

We welcome Dr. Luther Oconer to our pulpit today. Dr. Oconer is an Associate Professor of Theology at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY and an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church in the Philippines. Dr. Oconer has served on the faculty and was the director of the Center of Evangelical United Brethren Heritage at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Oconer is passionate about promoting revival in churches and seeing them renewed by the power of Holy Spirit.



**Praise**  
in the *park*

Bring your lawn chairs! with Christian Bluegrass Band  
"My Brother's Keeper"

August 8  
@9:30am



**Operation Back To School is next Sunday, August 1!** We are in need of some canopies for the event. Would you have one we could borrow for the day? If so, please drop it off at the office by Friday, July 30.



# The Convincing Work of the Holy Spirit

July 25, 2021

9:30am

Dr. Luther Oconor

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30AM  
JULY 25, 2021

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing, equipping & empowering persons to evangelize through Jesus.

### CHILD CARE

**Nursery** (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.

**AWE** aka Alternative Worship Experience is offered for children, age Preschool and up. Children will be dismissed from the service. Children may be picked up at the Scheidt Room (preschool through Grade 5).

### CONTACT US

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

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

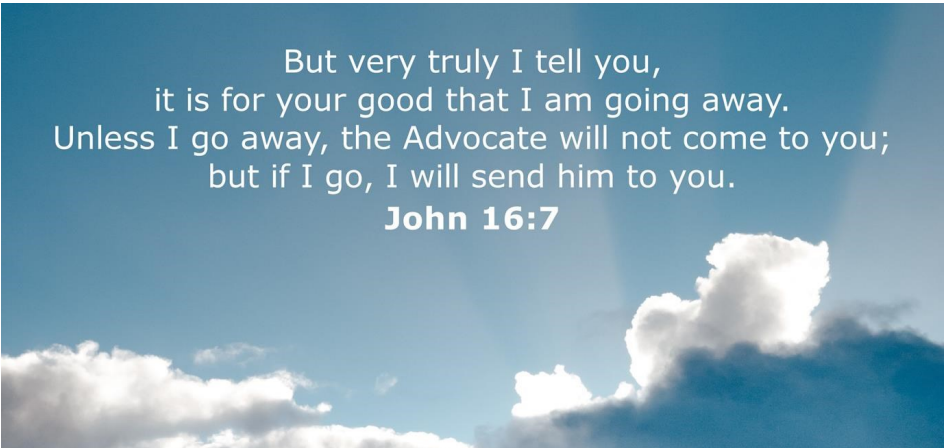
And the post office finds us at 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891

### GIVING:

In the wooden boxes around the sanctuary.  
On line @ [vanwertfirst.net](http://vanwertfirst.net)  
Text: 419.963.3557  
Thank you for your faithfulness.

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Speaker</b>	Dr. Luther Oconer
<b>Organist</b>	Scott Turner
<b>Vocalist</b>	Michaella Johnson
<b>Sound Engineer</b>	Ron Allison
<b>Videographer</b>	Kurt Massillo
<b>Projectionist</b>	Jill Smelser
<b>Announcer</b>	Paul Hoverman



But very truly I tell you,  
it is for your good that I am going away.  
Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you;  
but if I go, I will send him to you.

**John 16:7**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Gentle Spirit*

by Donald Callendar

*Use this time to prepare your heart for worship.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PRAISE & WORSHIP SONG

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lisa Johnson

Children dismissed to AWE

### Mission Moment - LifeWise Academy

Sara Spath

### SONG MINISTRY

*Believe for It*

CeCe Winans

Michaella Johnson - Soloist

### \*SCRIPTURE

John 16:7-11

### Message

*The Convincing Work of the Holy Spirit*

Dr. Luther Oconer

### SONG MINISTRY

*Build My Life*

Michaella Johnson

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### \*CONGREGATIONAL SONG

*Spirit Song*

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### \*CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

arr. Donald Hustad