

Shape Our Future: Growing in Grace Survey

We invite you to participate in the Growing in Grace survey, an initiative by UMC Discipleship Ministries and the Baylor Collaborative on Faith and Disability. Our goal is to listen—with humility and care—to your lived experiences of worship and accessibility. While leadership often discusses inclusion, your personal perspective helps us identify "invisible" barriers and foster a true sense of belonging for everyone, especially those with disabilities and their caregivers.

The Details:

- **Quick & Private:** Takes only 10 minutes and is completely anonymous.
- **Our Goal:** If 10 or more people respond, our church receives a custom report to help improve our worship, care, and children's ministries.
- **Impact:** Your voice helps create a more accessible church for all God's children.



Scan the QR code
or go to
vanwertfirst.net to begin



SAVE *the* DATE

Scan the QR code to find out more info about our events or sign up for an event.
FirstChurch@VanWertFirst.Net*

Graduation Day | Sun. May 24th, 2026 | Honoring our Graduates | If you are Graduating College, let the Church office know*

Memorial Day | Mon. May 25th, 2026 | Building & Office Closed | NO Food Pantry

Vacation Bible School | June 1st – 4th, 2026 | 8:30am – 11:30am | Rainforest Falls - *Exploring the Nature of God* | Save your paper towel tubes and turn them into the church office before June 1

Peony Festival | Fri. June 5th, 2026 | Building & Office Closed | NO Food Pantry | NO Bread and Bowl

Car Wash Fundraiser | Sun. June 7th, 2026 | 12pm – 2pm | Lee Kinstles Dealership | Mission Trip Fundraiser

Intergenerational Missions Trip to Woodbridge, VA | June 14th – 19th, 2026 | Talk to Teresa Shaffer

Juneteenth | Fri. June 19th, 2026 | Building & Office Closed | NO Food Pantry | NO Bread and Bowl

Father's Day | Sun. June 21st, 2026 | Honoring our Fathers

Haven of Hope Box City | Fri. July 17th, 2026 | 7pm Following Concert | Youth Overnight Starts at 10pm | Fountain Park | Raising Awareness of Homelessness in Van Wert

PreK – 8th Grade Operation Back to School | Sun, July 26th, 2026 | 3pm – 5pm | Fountain Park | Register through July 10th, 2026

IGNITE Van Wert 2026 | July 30th – August 1st, 2026 | 7am – 7pm | Orientation Dinner – Wed. July 29th, 2026 – Calvary Evangelical Church @ 5:50pm

High School Operation Back to School | Thurs, August 20th, 2026 | 2:30pm – 6pm | Goedde Gym | Register through August 19th, 2026

May Newsletters now available on the Bulletin Board in the Kitchenette off of the Krout + the Church Office door!

Want to honor a special person or commemorate a significant event? Consider providing an **altar arrangement** by putting your name on the sign-up calendar in the Kitchenette off the Krout!



Food Pantry

MAY IS PAPER GOODS MONTH

**TOILET PAPER
TISSUES AND
PAPER TOWELS**

Place your donations in the baskets located at each of the entrances.