



Join Us In Celebrating This Blessed Season!

Palm Sunday April 14
Services @ 8:15 & 10:45 am
Children will process with palm leaves at both services
Potato bar fundraiser @Noon



Maunder Thursday April 18
Service @ 7:00 pm in Krout with Communion

Good Friday April 19
Women's Ministry bake sale 7:45 am @ Courthouse
Community worship service 12:05 pm at 1st Church

Easter Sunday April 21
Services @ 8:15 & 10:45 am
There will be no Sunday School or Communion
Breakfast served @ 9:30 am

Easter egg hunt in the park for children @ 10:00 am

Electronic Giving is now available at First UMC! You now have a variety of ways to contribute to the ministry of FUMC.

1. **Go to our website** www.vanwertfirst.net and click on the eGiving—Vanco menu. Full instructions follow.
2. **Download the GivePlus Church app** for free from the App Store or Google Play.
3. **Text us a donation:** Text: 419-963-3557 and follow the instructions.
4. Of course, the envelope & cash/check system is always available.
5. Any questions, please see Jana in the office. All methods are safe and secure.

10:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2019

We invite you to take this time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. Please sign the red attendance pads and pass to your neighbor.

WORSHIPFUL SINGING

Lighting of Altar Candles

Praise and Worship

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Here I Am to Worship

Welcome & Announcements Jalen McCracken

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we are asking that your grace and mercy will continue to follow us all throughout our lives.

People: **Teach us to understand your ways and grant us wisdom to honor your mercy.**

Leader: Grant us your mercy and grace to live our lives to the full and to carry out the work and witness you have prepared for us to do.

People: **Refresh our souls and revive our spirits and continue to pour out your bountiful grace and never failing mercy.**

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

*Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #454

Children Chat Nicholas Carter & Michael Joseph

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings
UMCOR Special Offering today.
Envelopes & E Giving available.
There is no AWE today.

Offertory *How Can It Be* Lauren Daigle

Michaella Johnson, soloist

*Response #95

*Prayer of Dedication Ryleigh Hanicq

WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

Chancel Choir *Blessed Assurance* D. Hustad

*Scripture Matthew 5:3-7 Damon McCracken

Message **Series: Blessed**
Blessed...When You Deeply Care
Demond Johnson, Speaker

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer Chorus *Through It All* #507

Silent Moments with God

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

*Hymn *God Will Take Care of You* #130

*His Light into the World

*Choral Benediction with Congregation

*Postlude *Hornpipe* J. Dixon

*Indicates an Invitation to Stand



Participants in today's worship

Organist Scott Turner Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Acolytes: Griffin McCracken Nursery: Christie Wendel

& Logan Taylor 2 - 5 year olds: Jamie Wehage


Welcome Table: Youth Group

FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS Lois August - fractured ankle, Eric Hurless - broken elbow, Evelyn Brown - broken hip, Rebecca Strickler - health, Everette Anderson - Cerebral Palsy issues, Sandra Anderson - Parkinsons, Dorothy Arnold - pain, Freda Culler - heart, Jim Davis - cancer, Food Pantry Coordinator position.

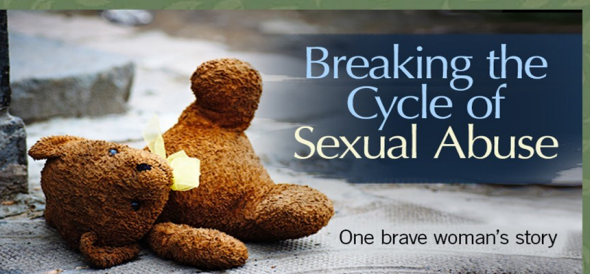
Please see the long term prayer list in the Friendly Visitor for other prayer needs or check the website under the pull down menu "newsletters" @www.vanwertfirst.net.

Military: Caleb Kreischer, Evan Wells, Bryan Zinsmaster, Connor Gordon, Noah Sease, Nick Gutierrez, Ben Scheidt, Gerald Christobaker, Geff Gehrlich, Jermaine DeFore



Missionaries & Ministries: Stephen Ministry, Stand for Truth Ministry, Jeanne & Gaston Ntambo, Mission of Hope - Haiti.



WEDNESDAY
April 3
2019
6:30-7:30pm



Breaking the Cycle of Sexual Abuse
One brave woman's story

Annual Youth Fundraiser!
Taking orders now.
Order blanks are located
at each entrance.

Wednesdays - 12:05pm
through April 17

Join us
in Krout Memorial for meditation,
singing & Holy Communion



A light lunch will be served each Wednesday at 12:30pm

Bring a friend and prepare your heart
to experience the Holy!

UP COMING EVENTS

Sunday, 3/31 Youth Mulch Sale! Order blanks at each entrance.	9:30am 10:30am 11:45am	Sunday School Worship Congregational Lunch All Welcome!
Monday, 4/01	1-3:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00-8:30pm	Food Pantry Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts Women's Bible Study M & M Life Group Embrace Membership Class
Tuesday, 4/02	8:30am 10:30am 6:30pm	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Mission Committee
Wednesday, 4/03 Youth Mulch Sale! Order blanks at each entrance. 	8:00am Noon 1-3:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Men's Bible Study Lenten Lunch, Communion & Meditation Food Pantry Women of the Word Seekers Lifetree Cafe Handbells Choir Practice
Thursday, 4/04	8:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm	Clay Pots Women's Ministry Team Praise Band Ad Board Mtg
Friday, 4/05	10-Noon 6:00pm	Food Pantry Bread N Bowl
Saturday, 4/06	5-8:00pm	Parsonage Open House 1 Leslie Lane All are welcome.

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Demond Johnson

March 31, 2019

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.



MARCH 31, 2019



Special Offering



UMCOR SUNDAY



Baked Potato Bar

MENU:
BAKED POTATOES
SALAD
TOPPINGS BAR
DESSERTS
PUNCH, COFFEE

YOUTH FUNDRAISER
APRIL 14 @ 11:15AM

Carryout available

PRICES:
Adults - \$7.00
Children under 11 - \$4.00

Proceeds to local and international Youth Mission Trips
Please join us for worship at 10:45 & then stay for the meal!
Thank you for your support of our youth and missions!