

July PREACHING SCHEDULE

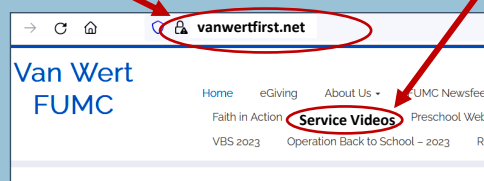
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July 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2023

Join us each week for our summer worship in-house or on-line @ 9:30am

Watch LIVE or catch up later in the day or week at: <https://chvid.com> OR



July 30, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY
Youth led service.

Special Offering
for July
5th Quarter

SEE TERESA'S TAKE 5 ARTICLE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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

FOOD DONATIONS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED AT THIS TIME!

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

LIBRARY News
July Library News:
Not a lot of time for reading again this month so you get to be the first to read some of the books. Was finally able to purchase the rest of the *Lavender Tides* series by Colleen Coble. A new mystery by Melissa Coslin has me on the lookout for more of her books. Good Luck putting it down! Another Historical Mystery and a third fiction, *The Bright Unknown* round out your reading this month. Enjoy!
Romaine

Discovery Study, the Upper Room & Our Daily Bread
Self-directed resources for focused discipleship. Books are available at the Central Avenue or Jefferson Street entrances in the white carousels.
Give us a call, we will mail these to you!



Special offering for July is the **5th Quarter** - We are changing it up a bit. We want to make the 5th Quarter into a pregame tailgate bash. We need you to join us for a discussion to brainstorm ways to make this new event happen.
Come to a meeting July 12th at 6:30pm at First Church and bring your ideas!

Check out the Children's Ministry bulletin board for Summer Worship Ideas

Whether you are at the beach or on a hike, keep kids focused on God with these helpful tools.



We had a STELLAR time at VBS with 84 registered students and 40 volunteers. We made film canister rockets, we sucked an egg into a jar, we stomped in astronaut shoes, and we learned about Jesus' birth, ministry, and death. All of which taught us that *Jesus is the light of the world and we can shine our light like Jesus*. The kids also learned about the local ministry, Haven of Hope, and collected \$524.73 in support of their organization, and The Box City event. The weather was spectacular, the snacks were tasty, and watching 80+ people sing praises to God everyday was a beautiful sight. **Join us next summer!**



Financial Report - 5/31/2023

May Income	\$ 41,044.00
May Expense	- \$ 53,703.00
Expense over Income	- \$ 12,659.00
YTD Income	\$265,905.00
YTD Expense	- \$262,971.00
Income over Expense	\$ 2,934.00

2023 High School EVENT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 – 2:30-6pm
Event will be held at the Goedde building.
Pre-registration is required.
Students are encouraged to enter the building as soon as they get off the bus.
REGISTER AT: www.vanwertfirst.net

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHS:

Betty Jane Campbell
May 28, 2023
parents:
Jared Shaffer & Sarah Jean Campbell

Arlo Waylon Shaffer
June 3, 2023
parents:
Logan Shaffer & Taylor Boroff

Juniper Ann Fox
June 13, 2023
parents:
Andrew Fox & McKenna Hicks

DEATH:

Ray Rickner June 26, 2023
Kent DuCheney June 13, 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:

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

JULY 2023

STOCKHOLDER ANNUAL MEETING

"Take Stock In Our Youth"

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

Desserts Drinks Youth Presentations from Dominican Republic Trip & Youth Events



Ignite Van Wert 2023
July 27-29

This Community mission is being hosted by Trinity Friends Church
605 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert, OH
SIGN UP TO HELP OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS

10 DOZEN COOKIES ARE NEEDED



FOR IGNITE JULY 27-29

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TERESA if you can donate a dozen (or 2!)

You can also phone the office.

Jamie Ramos

I am so excited to be the new Outreach Assistant! (I like to say I'm Teresa's personal assistant.)

I am the Executive Director at Haven of Hope, the men's homeless shelter in town. I am very passionate about helping those in need and advocating for the homeless. I have worked with Teresa on Haven of Hope issues and I am so glad to be able to help her in this very important mission. Helping others is how we can show Jesus to those who don't know him.

I am originally from Convoy (*Go Knights!*). I've lived in Van Wert for the last 7 years. I have 3 children - Jordan 26, Tyler 23, Olivia 17.

Welcome to our **Team!**



THIS YEARS EVENT: JULY 30 3-5pm

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

We can ALWAYS use help the day of the event.

Before 3pm, we are setting up the park and doing crowd control. After 5pm, we are breaking down the site and bringing things back to the church.

SIGN UP AT www.vanwertfirst.net/operation-back-school/ and choose the Volunteer link or contact Paula LaRue.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 7/1 Linda Jeknavorian
Heather Keen | 7/20 Nancy Bowen-Ellzey |
| 7/2 Kris Snyder | 7/22 Jason Kreischer |
| 7/3 Karen Shivley
Ron Long
Jody Taylor | 7/23 Kent Smelser
Cheryl Kopp |
| 7/5 Carla King | 7/24 Katie Henry
Jo Thompson
Anthony Alessandrini
Jill Smelser |
| 7/6 Heidi Leiendecker
Daniel Proctor | 7/25 Conner Gordon
Eleanor Souders |
| 7/7 Cristi Laukhuf
Reha Atwood | 7/26 Ella Stoller
Rachel Spath
Eva Yarger |
| 7/8 Jean Auld
Dru Johnson
Sherri Arn | 7/27 Penelope Wagner
Stacy Strick
David Sanders |
| 7/10 Alan Morris | |
| 7/11 John Auld
Barbara East | |
| 7/12 Kelsey Nedderman
Denise Davis | |
| 7/13 Kirby Joseph | |
| 7/15 Patricia Ford
Dillon Staas IV | |
| 7/17 Ron Allison
Kyle Wendel | |
| 7/19 Roger Okuley | |



Have a great Summer!

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 7/1 Sue & Phil Steinen | 7/29 Barbara Mills
Paul Hoverman
Kenneth Anspach
Rob Miller |
| 7/7 Colleen & Linden Krouskop | 7/30 Dorothy Arnold |
| 7/8 Ruth Ann & Bruce Dowler | |
| 7/9 Dillon & Renee Staas IV | |
| 7/11 Cindy & Jerry Ramsay | |
| 7/12 Lindy & Eric Schwab | |
| 7/13 MaryAnn & Joe Falk | |
| 7/18 Kent & Kim Hughes
Dick & Reha Atwood | |
| 7/20 Marcia & Michael Wise | |
| 7/21 Kevin & Diane Bair | |
| 7/22 Amy & Brian Welch | |
| 7/23 Robbie & Natasha Breese | |
| 7/27 Melody & Eric McCracken | |
| 7/30 Rebecca & Ryan Strickler | |



First UM Preschool wrapped up a great 2022-2023 school year and we are well on our way towards 2023-2024. Registrations continue to come in. Please spread the word that we are accepting new students for the new school year. The final phase of the grant money we received is covering some renovations to the preschool area. Be sure to check them out when they are completed. Thank you for your consistent support of our preschool. Your prayers and financial support are appreciated.

Food Pantry items needed for July

CEREALS

Bagged or Boxed

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

Monetary donations are also welcome & appreciated.

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Summer Food Program at YWCA

First United Methodist Church recently made a generous donation to the YWCA for outdoor toys to be used during the Summer Food Program.

Almost \$600 was raised by individuals, Sunday School classes and life groups. Thank you for your support!



Shown above, left to right: Sammi Jones, Colby Dull, Charlee Jones, Ellen Jones, Jill Smelser, Betsy Hamman YWCA Director of Youth Development and Morgan Miller YWCA Summer Food Program Site Supervisor.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

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,
Dave Leiendecker, Marilyn Miller,
Jan Osburn, Juanita & Tom Wise

SHUT-INS

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

DEFIANCE MEMORY CARE - Francis Sroufe

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

Numbers include BOTH Inhouse Worship & online website viewers.

May Attendance Report

8:15 - 190 10:45 - 693

Year To Date
All Sanctuary Services
4953

Year To Date Average -
All Services
(including online viewing) - 123



July is a very busy month at First Church. We will be hosting our 8th annual Operation Back to School at Fountain Park on July 30th. Sign up to volunteer on our website at <https://www.vanwertfirst.net/operation-back-school/>. If you are not able to sign up online, you can call Paula LaRue, our volunteer coordinator at 419-203-0986. There are jobs the week before the event packing school supplies or on the day of the event.

Also in July we hope to have a group volunteer at Ignite, which is a "mission in your hometown" opportunity. Ignite Van Wert is July 27-29 and you can help for one day or all three. Jobs are available for all skill levels, but if you have a skill in a trade (construction, plumbing, HVAC, etc). and know you will be there it is helpful to sign up ahead of time and let them know so they can use your skills appropriately. Sign up at communityrelief.net.

The Mission Committee thanks everyone who donated to buy supplies for the Summer Food Program at the YWCA. Jill Smelser and Ellen Jones and their small group did the shopping. I have seen the Summer Food Program children playing with the toys several times already. What a great partnership.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Are you looking for a morning study to get your day started off in the right direction? Do you enjoy energetic discussion on the books of the Bible? Then we have what you're searching for! Come take a sit at the round table with other men who enjoy discovering God's word together.

Meetings are held on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am.

Contact the office @419/238-0631 or by email at 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 Hurlless, *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 - July Focus:

- Wings of the Morning -
- Gaston & Jeanne Ntambo

GLOBAL CONCERNS - July Focus:

- Victims of Human Terrorism

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH -

July Focus: First Church Mission in Van Wert & Church Staff / Love, Inc.