

FINANCIALS

APRIL 2026

Contributions	\$29,778.00
Expenses	(\$36,294.00)
Deficit	(\$6,516.00)

2026 Year-to-Date

Contributions	\$164,653.00
Expenses	(\$172,618.00)
Deficit	(\$7,965.00)

ATTENDANCE

MAY	JUNE	YEAR-TO-DATE	
876	451	4,172	In-House
59	37	326	Online
935	488	4,498	Total

Celebrating Ministry Milestones!

✨ **Certified Lay Ministers**
Congratulations to Jamie Ramos & Jana Thompson

👏 **Provisional Elder**
Commissioning
Congratulations to Pastor Christian Taylor

Thank you for leading our community with bold faith!

THE TENDING SEASON INFORMATION

NOURISHING WHAT WE LOVE, TOGETHER.

Have you followed our Tending Season Campaign? We hope you will help us nourish the ministries of First UMC. Visit VanWertFirst.net



Celebrate and Remember with Flowers



Sign up to put Flowers on the Altar on any available Sunday – Bulletin board in the Kitchenette off of Krout

SHUT-INS

Sandra and Andy Anderson
Homestead at Towne Center

Sue Corle
Vancrest Assisted Living

Carole Long
Celina Manor

Ernie Miller
Hearth and Home

Marilyn Miller
Homestead at Towne Center

Nancy Rhoades
Homestead at Towne Center

Joan Stripe
Hearth and Home

Homestead at Towne Center
240 Towne Center Blvd,
Van Wert, OH 45891
Vancrest Assisted Living
10357 Van Wert-Decatur Rd,
Van Wert, OH 45891
Celina Manor
1001 Myers Rd, Celina, OH 45891
Hearth and Home
1118 Westwood Dr,
Van Wert, OH 45891



SHARE YOUR GOD SIGHTINGS

Have you had a moment this week where you saw the true nature of God?

Stop by Cristi's office and post your God sighting, and read about others' sightings.

This is for all ages. Let's share how God shows up in our lives.

BIRTHDAYS

July 1
Heather Keen
July 3
Karen Shivley
Ron Long
July 6
Heidi Leindecker
July 7
Cristi Laukhuf
Reha Atwood
July 8
Dru Johnson
Jean Auld
Sherri Arn
July 11
Barbara East
John Auld
July 12
Denise Davis
July 13
Kirby Joseph
July 15
Dillon Staas IV
July 17
Craig Hanson
Elizabeth Ganger
Kyle Wendel
July 19
Roger Okuley
July 20
Nancy Bowen-Ellzey
July 22
Jason Kreischer
July 23
Kent Smelser
July 24
Jill Smelser
July 26
Ella Stoller
Eva Yarger
July 27
David Sanders
Stacy Strick
July 29
Rob Miller
July 30
Dorothy Arnold

FOOD PANTRY

is PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY month



Crunchy or creamy, strawberry, grape, raspberry

"Having always wanted to drive Route 66, had a delightful time reading *The Road Before Us*. *The Curious Inheritance of Blakely House* is a fascinating read set in early England.

The Saturday Night Supper Club will delight all women who like to cook. Charles Martin's book, *Water from My Heart* once again has me in awe at his imagination or he has terribly, bad dreams!"
Enjoy! Romaine

ANNIVERSARIES

July 7
Linden and Colleen Krouskop
July 8
Bruce and Ruth Ann Dowler
July 9
Dillon and Renee Staas
July 11
Jerry and Cindy Ramsay
July 12
Eric and Lindy Schwab
July 13
Joe and Mary Ann Falk
July 18
Kent and Kim Hughes
July 21
Kevin and Diane Bair
July 23
Robbie and Natasha Breese
July 27
Eric and Melody McCracken

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 CELEBRATORY LUNCH RECEPTION

For Pastor Christian Taylor & his family

Following Worship
12PM | Dining Hall

LIBRARY UPDATE

VISIT CHURCH OFFICE DOOR TO SIGN UP FOR OUR FAIR BOOTH COMMITTEE TO HELP PLAN, SERVE, AND PREPARE FOR VW COUNTY FAIR!



- **Fri. July 3, 2026** | Independence Day | **Building & Office Closed** | NO Food Pantry | NO Bread and Bowl
- **Sun. July 5, 2026** | **Welcome Pastor Craig Arnold** and his family
- **Sat. July 17, 2026** | **Haven of Hope Box City** | 7pm Following Concert | Youth Overnight Starts at 10pm | Fountain Park | **Raising Awareness of Homelessness** in Van Wert | Scan QR code for more information and to complete registration and parent permission forms
- **Sun. July 26, 2026** | **PreK – 8 Grade Operation Back to School** | 3pm – 5pm | Fountain Park | Register through July 10, 2026 | Scan QR code for more information or to register
- **Wed. July 29, 2026** | **IGNITE Orientation Dinner** | 5:50pm | Calvary Evangelical Church
- **July 30 – August 1, 2026** | **IGNITE Van Wert 2026** | 7am – 7pm | Work on Projects; Share life with the homeowner for a day; Prepare, serve, clean up meals; Clean host facilities; Transport materials
- **Thurs. August 20, 2026** | **High School Operation Back to School** | 2:30pm – 6pm | Goedde Gym | Register through August 19, 2026 | Scan QR code for more information or to register



**Trinity Friends and First UM Churches
hosting on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
JUNE 10 - JULY 22, 2026 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM**
at First Church - Scheidt Room

Women's Bible Study

**EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY
STARTING JUNE 24**

Meeting days
June 24 July 8 July 22 Aug 5 Aug 19
See Jana Thompson
for more info

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

**Will be studying the book of Psalms | SIGN UP
IN THE WELCOME CENTER (in Krout) or THE
CHURCH OFFICE**

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION,
EVENT SIGN-
UPS, AND
PERMISSION
SLIPS: Scan
the QR CODE**



*Visit the Church office
door or the Bulletin
board in the
Kitchenette off of the
Krout "Welcome
Center" for more
opportunities to serve!*

PRAYER WALL

Lynn Bouillon – Cancer

Ruth Ann Covey – Leg/Back Pain Recovery

Judy & Terry Fox:

Judy – Stage 4 Cancer & **Terry** – Health

Mark Ganger – Depression

Elizabeth Ganger – Stress Seizures

Deb Germann – Healing/Lymphodema

JULY Mission

Operation

Back to School

Packing & Event

Ignite

Box City Event

Long-Term Concerns

Sandra & Andy Anderson:

H2O Mentor

Sandra – Parkinson's

Banquet

Jim Davis – Cancer Treatments

Paula Goins – Multiple-Sclerosis

Bella Hurless – Cerebral Palsy

Roy Jeknavorian – Health

Trennon (Marie Duff grandson) – Swallowing

Janet Kreischer – Alzheimer's

Doug Tyas – Alzheimer's Infusions

Jeannie Ziegler – Heart

Al & Dorothy Arnold:

Al – Cancer & **Dorothy** – Pain & Health

Colleen & Linden Krouskop:

Colleen – Fibromyalgia & **Linden** – Spinal Stenosis

John & Jean Ann Auld – Heart & Arthritis

Chris Turner – Back & Neck Pain

Kathy Welker – Health

Ilo Marvin – Health

Paul Stoodt (Dorothy Arnold's Brother) – Cancer

Paula Massillo (Kurt's Mom) – Health

John Butler (Cindy Compton's Dad) – Dialysis

For more
Prayer
concerns,
prayer
requests,
prayer
information,
and more –
please see
the church
office