

September PREACHING SCHEDULE

SERIES: Desperate

SEPTEMBER 4

Hosea 10:12; Psalm 63:1
John 7:37-39a
Desperate Hearts

SEPTEMBER 11

Romans 8:26, 27; James 5:16
Mark 11:24; John 14:13,14
Desperate Prayers

SEPTEMBER 18

John 1:35-36; Luke 5:17-25
Desperate Inviters

SEPTEMBER 25

Acts 1:8; Acts 8:26-39
Desperate Witness

Chancel Choir resumes with its first rehearsal Wednesday, September 7 @7:30pm in the sanctuary. First Sunday worship is September 11. All singers welcome!



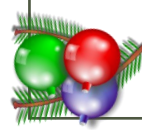
Special Offering ...for September



You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors by donating. Ten dollars provides a blanket and enables someone to feel God's love in their lives during a difficult time, fifty dollars gives blankets to an entire family and helps take some stress off a difficult situation. Tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, homelessness and other crises are a few times that these blankets are given out. Please stop by the **Take 5 cart** and pick up an envelope for your gift.

Numbers include BOTH Inhouse Worship & online website viewers.
July Attendance Report
8:15 - 0 10:45 - 1020
Year To Date All Sanctuary Services including online viewing
6659
Year To Date Average - All Services - 133

FAMILY ministry Sunday school classes begin September 11th for Preschool through fifth grade. Volunteers are needed to serve once a month. Materials will be provided.
Your help is NEEDED!



Christmas musical rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 14th from 5:30-6:30pm.

Boxes are available throughout the church and at the Welcome Table!
Make Plans Now to Attend!
OCTOBER 1, 2022
9:00am
PROJECT 216
FIGHT HUNGER. GIVE HOPE.



YOUTH GROUP
FALL Kick Off
September 11th, 2022
@ Dowler's 4-7pm

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY
BIRTHS:
Gavin Rhys Gillespie
Parents:
Aaron & Kristen Gillespie
Grandparents:
Paul & Annette Hoverman
August 22, 2022

Contact the office with information!
College Addresses Needed!

September Updates **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**
The Women's Ministry team will meet Thursday, September 8th at 4:45.
Sarah Circle will meet Monday, September 12th at 6:30.

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESSES TO CONTACT THE CHURCH.
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Preschool classes begin on September 7. Leading up to the beginning of school is a busy time. We are planning for the student assessments/parent orientation on August 23, 24 and 25. We are having interactive white panels installed prior to the beginning of school. The teachers are looking forward to the training for this new technology, as well as time to explore options for enhancing classroom activities.

Please keep the 1st UM Preschool staff and the students in your prayers.

Preschool News



Begins 9/11/ 2022 @ 9:30am

Sunday School ...learning to live the life

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am
Preschool SS K-3 SS 4th & 5th Grade SS
Middle School SS High School SS
Adult Bible Class 2012 Disciple Makers
Faithweavers Russell Young class

1:00pm
Youth Group - MS Youth Group - HS

Middle school Confirmation will be held 9-11 through 10-16 during the Sunday School hour.



FIRST United methodist CHURCH

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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:

8:15am - Blended Service
9:30am - Sunday School 10:45am - Traditional Service

SEPTEMBER 2022 Operation back to school 2022 highlights!

Preschool - 8th grade event was held August 7th from 3-5pm in Fountain park. We served over 700 Students which was approximately 400 families. As always the students got to choose their book bag, received school supply packs and a hygiene bag. There were 22 business/agency partners that gave out resource information and other supplies such as earbuds, pencil sharpeners, dental hygiene packs, etc. Everyone was given a sack lunch and Van Wert Health had an apple nacho station where kids could make their own healthy snack. A highlight was the Van Wert High School Robotics team booth. Kids could drive the robots and learn about the team. The day was a success and we had over 150 volunteers that came out before, to pack supplies, and during the event to help set up, work the event and tear down. We are so thankful to "YOU," our congregation, and to our community for the financial donations and the hard work to again pull off an amazing God filled event that helps our families in Van Wert!

7th Annual 2022

The High School event was held August 21 from 1-4pm in the church basement. We served over 85 students. They came into the basement to choose a backpack and the school supplies they wanted. They also received a hygiene bag and snack bag. This was a time for our volunteers to chat with the students and build some relationships.

If you have never been a part of this event, I encourage you to join the fun next year. We start buying school supplies once the stores discount their supplies. We have some "Backpack Angels" as we call them. LOL, they see cheap backpacks and call to let us know - then we buy them.



If you see an unbelievable discount on school supplies, please let us know. We will buy them up!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Phyllis Thatcher
- 9/3 MaryAnn Falk
- 9/5 Easton Dunlap
- 9/6 Noah Sease
Sandy Kalb
Lonnie Nedderman
- 9/7 Melody McCracken
- 9/8 Alexa Dunlap
Courtney Wendel
- 9/9 Ryleigh Hanicq
Jan Slagle
Anna Stoller
- 9/11 Anjie Hanicq
- 9/13 Lauren Leatherman
- 9/14 Ashlynn Shaffer
- 9/15 Ronda Crosley
- 9/16 Jim Snyder
Clara Kelly
Cayden Laukhuf

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/17 Scott Steen
Noah Spath
- 9/18 Cindy Compton
- 9/19 Nancy Kelly
- 9/21 Richard Perry
- 9/22 Michael Germann
John Slagle
Cody Hughes
- 9/23 April Ellerbrock
Ronan Shartzler
Logan Taylor
- 9/24 Adam Wehage
- 9/25 Joe Falk
- 9/26 Sandra Anderson
- 9/27 Bruce Dowler
Fred Hartwig
Henry Schaffner
- 9/28 Rebecca Strickler
- 9/29 Lois Kohn

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

<p>VAN CREST, Van Wert 10357 Van Wert Decatur Road, Van Wert, OH 45891 Karen Elston, Dennis Warnecke</p> <p>VAN WERT MANOR 160 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH 45891 Betty Foust, Jan Osborn, Betty Vogt</p> <p>SHUT-INS Helen Crone, Rhonda Crosley, Laverna Faszler, Jay Simson, Bill Wermer</p>	<p>HEARTH AND HOME 1118 Westwood Drive, Van Wert, OH 45891 Wendy Howell, June Taylor</p> <p>HOMESTEAD AT TOWNE CENTER 240 Towne Center Boulevard, Van Wert, OH 45891 Ed Bates, Brent Crone, Sandy Gordon, Tom Wise</p> <p>DIVINE NURSING & REHAB @the LAURELS OF SHANE HILL Dorothy Sunderland - Room 113 10731 Ohio-118, Rockford, OH 45882</p>
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September Library News:

Hoping you'll find this a month of "can't put down" fiction. *Maggie's War* is exceptional and based in Canada. The next two books of Richard Evans are definite page turners. *Beach Haven* takes you to the Carolina Coast. And the two mysteries by Colleen Coble and Diann Mills definitely don't disappoint. Gifted to the library are a Max Lucado book, *Cure for the Common Life* and a true story written by Mitch Albom, *Have a Little Faith*. Enjoy!

LIBRARY News


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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*
- 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

Food pantry We could use help finding two people to work the food pantry on the third Wednesday of each month. Hours are 1-3pm. Volunteers would be working from the basement, assisting people to choose their items and bag them. If you know of someone that might be interested please contact Janet Miller at 419-238-6084. *Be blessed!*



**WALK FOR LIFE 2022
PLC HEALTH CLINIC**

Sunday, September 18

FRANKLIN PARK
Walnut Street, Van Wert, OH

1:30 registration
2:00 walk


You may sponsor one of our youth or join the walk with us!

Our youth group will be walking / looking for people to sponsor them. Each student who raises \$300 will get a tshirt. The top seller receives a Cinema gift card too! Stop by the Take 5 cart to sponsor a youth or stop a youth in the hall. We also invite you to join us in the walk. We have extra sponsor sheets if you would like to help raise money! Please join us to help this wonderful Van Wert Ministry.


Financial Report - 7/31/2022

July Contributions	\$ 38,877.00
July Expenses	- \$ 47,838.00
Expense over Contributions	- \$ 8,961.00
Year to Date Contributions	\$375,729.00
Year to Date Expenses	- \$335,992.00
Contributions over Expense	\$ 39,737.00

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Van Wert First United Methodist Church



September 16 & October 14th

Middle School is at YMCA
High school is at Goedde Building
after the football game until 11:00pm

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If you want to help kids in our community by giving them an alternative to walking the street after home football games then stop and see me to help at the 5th Qtr events. The kids will be grateful. We need 5-6 people for each site, YMCA or Goedde. You get to build relationships and be a positive impact on some kids who may not have that in their lives. Every positive contact, for a student, makes a difference. You could be the one to make a huge impact that turns a kid's life around! SIGN UP TODAY!

Food Pantry items needed for September

SOUPS

Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom



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

Monetary donations are also welcome & appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

least meals

Join us every week at 5pm in the basement dining hall. A complete meal is served for \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Relax and recharge mid-week and touch base with family and friends.

Next session begins October 5, 2022.

Hope to see you there!

Mission Moment: Fall brings lots of ways to show your Faith In Action at FUMC. In September we will participate in **Pregnancy Life Center's Walk for Life** on September 18. Another opportunity for involvement is helping with Friday night **5th Quarter** events after home VWHS football games on September 16 and October 14. We are also **looking for mentors to work with 8th graders** at VWMS once a week during the school day (30 minutes/week). Contact Teresa Shaffer for more details on both these service opportunities at (419)238-0631.

I also want to highlight that in September the special offering goes to **Church World Service's Blanket project**. This project puts blankets in the hands of those who need them, all over the world. \$10 buys a blanket for a person in need. This is a monetary offering only.

And lastly, a mission impact report from **Stand For Truth Ministries**, Joel Penton, Jr.'s ministry that we support: Stand for Truth has 3 divisions. The Relevant Speakers Network and SFT Outreach did 335 school assemblies and 68 outreach concerts in 23 states last year. Lifewise Academies is growing like a weed! In 2021, there were 8 schools in the program with 1,111 students enrolled. In 2022, there were 34 schools with 5,383 students enrolled. Next year, they are hoping for 100 enrolled schools!! Keep Stand For Truth and all our missionary partners in your prayers.

Your FAITH IN ACTION
@First Church

Service Opportunities at First United Methodist Church

SMALL GROUP

Sheffield

PRAYER TEAM

The prayer team gathers to pray for the needs and concerns of the FUMC family, local community and the world.

The contact is Gloria Wendel @ 419/513-1097.



This group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Conference Room.

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

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- Evan Wells**
- S Sgt **Bryan Zinsmaster**

MISSIONARIES - September Focus:
The Boaz Project - *Maggie Cripe*

GLOBAL CONCERNS - September Focus: International unrest and refugees.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - September Focus: First Church Mission in Van Wert & Church Staff / Volunteers; Small group leaders.