

January Baby Shower -  
Pregnancy Life Center

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

New or VERY GENTLY used clothes  
sizes newborn to 4T

Tummy Time watermat	Newborn socks	Bouncy chair
Wrist and sock rattles	Bumbo	Boppy
First year baby book	Orajel for teething	Hooded towels
Diaper caddy	A&D Ointment	Baby toothbrushes
Breastfeeding starter kit or other supplies		



Place items in the  
Pack & Play by the office.

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30AM

January 29, 2023

Sunday School at 9:30am

Student Led service

followed by Potato Bar



Every Wednesday at 5pm  
beginning January 11 thru March 15

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

Sign Up Today!



VOLUNTEERS  
ARE NEEDED

FAMILIES  
OR  
INDIVIDUALS

**Desserts & Clean up Crew**  
for Wednesday night meals

PLEASE PHONE SANDY TO SIGN UP.

Thank You!

Pastor Chris Farmer

January 01, 2023

10:00 a.m.



*In His Midst*

*“Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.” Isaiah 12:2*

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
A DAY FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

10:00 AM  
JANUARY 1, 2023

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing, equipping & empowering persons to  
know and follow Christ.

## CONTACT US

We are so glad you have joined us today! We want you to feel at home. You can find out what is happening at First Church on our website: [www.vanwertfirst.net](http://www.vanwertfirst.net). Also, check our Facebook Page for inspiration and information.

Of course, we do have a telephone: 419-238-0631

And the post office finds us at 113 W. Central Avenue,  
Van Wert, OH 45891

## Leaders in Today's Worship

**Lead Pastor:** Chris Farmer

**Praise and Worship Leader:**

**Liturgist:** Noah Carter

Jeremy Laukhuf

**Sound Technician:** Ron Allison

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Projectionist:** Cayden Laukhuf

**Graphics:** Cheri Oechsle and

**Usher/Greeter Coordinator:**

Sheri Arn

Neil Shaffer

\*Denotes please stand if able

## Welcome & Announcements

Noah Carter

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is born; give him glory!

**People:** Christ has come down from heaven; receive Him! Christ is now on earth; let's exalt him!

Leader: Let us sing joyously to the LORD!

**People:** Let's join all the nations; praising him in joy, for he has been glorified!

### \*Praise and Worship

Jeremy Laukhuf

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:** O kind and wonderful God, we thank you for your grace throughout this past year and all of our years. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place. Praise be to your name, O God. You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends and helped us through their loving support. You have filled our hearts with hunger after you, and given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your blessed Church. Praise be to your name, O God. You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors. Praise be to your name, O God. You remembered us when we forgot about you. You followed us even when we tried to run from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace, praise be to your glorious name, O Living God. Amen.

### Chat with the Children

Cristi Laukhuf

New Testament Lesson:

Luke 2:28-32

### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Chorus of Praise: *Come Thou Fount*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 12:2-6

**Series:** Christmas Letters

### Message

*In His Midst*

Pastor Chris Farmer

### Prayer

### \*Closing Song

*Goodness Of God*

### \* Benediction Postlude

