

# June PREACHING SCHEDULE

## SERIES: A Compelling Defense

**JUNE 5**  
Featured Speaker:  
Jeremy Laukhuf  
Romans 6:1-4, 11-14; 8:1-3a  
*Released From and Released To*  
- HYMN SING -

**JUNE 12**  
Romans 9:1-5, 10:9-13;  
11:1-6; 17-21, 25-26a  
*Rooted and Grafted*

**JUNE 19**  
Romans 12:1-8  
*Released to Serve*

**JUNE 26**  
Romans 13:1-10  
*Renewed to Influence*

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### IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

**WEDDING:**  
Bryn Thatcher & Sean Osborne  
May 21, 2022

**BIRTH:**  
Samuel Gregg Wagner  
parents: Scott & Melissa Wagner  
May 7, 2022

**DEATH:**  
Michael G. Arn  
May 28, 2022



#### June Library News:

Put your traveling shoes on!  
This month you'll travel to The  
Outer Banks, Montana, The  
Great Lakes, Washington D.C.,  
Oregon and Iraq - all from the  
comfort of your favorite chair!  
Happy Reading.

Romaine



#### Food Pantry items needed for June FRUITS

Mixed, peaches, pears,  
pineapple, applesauce

Please bring these items  
for the food pantry.  
Baskets will be at  
either entrance.

Monetary donations are also welcome & appreciated.

Thank you for your donations!



**Mission Moment:** We have several opportunities for you to help show love and compassion to those around us. Sign up to be on one of the following lists:

**Provide A Meal** - provide a meal for a family that just had a baby or is going through a difficult time.

**Driver for appointments** - take people to appointments.

**Furniture / Grocery Delivery** - deliver groceries or furniture to families in need.

**Funeral Dinner list** - help provide food or help with cooking and serving.

**Visitation list** - join a group that visits our home bound and nursing home residents.

Once a need arises, we will call you and see if you can help out for the particular situation.

If you are unable to help, we continue through the list. Having a big list helps spread the responsibility over many individuals. You can sign up for one list or many. See Teresa at the *Take 5 with Teresa* cart or call her to sign up.

Shane Leeth is back to complete his 2nd annual 4x4x48 run in support of Haven of Hope! This challenge entails running 4 miles, every 4 hours, for 48 hours. Shane will begin at 6:00pm on June 17th and finish on the evening of the 19th. Locals are invited to join Shane on any part of his run! More details to come.

Last year, our goal was more than doubled by reaching a total of \$7,000. This year, we strive to raise \$15,000 in order to pay off a mortgage loan. The community is encouraged to make a donation online to support the initiative at  
<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3997284>

233 N. Market St. Van Wert, OH, 45891  
PO Box 732  
419-605-6717  
wchavenofhope@gmail.com  
www.havenofhopevw.org

**OUR AGAPE FUND CONTINUES TO RUN LOW  
DUE TO ASSISTING OTHERS.  
PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TODAY. Thank you!**

**COMMUNITY RELIEF**  
A Ministry of Union Chapel

**HELP US ASSIST THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE**

**IGNITE VAN WERT 2022 JULY 21-23**

Contact Teresa Shaffer for more information.

Your  
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@First Church  
Service Opportunities at First United Methodist Church



# FIRST United methodist CHURCH

Phone: 419/238-0631 FAX: 419/238-3608  
email: firstchurch@wcoil.com website: vanwertfirst.net

As a community of faith, we stand firm on this mission:  
embracing, equipping, and empowering persons to know and follow Christ.  
With each step, we see God "doing immeasurably more than all that we ask or imagine,  
according to His power that is at work within us" -Ephesians 3:20

We invite God to do His life-changing work through us over the next five years!

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9:30am - Blended worship

A Q&A WILL BE OFFERED EACH WEEK AFTER THE SERVICE

## JUNE 2022



### Youth Mission Trip

June 10-18 we are taking 16 students and 4 adults to Boston with the Praying Pelican Mission Group. Our students will be doing mission work, worshipping and growing in their faith while they are sharing their love of Jesus Christ with the least of these in the Boston community. Please consider giving financially to the cost of the trip.

Thank you for your prayers!

#### LEADERS:

Teresa Shaffer, Demond Johnson,  
Jeremy Laukhuf, Sierra Shaffer.

#### STUDENTS:

**Grade 6:** Ashlynn Shaffer.  
**Grade 8:** Meah Johnson.  
**Grade 9:** Haydon Dowler, Noah Spath,  
Mandy Burenga, Kendra Deehring.  
**Grade 10:** Kaden Shaffer, Macy Johnson,  
Missy Joseph, Cayden Laukhuf,  
Sydney Dowler.  
**Grade 11:** Carly Bebout, Damon McCracken.  
**Grade 12:** Brooklyn Laukhuf, Grace Dowler.

### Welcome to the Team!

Cristi and her family moved to Van Wert in 2019. Prior to that, she and her family traveled the world through her husband's service in the US Air Force. She hails from Mentor, Ohio which is just outside of Cleveland. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature with a Secondary Teaching Certificate and Minor in dance from Otterbein College and has been a dance instructor for twenty years. Her public service experience includes two years with AmeriCorps in the National Civilian Community Corps and Children of the Future programs. She has held various church positions including Children's Ministry Worship Coordinator, Praise Dance Troupe Coordinator, Sunday School Teacher, Vice President and Fellowship Coordinator or Protestant Women of the Chapel, and Bible Study leader. She and her husband Jeremy have five children.



Cristi Laukhuf  
Family Ministries  
Director



It has been 4 years since we went on the Mission of Hope mission trip to Haiti. With the political unrest in Haiti and the pandemic it has postponed our every three year out of the country mission trip. Since then we have continued to do work here at home and in Milwaukee, WI last year but we would still like to be able to go help our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. I will be leaving on May 31st to take a vision retreat trip

to the Dominican Republic with Mission of Hope. This trip will allow me to see firsthand the missions that take place in that country. The partnership we have made with MOH is one that will continue to grow and I believe that taking a group from 1st Church next year is attainable. Please pray for me, the MOH staff and the people of the DR as I take this trip and gather information so we can join together and bring people to Christ in the world.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 6/1 Carol Sidle  
Alexis Dunlap  
Brooklyn Hurless  
Bella Hurless
- 6/2 Sharon Witten
- 6/4 Ric Kelly
- 6/5 Karen Kemler
- 6/6 Demond Johnson  
Louise Hartwig  
Ron Kalb
- 6/8 Lisa Butler  
Jill DeWert  
Jalen McCracken
- 6/10 Susan Burchfield
- 6/11 Teresa Shaffer  
Brodyn Clark
- 6/12 Karlin Dunlap
- 6/14 Brady Dunlap  
Gavin DeWert  
Kasee Stoller  
Jeremy Stoller
- 6/15 Emery Dirham
- 6/16 Ashlyn Stoller  
Kristopher Mendenhall  
Amelia Wagner  
Livia Butler  
Eloise Garman
- 6/17 June Shriver  
Mickey McConahay  
Amy Welch
- 6/18 Sue Corle  
Cole DeWert  
Ellie Hamman

- 6/19 Angela Myers
- 6/20 Pat Johnson
- 6/21 Ruth Poe
- 6/22 Brad Owens
- 6/23 Kent DuCheney
- 6/24 Melinda Farmer  
Kathy Steele  
Nathan Stevens
- 6/25 Dave Watkins
- 6/25 Rosemary Charleston
- 6/26 Roy Jeknavorian Sr.  
Kayla Krites
- 6/27 Julie Gamble
- 6/28 Courtney Hurless
- 6/30 Riley Jones

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

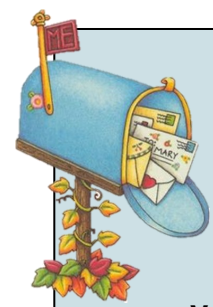
- 6/1 Susan & Dave Mathew
- 6/2 Marilyn & Steve Bebout
- 6/6 Lonnie & Deb Nedderman
- 6/8 Al & Dorothy Arnold  
Louise & Fred Hartwig
- 6/12 Sophie & Elijah Wortman
- 6/13 Anthony &  
Marilyn Alessandrini
- 6/14 Kris & Jim Snyder
- 6/15 Jim & Ruth Ann Covey  
Chuck & Kathy Steele
- 6/16 Roger & Kay Okuley  
Robert & Gina Say
- 6/17 Gary & Barbara Showalter  
Tom & Kendra Kalkreuth
- 6/18 Scott & Samantha Farmer  
Jordan & Rachael Dettrow
- 6/19 Joyce & Alan Morris
- 6/20 John & Jeant Auld  
Jill & Kent Smelser
- 6/22 Denise & Jim Davis  
Marty & Susan Burchfield  
Pat & Shanann Jackson
- 6/25 Annie & Ross Shartzter
- 6/26 Leslie & David Mounts  
Warren & Rhea Foy
- 6/27 Tonia & Keith Dunifon
- 6/28 Peggy & Joel Penton  
Trevor & Nikki Bebout



**Thursday, July 14  
@7:05pm**

**TICKETS \$13.50**

*Contact Teresa  
for more information.*



**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

**VAN CREST, Van Wert**  
10357 Van Wert Decatur Road, Van Wert, OH 45891  
Karen Elston, Dennis Warnecke

*Addresses have  
been added  
if you would like  
to send a card  
to a resident!*

**HEARTH AND HOME**  
1118 Westwood Drive, Van Wert, OH 45891  
Wendy Howell, Ruth Poe, June Taylor

**VAN WERT MANOR**  
160 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH 45891  
Betty Foust, Jan Osborn, Betty Vogt

**HOMESTEAD AT TOWNE CENTER**  
240 Towne Center Boulevard, Van Wert, OH 45891  
Ed Bates, Sandy Gordon, Tom Wise

**SHUT-INS**  
Helen Crone, Rhonda Crosley,  
Laverna Faszler, Jay Simson,  
Lou Tomlinson, Bill Wermer

**DIVINE NURSING & REHAB**  
**@the LAURELS OF SHANE HILL**  
Dorothy Sunderland - Room 113  
10731 Ohio-118, Rockford, OH 45882



Be a part of the planning committee -  
next meeting is Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.!

**VOLUNTEER** - contact Paula LaRue at (419) 203-0986 to volunteer  
either at the event or in the week before packing supplies,  
or making follow up outreach calls after the event;

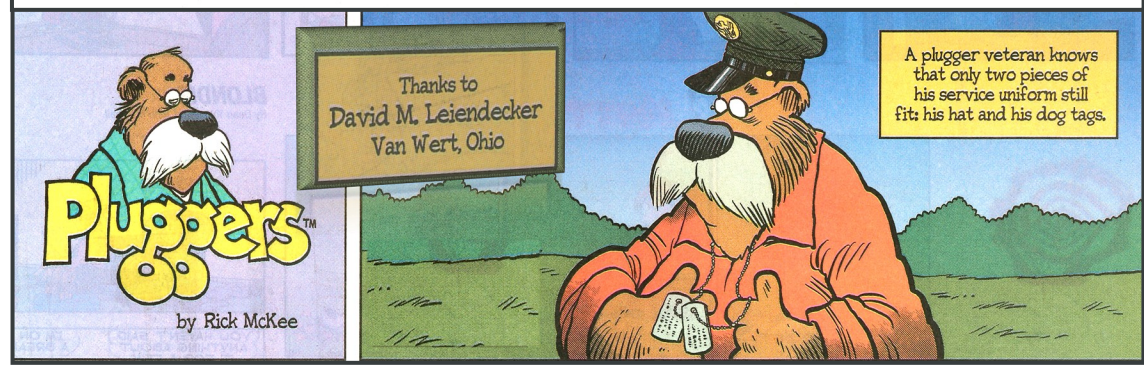
**GIVE** - financial donations are needed to buy supplies.

If you have questions about Operation Back to School,  
call the church office. Also, we now accept VENMO: @FirstUnited-Methodist

**AUGUST 7, 2022  
3-5pm**



SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022



**ON OUR OWN**

Are you looking for a small group with other women who have lost a spouse? Are you looking for conversation with friends who understand what you're going through? If this sounds like a group you're interested in, come give **ON OUR OWN** a try.

Meetings are held every 4th Wednesday at 10:00am.

Contact the office at 419/238-0631 or email  
firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net for more information.

*First Church  
Prayer Requests*

**HEALTH CONCERNS:**

- Sandra Anderson, *Parkinsons*
- Aiden Ellerbrock, *Rehab*
- Steve Gehres, *Health*
- Paula Goins, *Multiple-sclerosis*
- Eileen Manken, *Heart, Back*
- Dave Knight, *Back pain, Diabetes*
- Jim Davis, *Health*
- Donn Shriver, *Health*
- Allan Mills, *Health*
- Fred Hartwig, *Health*
- Dorothy Sunderland, *Dementia*
- Romaine Whetstone,  
*Rehab from surgery*
- Bella Hurless, *CP*
- Maury Wistner, *Health*  
(Marie Duff's grandson)
- Linda Jeknavorian, *Health*
- Bob Say, *Stiff person disease*
- Dakota Nihiser, *Cancer*
- Rebecca Strickler, *Health*
- All those with chronic pain, illness

**IF YOU HAVE MILITARY INFORMATION YOU WOULD  
LIKE LISTED or CHANGES, PLEASE CONTACT  
THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

**MILITARY:**

- Gerald Christo-Baker
- Dillon Ellerbrock
- Airman **Ethan Glass** HSC-2, 524 A Street  
Norfolk, VA 23511-4010
- Michael Hellman**
- Gregory Henry** 94508 Woodcrest Lane  
Fort Drum, NY 13603
- Caleb Kreischer**
- Cpl **Benjamin Scheidt** GCE/H&S MT,  
26 MEU DETA, Unit 80124 Camp LeJeune
- Noah Sease** 3400 Shivas Road  
Clarksville, TN 37042
- Pfc **Kyle Spray** 216 H&S Co./S-6  
PSC Box 20099 Camp Lejeune, NC 28542-0099
- Austin Sudduth** 386 ELRS/LGRA/PAX  
Unit 61409, APO, AE 09855-1409
- Evon Wells**
- s Sgt **Bryan Zinsmaster**

**MISSIONARIES - June Focus:**  
Persecuted Christians around the World.

**GLOBAL CONCERNS -  
June Focus:** Victims of Human Trafficking.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH -  
June Focus:** First Church Mission in  
Van Wert & Church Staff / Volunteers;  
Operation Back to School.

Thank you to *Noah Carter & family* for the new river rock around the church.

Also, thank you to *Marsha Morton* for the flowers in front of the electronic signage.

Numbers include **BOTH** Inhouse Worship & online website viewers.  
**April Attendance Report**  
8:15 - 358 10:45 - 897

YTD All Sanctuary Services including online viewing 3823

YTD Average - All Services - 129

**Financial Report - 4/30/2022**

April Contributions	\$ 51,512.00
April Expense	- \$ 37,887.00
Income over Expense	\$ 13,625.00
YTD 2022 Contributions	\$230,659.00
YTD 2022 Expense	- \$208,138.00
Income over Expense	\$ 22,521.00

**Preschool News**



We wrapped up our year with a day at Smiley Park on May 19th.

**Grand's day in Fountain Park** was a huge success. We were treated to a K-9 demonstration by Deputy Tyler Mox and Ellie of the Van Wert County Sheriff's Dept. The students and their guests enjoyed games, bubbles, and coloring special pages.

The **Spring Program/Graduation** was held in Fountain Park and was very well attended by parents, grandparents and extended families.

The **Fry Pie Sale** netted over a \$1,000.00 for the preschool. We will plan on hosting another sale in late October 2022.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** was held from May 11-17th in Krout Memorial. *Thank you church members for supporting us in this endeavor.*

*The support from the Church during my first year has been incredible! Thank you so much!*