

June PREACHING SCHEDULE

SERIES:

What's Next

June 4, 2023

music by: *Unclouded Day*

SEE FRONT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS
or visit uncloudeday.org

June 11, 2023

Preparing for What's Next

I Kings 19:19-21

June 18, 2023

Transferring Leadership

John 14:15-31; 20:19-23;

Matthew 28:18

June 25, 2023

Confirming Your Identity

Acts 20:17-35

Festival of Sharing

KITS ACCEPTED
UNTIL FALL 2023.

**Drop off
ANYTIME!**

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISM:

Sophia Gutierrez
May 7, 2023

parents:

Nick & Cassidy Gutierrez



Financial Report - 4/30/2023

April Income	\$52,870.00
April Expense	- \$46,338.00
Income over Expense	\$ 6,532.00
Year to Date 2023:	
Income	\$224,861.00
Expense	- \$209,450.00
Income over Expense	\$ 15,411.00



THIS YEARS EVENT: JULY 30 3-5pm

Contact **Teresa** for
**more information
and to serve.**

NEXT PLANNING
MEETING:
Tuesday, June 13
@6:30pm



**Vacation Bible School
is our focus
for this month.**

**PLEASE KEEP OUR KIDDOS
& STAFF IN PRAYER.**

June 5-8



Our 6 College graduates!

- Michaella Johnson
- Jalen McCracken
- Noah Carter
- Sierra Shaffer
- Abby Jackson
- Carly Wendel

Welcome

**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
May 28 - September 3
ONE SERVICE @ 9:30AM**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL *IN-HOUSE OR ONLINE:*
vanwertfirst.net

June Library News:

Put on your traveling shoes. Start in *The White City* during Chicago's World's Fair, head up to Wisconsin and meet *The Preacher's Lady*. Next head west to Washington for *The Sowing Season*, then to San Antonio to solve a mystery. From there to Memphis for some most interesting history, and finally to Paris, France to learn many things about the Second World War.

Enjoy reading this month!

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LIBRARY



You're invited!

Brunch for Chris and Melinda

Sunday, June 25th
(Chris' last Sunday)

10:45 am

MUST RSVP BY JUNE 11 TO
firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net
or call the church office!

HAPPY retirement

STOCKHOLDER ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, July 23, 2023 2-4pm
Krout Memorial @First United Methodist Church

It's not too late to purchase your YOUTH STOCK!
Contact Teresa or Sierra.

Desserts Drinks Youth Presentations from
Dominican Republic Trip & Youth Events

You don't want to miss it!



FIRST CHURCH

OFFICE hours

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



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:

9:30am - Weekly Combined Service
SUMMER HOURS - ONE SERVICE ONLY

JUNE 2023

Join us
**June 4th for
the music of:** **unclouded day**



<http://www.uncloudeday.org>



Please drop off any unwanted
plastic bags for use in the
food pantry at the entrances.
Thank you!

The VBS children will perform during the
9:30 am worship service on Sunday, June 11.

Come listen to them sing!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP JUNE 21st - 28th



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

**Please return items by
June 18, 2023**



**Tuesday, July 18
@7:05pm**

TICKETS: \$11.50 each
See Jody to purchase.

Seats are located along
first base line!

OPPONENT: Lake County Captains

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5-8, 2023



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Carol Sidle
Alexis Dunlap
Brooklyn Hurless
Bella Hurless

6/2 Carson Fox
Sharon Witten

6/4 Ric Kelly

6/5 Karen Kemler

6/6 Demond Johnson
Ron Kalb
Louise Hartwig

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
Amelia Wagner
Livia Butler

6/17 June Shriver
Mickey McConahay
Amy Welch

6/18 Sue Corle
Cole DeWert

6/19 Angela Myers

6/20 Pat Johnson

6/22 Brad Owens

6/23 Kent DuCheney

6/24 Melinda Farmer
Kathy Steele
Nathan Stevens

6/25 Dave Watkins
Rosemary Charleston

6/26 Roy Jeknavorian
Kayla Krites

6/27 Julie Gamble

6/28 Courtney Hurless

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 Jordan &
Rachael Dettrow

6/19 Joyce & Alan Morris

6/20 John & Jean 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



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

VAN CREST, Van Wert
10357 Van Wert Decatur Road, Van Wert, OH 45891
Sue Corle, Karen Elston, Ray Rickner

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



VAN WERT MANOR
160 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH 45891
Betty Vogt

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

SHUT-INS
Laverna Faszler, Roy & Linda Jeknovorian
Donn & June Shriver, Jay Simson, Bill Wermer

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

DEFIANCE MEMORY CARE - Francis Sroufe



Our Preschool Spring Program/Graduation was held recently in the Sanctuary. A large number of guests enjoyed the presentation and ceremony. We had over 125 in attendance for the program and refreshments served after. We will wrap up the last week of school with farm visits, Grand's Day with Mark's Ark bringing several animals for us to learn about and pet, and the Family Fun Day at Smiley Park. Thanks to all who have supported us in any way this year. We have had a great year, and we appreciate all who pray for us and those who provide Scholarship donations. We are blessed to have such a supportive church!

We are accepting students for the 2023-2024 school year.

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!

Numbers include **BOTH**
Inhouse Worship & online website viewers.

April Attendance Report

8:15 - 333 10:45 - 954

Year To Date All Sanctuary Services
4070

Year To Date Average - All Services
(including online viewing) - 124



Ignite Van Wert 2023
July 27-29

A JOB FOR EVERY SKILL LEVEL!

Project work - Clean host facilities - Transport materials
- Share life w/ the homeowner for the day
- Prepare / serve / clean up / meals

Sign up with Teresa at the Take 5 with Teresa Cart today!!

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

There are lots of opportunities to serve coming up this summer. First, if you like to bake cookies, we need 12 dozen

cookies donated for Ignite Van Wert July 27-29. Please contact Teresa Shaffer if you would be able to donate some cookies. Speaking of Ignite, Ignite is a local mission project where you can make a difference right in our hometown. You can help for part of a day, a whole day, or all 3 days of Ignite which is July 27-29. There are jobs for every skill level. Learn more about this great project at <https://communityrelief.net> or talk to Teresa.

We are looking for a couple of leaders for a reimagined **5th Quarter**. 5th Quarter has historically been after home Van Wert football games for high school and middle school students. We would like to move this to before the football games- tailgate-style food and games for students. If you have a heart for serving teens and would be interested in serving on a committee for this ministry, please see Teresa.

Finally, for mission-related prayer focus this month, please be in prayer for our youth and leaders heading to the **Dominican Republic** June 21-28. Secondly, please be in prayer for the homeless in Van Wert County. First Church (Teresa) is actively serving the homeless population every day. At last count, we had 43 homeless families in Van Wert County receiving services (56 people). Please pray for the homeless, for community leaders that they will recognize the need, for resources and solutions, and for housing to be made available.

Youth Mission Trip

June 20-28 we are taking 13 students and 8 adults to the **Dominican Republic / Mission of Hope**. Our students will be doing mission work, worshiping and growing in their faith while they are serving the people of the Dominican Republic.

LEADERS: Teresa Shaffer, Sierra Shaffer, Josh Poulson, Grace Dowler, Bob Spath, Chris Hogan, Connor Shaffer & Lindsay Mergy.

STUDENTS: Grade 8 - Ashlynn Shaffer Grade 9 - Lizzie Spath Grade 10 - Griffin McCracken, Meah Johnson Grade 11 - Hayden Dowler, Noah Spath, Mandy Burenga Grade 12 - Macy Johnson, Missy Joseph, Sydney Dowler, Cayden Laukhuf, Kaden Shaffer Graduate - Damon McCracken.

It's never too late to support the Mission team - You can still buy stock or purchase something from their donation board and you can ALWAYS PRAY! Thank you for your continued support!

THERE WILL BE A COMMISSIONING SERVICE DURING THE JUNE 18TH 9:30AM SERVICE.



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:

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:

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Braden VanCleve
Evan Wells
S Sgt **Bryan Zinsmaster**

MISSIONARIES - June Focus:

Haven of Hope; Persecuted Christians

GLOBAL CONCERNS - June Focus:

Victims of Human Trafficking

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH -

June Focus: First Church Mission
in Van Wert & Church Staff /
Operation Back to School