

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023 6:30pm

testimonies:

Christy Wortman & Michele Mendenhall

Joel 2:1-2; 12-17 Service in Krout Memorial



**PRESCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**
Thursday, March 9th
6:00 to 7:30pm

- Meet the teachers
- Tour the classrooms
- Learn about our curriculum
- Register for the 2023-2024 school year

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Can't make it? Call Administrator Marilyn Agler at 419-238-0631 ext. 308 to schedule a tour or register online at www.fumpreschool.com



February 22th
Feast meal will be
Cranberry Chick-
en, Rice Pilaf, California
Blend, Hot Dog/Bun,
Rolls, Chips, Salad,
Drinks, Variety of Des-
serts.

Flower Sale

benefitting the Youth Mission Trip

Order forms are available at each entrance!



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February 19, 2023 8:15 am

The Shepherd Aches

Pastor Chris Farmer

Administrative Assistant - First United Methodist Church

If you are friendly, warm, detail oriented, honest, and love contributing to something of significant value then raise your hand. First United Methodist Church of Van Wert, Ohio is hiring an Administrative Assistant. We love walking alongside folks to know and follow Jesus Christ. At FUM, you can be a member of a team who creates spaces for special connections with God and others. We're looking for someone who has a command of MS Office software and office equipment, competency in keeping accurate records of church data. We're looking for someone with confidence in working with others in creating a welcoming environment. You can also catch a vision of First United Methodist by visiting our website at www.vanwertfirst.net. You can also find this position description at our website. To explore this part-time opportunity, send your resume to the attention of Pastor Chris Farmer at chris.farmer@vanwertfirst.net.



Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, ***Welcome!*** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

8:15 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 19, 2023

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“When he saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest.’

(Mathew 9:36-38)

The Gathering

Welcome and Praise Songs

Jeremy Laukhuf

Church Life

Al Arnold

Song

Chat with the Children

Cristi Laukhuf

Children are released to AWE

Offering

Offertory:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Scripture

Matthew 9:35-38; Acts 20:28

Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: The Shepherd King

The Message:

The Shepherd Aches

Song:

Prayers with the People

Various joys and concerns will be received from the congregation. After each praise and thanksgiving the congregation is asked to respond by Praying:

Hear our Prayer, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 8:15

Nursery Ministry (infant to age 2) is located near the Jefferson Street entrance. You may drop your child off at any time during the service. There are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary for your use.

8:15 AWE - AWE is an exciting time of helping kids experience God through weekly Bible points, fun activities, and engaging worship. This class includes preparing a worship presentation during service.

We invite you to pray for our discernment team as they lead and develop a strategy for First UM to determine her denomination affiliation. Please pray for this team and for wisdom as we navigate through this season of our life together.

Discernment Committee Chairperson: Julie Burenga, *Outreach Representative*; Marty Burchfield, *Administrative Board Chair*; Dillon Staas, *Lay Leader / Lay Delegate*; Judy Loughrie, *Administrative Board Secretary*; Martha Balyeat, *Finance Representative*; Roger Okuley, *Board of Trustee Representative*; Deb Nedderman, *SPRC Representative*

At-Large Representatives: Noah Carter, Ruth Ann Dowler, Mary Ann Falk, Demond Johnson, Judy Krites

Staff Representatives: Jana Thompson, Delda McHugh

Appointed Pastor / Staff: Chris Farmer



The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of our mother
Eloise A. Wilson
by her family.