

May PREACHING SCHEDULE

SERIES:

Who We Are

May 7, 2023

We are to Live Good Lives
I Peter 2:11-3:7

May 14, 2023

MOTHER'S DAY
We Repay Evil with
Goodness and Hope
I Peter 3:8-22

May 21, 2023

We Live for God in Hard Times
I Peter 4:1-19

May 28, 2023

We Lead with Extraordinary Grace
I Peter 5:1-11

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, July 18 @7:05pm

TICKETS: \$11.50 each

Contact Jody to purchase tickets.



Special Offering
for May
Operation Back
to School

MOMS! Join your child for a special **FAMILY ministry**

Mother's Day Event

DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

9:30am

MAY 14, 2023

Financial Report - 3/31/2023

March Income	\$52,370.00
March Expense	- \$44,515.00
Income over Expense	\$ 7,855.00
Year to Date 2023:	
Income	\$171,991.00
Expense	- \$163,334.00
Income over Expense	\$ 8,657.00

May Library News:

LuLu's Cafe is a tough one to read, chapters 2-5 especially, but stay with it. The book is delightful from there. Also delightful is *Second Time Around*. *Yours is the Night* is a World War I story that should appeal to both men and women. The final three books

you'll have to tell me if they were worth reading.

Romaine



Everyone who wants to help is welcome to attend!

Box City Fundraiser
for Haven of Hope
Meeting

May 23rd @6pm
Dr. Scheidt Room

OPERATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP! Come help Plan!

8TH ANNUAL OPBTS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
6:30pm

First United Methodist Church
113 W Central Ave, Van Wert, OH

THIS YEARS EVENT: JULY 30 3-5pm

MAY 10 - 17 will be set up in Krout Memorial over Sunday, May 14

Check out scholastic.com/Fair select **1ST UNITED METH NURS** or 45891

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fair **SHOPPING HOURS:**
8:30am - Noon Monday - Thursday
7:00pm - 8:00pm Thursday, May 11th

Look at your calendars and hold this date:

July 27 - 29!

You want to shine the light of Jesus in our Van Wert Community?

Ignite is a way you can do that! Love inc. is bringing this Community Relief project to Van Wert and you can be a part of Loving and Serving our local families.

Work projects, serving food, relationship building, you choose how you want to serve.

Get your family, your bible study or small group and serve together there is something for every age and ability level.

Call Love Inc. at 419-203-5730 or go to communityrelief.net to sign up!



Youth Mission Trip
June 21-28, 2023

High School / Middle School

YOUTH ATTENDING: 13
ADULTS ATTENDING: 8

Dominican Republic

Food and Supply Donation Boards are across from the office!
PLEASE RETURN ITEMS BY JUNE 11

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

DEATHS:

Barry Crone March 27, 2023
Helen Huston April 8, 2023



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 - Casual Service

9:30am - Sunday School 10:45am - Traditional Service

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MAY 28 - 9:30am weekly - ONE SERVICE ONLY

MAY 2023

FIRST CHURCH

OFFICE hours
MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:30-1:30
FRIDAY 8:30-12:00

Youth Fundraiser Flower Sale

Pickup: **May 2nd from 1-6pm**

at the VW Co. Fairgrounds
behind the Extension Office

MAIN WASHINGTON STREET ENTRANCE

CASH & CARRY WILL BE AVAILABLE

Please bring in cards for our Young Adults!

GRADUATES
HONORED
@ 10:45 SERVICE

May 21st
2023

Breakfast at 9:15 for
graduates & their families

Card boxes will be available
for our 4 graduates!

- > Carly Bebout
- > Hunter Burton
- > Ryleigh Hanicq
- > Damon McCracken

Festival of Sharing

KITS WILL CONTINUE
TO BE ACCEPTED UNTIL
FALL 2023.

Drop off
ANYTIME!

REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR
CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS:

use this link to sign up!
vbspro.events/p/fumcstallarvbs

Or visit our website:
vanwertfirst.net/vbs



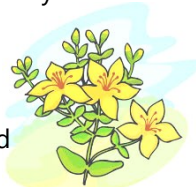
Vacation Bible School JUNE 5-8 8:30-11:30am
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Jerry Ramsay
- 5/2 Cindy Ramsay
- 5/3 Codi Wise
Henrietta Shartzter
- 5/4 Romaine Whetstone
- 5/5 Pat Jackson
- 5/6 Rhea Foy
- 5/7 Samuel Wagner
Joann Thomas
- 5/9 Kendra Kalkreuth
- 5/10 Linda Mechling
Janet Bolton
- 5/12 Alana Gutierrez
- 5/13 Carol Springer
- 5/15 Camden Schwab
- 5/16 Ed Carter
Marilyn Alessandrini
- 5/18 Sammi Joseph
Aryn Proctor
- 5/20 Mitch Gearhart
- 5/22 Jason Haggerty
Kaden Shaffer
Janice Osburn
- 5/23 Eli Spath
Kristen Pollock
- 5/25 Eleanor McOmber
- 5/26 Christopher Hogan
- 5/27 Cheri Oechsle
- 5/29 Tony Smith
Nick Gutierrez
- 5/31 Deb Davis
Fred Culler

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1 Pam & Jerry Brown
- 5/4 Mona & Kurt Massillo
- 5/5 Beth & Randy Stemen
- 5/7 Kristen & Aaron Pollock
- 5/8 Bruce & Julie Kennedy
- 5/14 Traci & Ed Carter
- 5/22 Greg & Michele Amstutz
- 5/26 Ric & Nancy Kelly
- 5/29 D. J. &
Kathy Muse
- 5/31 Kent &
Judy Bradford



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 Vogt</p> <p>SHUT-INS Laverna Faszler, Jay Simson, Bill Wermer</p> <p>DEFIANCE MEMORY CARE - Francis Sroufe</p>	<p>HEARTH AND HOME 1118 Westwood Drive, Van Wert, OH 45891 Wendy Howell</p> <p>HOMESTEAD AT TOWNE CENTER 240 Towne Center Boulevard, Van Wert, OH 45891 Brent Crone, Sandy Gordon, Delores Keysor, Marilyn Miller, Jan Osburn, Juanita & Tom Wise</p> <p>DIVINE NURSING & REHAB @the LAURELS OF SHANE HILL 10731 Ohio-118, Rockford, OH 45882 Dorothy Sunderland - Room 113</p>
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FIRST United methodist CHURCH
113 West Center Avenue | Van Wert, Ohio 43881 | 419-238-0631 | vanwertfirst.net

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
May 28 – September 3
NO Sunday School
Join us in-house or online.
vanwertfirst.net

ONE SERVICE @ 9:30AM
The nursery and AWE will be available each week.

Numbers include BOTH Inhouse Worship & online website viewers.

March Attendance Report
8:15 - 212 10:45 - 607

Year To Date All Sanctuary Services including online viewing
2783

Year To Date Average - All Services including online viewing
123

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sarah Circle/Soul Friends will meet on Monday, May 8th at 5:30pm.

The Women's Ministry team will meet Thursday May 4th at 4:45pm.

The Women's Ministry team *would like to thank all who donated bake goods* and those who purchased items at the Good Friday bake sale. We made a profit of \$569.00.

NATIONAL DAY of Prayer

THURSDAY MAY 4, 2023
Van Wert Co. Courthouse @ Noon

Dominican Republic

JUNE 21st - 28th

See the Donation Board at the church to donate supplies for this trip.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

PRESCHOOL

The school year is going well, but extremely fast. The students prepared artwork for their families to enjoy at our annual art show. We have several fun days coming up as the school year draws to a close. We will visit Brumback Library and a farm. The annual Scholastic book fair will be May 10-17th. We will have our Spring program on May 11 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We invite those who are able, to attend. In May, we are also having a messy art day in the park, a visit from Mark's Ark and several of his animals on Grand's day, finishing up with a family fun time at Smiley Park on our last day of school.

Food Pantry items needed for May

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
Soap, powder, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant

Please bring these items for the food pantry. Baskets will be at each entrance.
Monetary donations are also welcome & appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Have a college graduate?
Please send us their:

- School
- Major
- Date graduating
- Also a photo!

Forward your college student's information to Jody ASAP to update our database!
firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net

May 2023

Middle School / High School SCHEDULE

- May 7 - Trash Pickup
- May 14 - no meeting
spend time with your Mom!
- May 21 - Last meeting of the year
Middle School only
Graduation Breakfast
High School only

It's May! Time for spring flowers and **Operation Back to School** planning. In case you have not helped before, there is a way for everyone to help with Operation Back to School, which is First UM's biggest outreach event. It will be held July 30 in Fountain Park, giving hundreds of kids the school supplies they need to start the year off right. And more importantly, we will be sharing Jesus' love right along with the school supplies. To get involved in the planning process, come to the May16 planning meeting or contact Teresa Shaffer at the church office or watch the church social media for notices of planning meetings.

Another big outreach opportunity is **Vacation Bible School**. This week of fun and laughter and sharing the Good News will be held in June 5-8. Contact Cristi Laukhuf to volunteer.

I also want to share an exciting partnership. First Church is partnering with the YWCA's **Summer Food Program**. They will use our church kitchen and dining room for meals this summer. This gives the YWCA staff use of our beautiful kitchen so they can prepare nutritious meals for Summer Food Program attendees. It gives us a chance to welcome many children through our doors!

Your
FAITH IN ACTION
@First Church
Service Opportunities at First United Methodist Church



CLAY POTS

Are you looking for an opportunity to help and serve members of the congregation? How about meeting weekly with other women of First Church to explore the wonderful words of God? The **Clay Pots** small group would love to have you come worship and serve with them.

The group meets Thursday mornings at 8:30am in the conference room.



For more information contact the office at (419) 238-0631

First Church Prayer Requests

HEALTH CONCERNS:

- Tony Alessandrini, *Health*
- Sandra Anderson, *Parkinsons*
- Jim Davis, *Health*
- Aiden Ellerbrock, *Rehab*
- Steve Gehres, *Health*
- Paula Goins, *Multiple-sclerosis*
- Fred Hartwig, *Health*
- Bella Hurless, *CP/Rehab*
- Linda Jeknavorian, *Health*
- Daniel Proctor, *Health*
- Kenzie Ray, *Rehab*
- Bob Say, *Stiff person disease*
- Donn Shriver, *Health*
- Rebecca Strickler, *Health*
- Dorothy Sunderland, *Dementia*
- 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 1824 Rocky Glen Drive Frederick, MD 21702
- 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 - May Focus:
Stand for Truth / Joel Penton

GLOBAL CONCERNS - May Focus:
Service men and women.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - May Focus: First Church Mission in Van Wert & Church Staff / Vacation Bible School