

# LENTEN CHALLENGE 2026

## FOSTERING LOVE:

Who will love most boldly?

↔ **BOYS vs GIRLS** ↔

Place your items in the baskets in the Welcome Center through Easter.



**THE MARSH**  
FOUNDATION  
Foster Care Closet

### NEEDED ITEMS:

- Diapers - all sizes in small count packages
- Wipes
- Infant & toddler soaps & lotions
- First aid supplies
- Shampoo
- Detangler
- Hair care supplies like combs, brushes, hair accessories
- Underwear & socks - all sizes

**Lenten Devotionals available for pickup in the Krout "Welcome Center"**

 **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026  
10:30 - 11:30 AM OR 2:00 - 3:30 PM  
2026-2027 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN  
[VanWertFirst.net/preschool](http://VanWertFirst.net/preschool)

Scan for more info 

**Food Pantry**

March is **CANNED FRUIT** month

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

**MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> | 5PM**  
**WEDNESDAY FEAST** MEALS

- Chili
- Cornbread
- Three-Bean Salad
- Hot Dogs – Rolls
- Tossed Salad
- Desserts

## Lenten Events

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
MARCH 29 | 10:30 AM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
APRIL 2 | 6:15 PM  
Service at Ohio City UMC

**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**  
APRIL 3 | 6:00 PM  
Starts on East Main at YWCA moves to First Church

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
APRIL 3 | 6:15 PM  
Service at First UMC


**EASTER BREAKFAST**  
APRIL 5 | 8:30 AM  
Dining Room

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER | APRIL 5

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
APRIL 5 | 9:45 AM  
Fountain Park

**EASTER WORSHIP**  
APRIL 5 | 10:30 AM

**THE ROAD IS OPEN.**  
*Journey in grace.*



 **GROUP MISSION TRIPS** **JUNE 14-19 2026**

**WOODBIDGE VIRGINIA**

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

## CHILDREN Ministry

### EMPTY TOMB ESCAPE ROOM


April 3 | 10am - 12pm

K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade have Sunday School at 9 AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade can enjoy AWE during Worship  
Infants & Toddlers have the Nursery Available

Talk to Cristi Laukhuf today to get involved.

Register with Cristi | [Cristi.Laukhuf@VanWertFirst.net](mailto:Cristi.Laukhuf@VanWertFirst.net)

**VBS**  
**JUNE 1 - 4**



## YOUTH Ministry

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade have Sunday School at 9 AM  
Youth Group takes place after Worship

Talk to Teresa Shaffer or Sierra Poulson today to get involved.

# Easter FLOWERS

SPRING is almost here! Fill the sanctuary with color and aroma on **Easter Morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, by giving glory to God and honoring or remembering a loved one.

Flowers can be picked up after service Easter Morning.

\$11.00	\$9.50					\$9.50			
<b>Easter Lilly</b>	<b>Tulips</b>					<b>Daffodils</b>			
	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>Pink</i>	<i>Purple</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Dwarf</i>		
								#	Total Ordered
								\$	Total Amount

Donations to the Liturgical Arts for additional Easter decorations are appreciated. **Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for decorating.**  
~ Liturgical Arts Committee

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**  
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**GIVEN IN HONOR OF:**  
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**GIVEN BY:** Orders and Cash/Check are due by **March 8<sup>th</sup> TODAY** to Church Office.

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