

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN...

*Celebration of Her Mom's,
Lynn Bouillon, Birthday*

BY HATTI DAVIS

WEDNESDAY FEAST MEALS

- Bar-B-Que Pork Sandwich
 - Broccoli Rice Casserole
 - Hot Dogs - Rolls - Chips
 - Tossed Salad
 - Desserts
- FEB 18 MENU

ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB 18 | 6:15 pm
Service at First Church in Krout

THE ROAD IS OPEN.
Journey in grace.



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
SPRING FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SALE

Pick up Order Forms at Welcome Center in Krout or Church Office

ORDERS DUE SUN, MARCH 1

Pickup is Fri, April 24 at Van Wert County Fairgrounds

We accept Cash, Check, or Venmo

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2026
10:30 - 11:30 AM OR 2:00 - 3:30 PM

2026-2027 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

VanWertFirst.net/preschool



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GROUP MISSION TRIPS

JOIN US FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP TO
WOODBIDGE VIRGINIA

JUNE 14-19, 2026

THERE ARE STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE.
Contact Teresa Shaffer if you wish to SERVE JOYOUSLY



WHAT TO DO!

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.



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

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR FLOWER IS GIVEN IN...

*Honor of their Grandson,
Daniel and his wife, Megan's,
first Child, Dorothy Mae*

BY PROUD GRANDPARENTS JOHN & JEAN ANN AULD

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February 15th, 2026

Redeeming Hope

TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY MISSION 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 Martin Burchfield

PRELUDE *When in Our Music God is Glorified* | arr. Matt Limbaugh

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Martin Burchfield

Leader: When the world feels broken and hope seems distant,

People: We turn to the Lord, who is our light and salvation.

Leader: When we stumble and sit in darkness,

People: The Lord rises to meet us with mercy and truth.

Leader: When sin and sorrow surround us,

People: God does not abandon us, but redeems and restores.

Leader: Who is a God like our God—pardoning sin and showing compassion?

People: The Lord delights in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who brings hope out of despair.

People: We will rejoice in the God of our salvation. Amen.



STARTING NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 10:30AM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL STILL REMAIN AT 9AM.

+ OPENING PRAYER Martin Burchfield

Merciful and faithful God, we confess that we often lose hope when the world feels heavy and our hearts grow weary. Yet you are the God who forgives, who restores, and who delights in showing mercy. Lift us from despair, renew our trust in your love, and help us walk in your light. Shape us into people who reflect your grace and live as signs of your redeeming hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ HYMN #519 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* | UMH

Choir alone – V. 1
Congregation – Vs. 1,2,3

TIME OF GREETING

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Scott Turner

Children are dismissed to AWE - preschool through 5th Grade

TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY BLESSING

MISSION MOMENT *Lenten Challenge – Marsh Foundation* Teresa Shaffer Guest Speakers

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM Gloria Wendel, Organ & Linda Mechling, Piano

Great is Thy Faithfulness | arr. Dan Forrest

+ SCRIPTURE SERIES MESSAGE

Micah 7: 1 – 20



Pastor Christian Taylor

RESPONSIVE LITANY Martin Burchfield

Leader: When we fall, the Lord lifts us up.

People: Our God is our light and our salvation.

Leader: When we face guilt and sorrow,

People: The Lord shows mercy and forgiveness.

Leader: When the world doubts God's goodness,

People: We will wait for the God of our salvation.

Leader: When fear and shame surround us,

People: God casts our sins into the depths of the sea.

Leader: Who is a God like our God—compassionate and faithful?

People: There is no one like the Lord, who delights in steadfast love.

Leader: Go now in the hope that God is redeeming all things.

People: We will live as people of justice, hope, and mercy. Amen.



Place offerings in the wooden plates coming through the Pews, during the Offering song.

HYMN #368 *My Hope is Built* | UMH

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

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM Linda Mechling, Piano

Down by the Riverside | arr. Jay Althouse

OFFERTORY *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

+ DOXOLOGY #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | UMH

+ SPOKEN BEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata* | arr. Douglas Wagner

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

VIDEOGRAPHER
DAVE THOMPSON
PROJECTIONIST
NAOMI WHITE
SOUND ENGINEER
KYLE WENDEL

ANNOUNCER
MARTIN BURCHFIELD
CHILDREN'S CHAT
SCOTT TURNER
ACOLYTES
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