

November PREACHING SCHEDULE

SERIES:

God's Wow!

NOVEMBER 6

All Saints Sunday

John 2:1-12

The Best is Yet to Be

NOVEMBER 13

Veterans Day Recognition

Luke 7:1-10

Amazing Surprise

NOVEMBER 20

Mark 5:1-20

Leaves Some Disturbed

Community Thanksgiving

7:00pm

SERIES:

Christmas Letters

NOVEMBER 27

Romans 13:11-14

The Day Draws Near

POINSETTIA ORDERS

will be taken soon.

Contact the office
for more
information.



On Our Own

November 30, 2022 @10:00am
Dining Room - First Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

LAST FEAST MEAL
OF THIS SESSION.

Plan to join us!



Thanksgiving blessings are upon us! November is a time to reflect and give thanks. "Thanksgiving Blessings" is an outreach to our community and more specifically our Goedde students and families. We give each family a turkey or turkey breast, and all the groceries and even some pies to make a thanksgiving feast. We want all families to be able to have a traditional feast to celebrate thanksgiving. On the "Take 5" cart you can sign up to bring in some items or help financially.



**On November 20th,
during Sunday School,
children will be given Kindness
Kits and a Commission for the
Advent Season.**



Advent Festival
forms need
submitted by
November 13th.

FAMILY
ministry

UPDATE!

October reported \$676.00...

Thank you for your support of
Blanket month in September.

We raised **\$976.00**. This will provide

67 blankets to people in need around the world.

NOVEMBER 6 IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Please note: One Service only at 10:30am!

OUR AGAPE FUND CONTINUES
TO ASSIST OTHERS.
PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TODAY.

Thank You

Return RSVPs by November 13th!

Advent
Festival

Sunday, December 4th
4:00pm - 6:00pm



IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHS:

Lucy Mae Lickenbrock

October 5, 2022

parents: Alex & Matt Lickenbrock

grandparents:

Marty & Susan Burchfield

Sophia Suzanne Gutierrez

October 11, 2022

parents: Cassidy & Nick Gutierrez

grandparents:

Gil & Denise Gutierrez

Arnold Marlin Oechsle

October 14, 2022

parents: Stephan & Crystal Oechsle

grandparents:

Jim & Cheri Oechsle

Jay & Lynn Simpson



We now have a total of 30 students. We recently visited the Pumpkin Patch at Lincoln Ridge. We had a great time and the students enjoyed picking their own pumpkin off the vine.

Our Fry Pie sale is our main fundraiser for this year, with the proceeds going to scholarships and to pay the cost of future field trips for the students.

The teachers had an in-service on October 10 with an officer

from the Van Wert Police Department who conducts safety training for all the Van Wert City Schools.

It was very good to see that our security policies in place here are correct.

Preschool
News



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

NOVEMBER 2022

Community Harvest Thanksgiving Service Announced

The Van Wert Area Minister's Association is planning a community-wide Harvest Thanksgiving Service, **Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 pm** at First United Methodist Church in downtown Van Wert. It is a revival of services which used to be held when the entire community would gather to give thanks for God's blessings throughout the past year.

Local ministers and lay people will lead the service as they recognize the many agriculturalists and farmers in our community and thank them for their long hours of diligent work. The entire community of Van Wert County is invited to show our gratitude to our farmers and God.

This service has sprung from the numerous churches in our community who have hosted and supported an ongoing Thursday noon community prayer gathering over the past year and a half. Every Thursday at noon, prayer warriors have gathered to diligently pray for the safety, health, and spiritual welfare of our Van Wert Community, State, Nation, and the World. Each month, it has rotated between Trinity Friends Church, First UM, Pentecostal Way, Church on the Horizon, The Apostolic Church of Van Wert, Salem Presbyterian in Venedocia, Kingsley UM, and Trinity UM. The ministers, leaders, and congregations of these churches invite all to join in this celebration service.

A special offering will be taken with proceeds going to the Christmas decorations in downtown Van Wert's Fountain Park.

November 2022

Middle School / High School SCHEDULE

November 5 - ARK Encounter 8am-6pm

November 13 - Operation Christmas Child

November 20 - Help with Fountain Park

Christmas Lights 12-3pm

November 27 - NO YOUTH

THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN! Contact Chris Gordon for more info

Children's Christmas Musical

Sergeant Joe Sabbath is charged with keeping the peace in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem, and he likes things QUIET!

When word reaches him that a band of rowdy shepherds

is inbound from the fields outside of town,

boisterously celebrating with wild tales of angels and such,

he is determined to get to the bottom of this case!

Of course, what he discovers is no simple

"disturbing the peace" beef.

It seems he's stumbled upon the caper that changed the world!

PERFORMANCE DATE:

Sunday, December 11 @6:30 pm

Community Thanksgiving Service

@First Church

November 20, 2022

7:00pm



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Macy Johnson
- 11/2 Chuck Steele
Terry Eikenbary
Lauren Gearhart
- 11/3 Tom Kalkreuth
Lisa Dunn
Jackson Spieles
- 11/5 Mona Massillo
Dave Lichtle
Dottie Staas
Claire Butler
- 11/6 Jerry Bolton
Connor Kelly
- 11/7 Kay Okuley
Matt Krites
- 11/8 Ed Bates
Jay Simson
Nancy Farmer
- 11/9 Marilyn Agler
Ruth Ann Covey
Marcy Leathers
- 11/10 Ilo Marvin
- 11/11 Dakota Davis
Amy Kreischer
Grace Spieles
- 11/12 Calloway Gehrlich
Kevin Bair
Lois Gehres
- 11/13 Adin Wehage
- 11/14 Amanda Wright
Craig Leathers
- 11/15 Barb Bates
Mike Wortman
- 11/16 Carol Taylor
Aiden Bockrath
Carole Long
Melissa Joseph
Sandy Knight
- 11/17 Eileen Manken
- 11/19 Jackson Osburn
- 11/20 Sophie Wortman
Dean Tomlinson
Janet Merkle
- 11/21 Paula Walter
- 11/22 Tom Burenga
- 11/23 Donn Shriver
Steve Bebout

- 11/24 Cory Compton
Greg Amstutz
Betty Foust
Alli Spieles
- 11/25 Bob Young
- 11/27 Christy Wortman
Al Arnold
- 11/28 Audrey Marbaugh
Aydreigh Hanicq
- 11/29 Joel Penton
Arlene Hurless
- 11/30 Cohen Gleinser

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/3 Nick & Lisa Miller
- 11/16 Julie & Tom Burenga
- 11/17 Cheri & Jim Oechsle
Katie & Greg Henry
- 11/20 Paul &
Annette Hoverman
- 11/22 Randy & Carol Springer
Roy & Linda Jeknavorian
- 11/23 Mel & Arlene Hurless
- 11/26 Don & Pat Johnson

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

<p>VAN CREST, Van Wert 10357 Van Wert Decatur Road, Van Wert, OH 45891 Sue Corle, Karen Elston</p> <p>VAN WERT MANOR 160 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH 45891 Betty Foust, Betty Vogt</p> <p>DEFIANCE MEMORY CARE - Francis Sroufe</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, Delores Keysor, Jan Osburn, Juanita & 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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November Library News:

Since there were very few Christmas books read last December, we are putting them on the book cart for two months this year. Look for it in the library. Several new books were added last year. You'll enjoy a series of five "who done it" books among others.



Romaine

The Women's Ministry team would like to thank everyone who donated, worked or purchased items at the Apple Festival booth. A profit of \$1,078.60 was made.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry Team will meet Thursday, November 3 at 4:45 in the conference room.

Sarah Circle/Soul Friends will meet Monday, November 14 and Monday, November 28 at 5:30.

UPCOMING - Angel Tree names will be available in the Narthex November 20, 27 and December 4. Be the hands and feet of an incarcerated parent and help their children to have a great Christmas.

There are Prayer Shawls and Prayer Pockets in the office for gifting to others that would appreciate them.

Please see Sandy.

Mission Moment: The Mission Committee would like to thank Al Arnold for chairing the very successful Project 216 pack in October, as well as all of you who came out to pack meals for hungry families in Haiti. As you may have heard, the situation in Haiti continues to deteriorate. Please remember our ministry partner Mission of Hope in your prayers. They are in the trenches in Haiti and the Dominican Republic providing food, education, medical care and the love of Jesus to Haitians.

Our next big project in November will be the Thanksgiving Blessings (affectionately known as Operation Turkey) where we provide a full Thanksgiving meal to as many families in need as possible.

In addition to Mission of Hope, please lift up in prayer the homeless population in our area and the work of Haven of Hope. Teresa Shaffer spends a great deal of her time ministering to the homeless population and Haven of Hope is doing great work that we support as we are able. If you are interested in answering the call to serve the homeless population in Van Wert, there are ways you can volunteer. For example, you could volunteer at the shelter or cook a meal for the residents. See Teresa Shaffer if you would like more information.



Financial Report - 9/30/2022

September Contributions	\$42,723.00
September Expenses	- \$47,264.00
Expense over Contributions	- \$ 4,541.00
Year to Date Contributions as of 9/30/2022	\$468,824.00
Year to Date Expenses as of 9/30/2022	- \$442,141.00
Contributions over Expense as of 9/30/2022	\$ 26,682.00

Numbers include BOTH Inhouse Worship & online website viewers.

September Attendance Report

8:15 - 196 10:45 - 677

Year To Date All Sanctuary Services including online viewing 8276

Year To Date Average - All Services 136

Women's Ministry holiday cards are available for purchase. All proceeds benefit local missions. Donations can be given to the church office.

Thank you for your support!

Food Pantry items needed for November

CANNED FRUITS
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.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays from 12-1:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL \ HIGH SCHOOL

FAMILY ADVENT BOOKLETS

2022 Booklets will be available November 13. Check the entrances or contact the office for your copy.

Pick one up for a friend, too!



M&M's

Do you like to laugh? Do you love to eat? Well, with the M&M group, you can do both while exploring the word of God together. Our small group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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



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
- Daniel Proctor, 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.

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- Dillon Ellerbrock
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- Austin Sudduth 386 ELRS/LGRA/PAX Unit 61409, APO, AE 09855-1409
- Braden VanCleve
- Evan Wells
- s Sgt Bryan Zinsmaster

MISSIONARIES - November Focus: Stand for Truth - Joel Penton.

GLOBAL CONCERNS - November Focus: Foster Children / Adoption / Marsh Foundation / Adriel.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - November Focus: First Church Mission in Van Wert & Church Staff / Volunteers; Haven of Hope.