

October PREACHING SCHEDULE

SERIES:
Freedom with Simplicity

OCTOBER 2
I Timothy 6:10b; Ecclesiastes 5:10
Matthew 16:26
From Dreams to a Nightmare
WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 9
guest speaker: Matt Krites
Proverbs 21:5, 20
Insight for our Finances

OCTOBER 16
Luke 12:15; Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
Hebrews 13:5-6; Philippians 4:11-12
Contentment Opens the Door

OCTOBER 23
I Timothy 6:17; Proverbs 11:24-25
What Defines You?

OCTOBER 30
ONE SERVICE AT 10:30am
Sunday School will be at 9:30am
Combined Student-Led

YOUTH GROUP meets Sundays
from 12-1:30pm

October 30th @10:30am
Youth will lead worship
**NO YOUTH GROUP ON
OCTOBER 30TH**

**IN THE
CHURCH FAMILY**

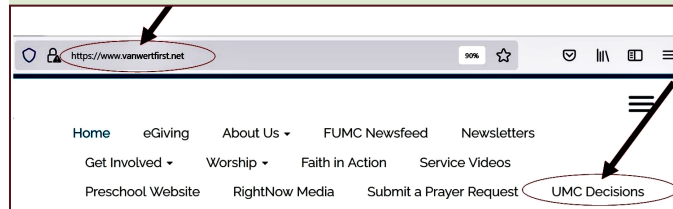
DEATH:
Dick Dunn
September 1, 2022



Volunteer

Interested in First Church's position on difficult subjects?

Access www.vanwertfirst.net and follow the **UMC Decisions** link, shown below. This link will take you to a group of resources curated by our committee that is advising the Ad Board on current disaffiliation issues.
We are providing this as a place for members to go to get more information.



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Van Wert
First United
Methodist Church

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Social
Media

OFFICE HOURS ARE POSTED ON THE OFFICE DOOR

FIRST CHURCH HOURS

CENTRAL AVENUE DOORS WILL BE OPEN:

MONDAY: 8:30am – 3:00pm
TUESDAY: 8:30am – 1:30pm
WEDNESDAY: 8:30am – 8:30pm
THURSDAY: 8:30am – 1:30pm
FRIDAY: 8:30am – Noon
4:00pm – 7:00pm

October 2022

Middle School / High School SCHEDULE

October 2 - Regular Meeting } 12:00-1:30
October 9 - Regular Meeting }
October 16 - Regular Meeting }
October 23 - Pumpkin Carving }
Sat., Oct. 29 - Trunk or Treat 10:00-12:00
Oct. 30 - Youth Sunday Potato Bar 11:30-1:00

October 29 - Trunk or Treat
October 30 - Children can wear costumes and collect change for Unicef

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

The 10:45 Preschool Childcare hour continues to need coverage.
No lesson involved! It's easy and FUN!

PEOPLE NEEDED...

...to lead Children's Sunday School @9:30 on the following dates.

October 23 K-2 class
November 6 3rd-5th class
November 13 K-2 class & 3rd-5th class
December 18 3rd-5th class

LESSON & MATERIALS PROVIDED!

**FAMILY
ministry**

Contact Cristi if you can help
419/238-0631 ext 306

Chancel Choir and Handbells have resumed. We LOVE having new members. Anyone high school age and up interested may contact the church office.

Rehearsals: Wednesday

6:30pm Handbells
7:30pm Chancel Choir



Numbers include BOTH Inhouse Worship & online website viewers.

August Attendance Report
8:15 - 0 10:45 - 553

Year To Date All Sanctuary Services including online viewing
7135

Year To Date Average - All Services
130

Preschool News



We are in the 2nd week of Preschool. It has been a great start to our new year. Beth Gerow has moved from assistant teacher to lead teacher in the 3-day Pre-k class. Julie Stewart remains as the 4-day Pre-K teacher, Issa Ickes is the 2-day 3's teacher. Deb Jessee has returned as an aide to Mrs. Ickes, and Kindra McComas is the floating assistant for both Mrs. Gerow and Mrs. Stewart.

We welcomed 27 students this year. We have 2 more requesting a later start when they turn 3.

We are also pleased that Chris Taylor joins us as a library volunteer so students can check out books from our library to read at home. We are excited to have this back in place after a few years.

New students can enroll anytime during the school year, so if you know of someone wanting a ½ day, Christ-centered Preschool, tell them about First United Methodist Preschool.



FIRST United methodist CHURCH

Phone: 419/238-0631 FAX: 419/238-3608
email: firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net 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!

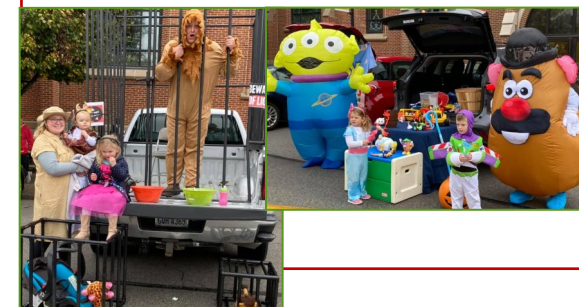
SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

OCTOBER 2022

Thank you for your support of Blanket month in September. We raised \$676.00. This will provide 67 blankets to people in need around the world. A blanket provides warmth and comfort on a cold night but also they are a tangible symbol of the love that God provides. You have helped people see the Love of God in their lives during a difficult time. Thank you!

Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 29th from 10-12. We need trunks and treats! Decorate your trunk and enter the best decorated trunk contest! Sign up at the Take 5 Cart or if you can't bring your trunk but want to donate, drop some bags of candy in the black cauldrons at both entrances of the sanctuary.



PROJECT

216

FIGHT HUNGER. GIVE HOPE.

**OCTOBER 1,
2022
9:00am**

Goedde Bldg.



the
FIFTH QUARTER

October
14th

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO:

- set up at 3pm
- work each event and tear down at both locations

Please sign up with Teresa or in the church office today!

OCTOBER 30th
Sunday School will be held
@ 9:30am

Youth Sunday

ONE SERVICE at 10:30am



Every Wednesday at 5pm
beginning Oct. 5 thru Nov. 16

Please phone the office to sign up to donate a dessert or to clean up the kitchen after the meal.

Sign Up Today!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Ryan Kelly
Gary Showalter
- 10/2 Marsha Owens
Hayden Dowler
Vivian Laukhuf
- 10/3 Marie Duff
Joyce Morris
Arlene Gamble
- 10/5 Don Johnson
- 10/6 Brooklynn Laukhuf
- 10/7 Trevor Bebout
- 10/8 Marcia Wise
Beth Stemen
Arlene Keysor
- 10/10 Jeremy Laukhuf
- 10/11 Randy Stemen
Jon Jones
D. J. Muse
- 10/12 Renee Kelly
- 10/14 Dave Clouse
Maddy Laukhuf
- 10/15 Rachel Gehrlich
- 10/16 Lloyd Marvin
Delda McHugh
- 10/17 Baker Dunlap
- 10/18 Sue Harting
- 10/20 David Mounts
Evan Stoller
- 10/21 Kimberly Clouse
Connor Shaffer
Tonia Dunifon
Mike Waldron
- 10/22 Brock Stoller
- 10/23 Linda Baum
Bruce Kennedy
- 10/24 Darla Dunlap
- 10/25 Ernie Miller
Leo Schaffner
- 10/26 Camille Dirham
JoAnne Wolford
Wayne Kemler
- 10/27 Sue Steinen
- 10/28 Steve DuVall
Louis Balyeat
Tom Witten
- 10/30 Traci Brake
Angie Watkins
Kian Pierce

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/1 Jill & Gayle DeWert
- 10/6 Ron & Carole Long
Donn & June Shriver
- 10/8 Jon & Heidi Leiendecker
- 10/9 Ruth Ann & Jack Boley
- 10/10 Jana & Dave Thompson
Cassandra & Adam Clark
- 10/12 Larry & Carol Taylor
- 10/13 Sammi & Kirby Joseph
- 10/14 Teresa & Neil Shaffer
- 10/15 Brenda & Frank Smith
- 10/17 Richard & Diane Perry

**October 23
is Consecration
Sunday.**

**SEE INSERT FOR
ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION AND
WATCH YOUR MAIL!**



Food pantry Two people are needed to work the food pantry on the third Wednesday of each month between the hours of 1-3pm. Individuals 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.

If you would like to donate candy for Trunk or Treat, drop it in the black cauldrons at either entrance of the sanctuary. Thank you!

BAKED POTATO BAR

Youth Fundraiser

October 30, 2022
Immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall

Dine in or Carryout

Proceeds to local and international Youth Mission Trips
Join us for a one worship service Sunday at 10:30am!
Thank you for your support of our youth and missions!

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH

MENU:
Baked Potato
Toppings Bar
Salad Bar
Desserts
Punch
Coffee

PRICES:
Adults - \$8.00
Children under 11 - \$3.00

Financial Report - 8/31/2022	
August Contributions	\$50,372.00
August Expenses	- \$59,043.00
Expense over Contributions	- \$ 8,671.00
Year to Date Contributions	\$426,101.00
Year to Date Expenses	- \$394,878.00
Contributions over Expense	\$ 1,223.00

Mission Moment: Faith in Action in October brings back two favorite projects. Project 216 is October 1 from 9-11 at the Goedde building. This is a great activity for all ages where we pack nutritious rice meals for our ministry partner Mission of Hope. At the end of October on the 29th, we will have **Trunk or Treat** in association with the downtown Trick or Treat activity. Please let Teresa Shaffer know if you would like to decorate a trunk for the trick or treaters to visit. Or you can donate candy.

Our prayer focus for missionaries this month is **Mission of Hope**. You can learn more about Mission of Hope at their website missionofhope.com. The youth will be going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic next summer with Mission of Hope. Please keep the staff of Mission of Hope as well as the thousands of children and families that they minister to in your prayers this month.



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

VAN CREST, Van Wert
10357 Van Wert Decatur Road, Van Wert, OH 45891
Karen Elston, Francis Sroufe

HEARTH AND HOME
1118 Westwood Drive, Van Wert, OH 45891
Wendy Howell, 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, Brent Crone, Sandy Gordon, Tom Wise

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

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



October Library News:

At last, the 5th book in the **Walking Across America series**. So hoping you enjoyed them as much as I did. The icing on the cake is a three-in-one by the same author - **The Christmas Box Collection**. A *Mystery* by James Rubart, four more fiction books by authors you enjoy and the delightful true stories of the south by a former Miss America should help fill your cooler days and darker evenings. *Sweet Tea Secrets* was given to us as were the Richard Evans books. Many Heartfelt Thanks for thinking of the library.

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**Food Pantry items needed for
October
VEGETABLES**



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

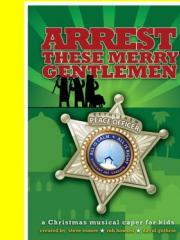
Monetary donations are also welcome & appreciated.
Thank you for your support.

**Women's Ministry team will meet
Thursday, October 6 at 4:45.**

Women's Ministry will have a booth at the Apple Festival October 14 and 15. Items should be brought to the church by 3:00 on Thursday, October 13 or they can be brought to the booth Friday and/or Saturday morning. *Please use clear wrap and mark what the item is and if it contains nuts.* Baked goods from ANY First Church member are appreciated.

Sarah Soul Friends will meet
Monday, October 10 & 24 at 5:30. Studying Esther.

*Children's
Christmas Musical*



PERFORMANCE DATE:
December 11
@6:30 pm

REHEARSALS:
Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm
Sundays
12:00noon - 2:00pm
(includes lunch)

Questions? Contact Chris Gordon
@614/530-3516 or email
capullins@hotmail.com



GUYS MISSING WIVES

Guys Missing Wives is a small group for men who have lost their spouses. We join together twice a month for conversation and fellowship with other men who are walking the same journey in life. So, if you're looking for a brotherhood of men to walk this road beside you, please consider attending one of our Tuesday gatherings.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month @6pm



If this sounds like the group for you, contact the office at 419/238-0631 ext. 302 for more information.

*First Church
Prayer Requests*

HEALTH CONCERNS:

- Sandra Anderson, *Parkinsons*
- Barry Crone, *Health*
- Jim Davis, *Health*
- Tonia Dunifon, *Surgery/recovery*
- Terry Eikenbary, *Surgery/recovery*
- Aiden Ellerbrock, *Rehab*
- Steve Gehres, *Health*
- Paula Goins, *Multiple-sclerosis*
- Fred Hartwig, *Health*
- Bella Hurless, *CP/Rehab*
- Linda Jeknavorian, *Health*
- Dave Knight, *Surgery/rehab*
- Eileen Manken, *Health*
- Allan Mills, *Health*
- Bob Say, *Stiff person disease*
- Donn Shriver, *Health*
- Rebecca Strickler, *Health*
- Dorothy Sunderland, *Dementia*
- Maury Wistner, *Health*
(Marie Duff's grandson)
- Jeannie Zeigler, *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**
- 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
- Braden VanCleve**
- Evan Wells**
- s Sgt **Bryan Zinsmaster**

MISSIONARIES - October Focus:
Mission of Hope.

**GLOBAL CONCERNS -
October Focus:** All those caught in tragedy and disaster.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH -
October Focus:** First Church Mission in Van Wert & Church Staff / Volunteers; Stephen Ministers.