shown us what is good and called us to live with honesty, kindness, and humility. Forgive us when we choose convenience over faithfulness or turn away from what is right. Shape us into people who serve others, seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you each day. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shows us the way. Amen.

+ HYMN #98 *To God Be the Glory* | UMH

SONG *What Does the Lord Require?*

TIME OF GREETING

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Hannah Kraner
Children are dismissed to AWE - preschool through 5th Grade

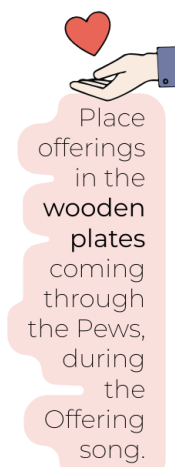
CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly* | arr. David Angerman

+ SCRIPTURE SERIES MESSAGE Micah 6: 1 – 16 Scout Joshua Martin
Pastor Christian Taylor



RESPONSIVE LITURGY Scout Daxton Crawford

Leader: The Lord has brought us this far by grace and faithfulness.
 People: We remember what God has done and give thanks.
 Leader: God calls us to live with integrity and courage.
 People: We commit to living faithfully in word and deed.
 Leader: God asks not for empty actions, but faithful hearts.
 People: We choose justice over dishonesty and mercy over indifference.
 Leader: God invites us to walk humbly and serve others.
 People: We will help other people at all times.
 Leader: Go now to live the faith you profess.
 People: We go to serve God and neighbor with hope and faithfulness. Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Christian Taylor

OFFERTORY OFFERTORY PRAYER *I Exalt Thee* Greg Amstutz

+ DOXOLOGY #99 *My Tribute* | UMH

+ SPOKEN BEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Introduction & Chorale on It Is Well With My Soul* | arr. David Lasky

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.



NEW HERE ?
SCAN THE QR CODE!

LEADERS OF TODAY'S WORSHIP

USHERS
NEIL SHAFFER
DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.
SCREEN CREATORS
MARY ANN FALK
JEREMY LAUKHUF
MELODY TAYLOR
VIDEOGRAPHER
KURT MASSILLO

ACOLYTES
SCOUTS
ELI MARBAUGH &
EMERY SEMER
PROJECTIONIST
NOAH KRITES
SOUND ENGINEER
KENT SMELSER

PASTOR
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
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