

Ash Wednesday
 February 22, 2023 6:30pm

testimonies:
Christy Wortman & Michele Mendenhall

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



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

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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 Chicken, Rice Pilaf, California Blend, Hot Dog/Bun, Rolls, Chips, Salad, Drinks, and a Variety of Desserts.

On Our Own February 22, 2023 10:00 am
 Dr Robert B Scheidt Room @First Church



Flower Sale
 benefitting the Youth Mission Trip
 Order forms are available at each entrance!




February 19, 2023 10:45 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.

10:45 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

Welcome and Announcements

Ned Compton

Handbell Choir

Beautiful Savior - Arr. Van Kley

*Call To Worship:

Leader: In truth and love, God has called us into this house of worship. God has said to us,

People: “You are my people, I am your God.”

Leader: Not once, but again and again the Word is spoken, and there is rejoicing over all the earth. The words ring out with a glad cry:

People: “You are my people, I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart.”

Leader: “With awe and wonder, we lift our voices to God, who redeems us and keeps us by the power of grace. Let us worship Him on this day. ”

*Hymn: *Redeemed* (See Insert) Choir on verses, Congregation join on Chorus

***Opening Prayer: O God, we stand on the firm foundation of our faith, which is Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that our hearts would ache for the things He aches for. Help us see opportunities for sharing our faith and love that others may become a part of the sheep fold. In His name we pray. Amen**

*Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

#529 Vs. 1,2

Chat with the Children

Christie Wendel

Children are dismissed to AWE

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory:

*Doxology: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

Scott Turner

*Prayer of Gratitude

Choral Anthem:

Sheep May Safely Graze-Bach/Morgan

Michele Amstutz, Martha Balyeat, Flute

Worship with the Word

*Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 9:35-38; Acts 20:28

Pastor Chris Farmer

Series:

The Shepherd King

Message

The Shepherd Aches

Worship through Prayer

Prayer Hymn:

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#381 Vs. 1

Prayer 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.

The Lord’s Prayer (Our Father who art in heaven....trespasses)

Going Into the World

*Choral Blessing

Go Now In Peace

Postlude:

On Eagles Wings arr. Fred Bock

Scott Turner

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer

Pianist: Scott Turner

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Liturgist: Ned Compton

Acolyte: Aiden Bockrath

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer

Handbell Director: Kristina Welker

KID’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 10:45

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.

10:45 AWE - AWE is an exciting interactive pursuit of personally knowing God through His Word and embedding all the found treasures into our hearts, minds, and daily lives. This class includes scripture memorization and 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