

# FIRST united methodist CHURCH



## Chronic Pain support group

Chronic pain is an issue that affects many people. If you are interested in a support group, contact Julia McGrath or Audrey Taylor.

## Sunday School

Sundays @ 9AM

Interested in joining a Sunday School class? Contact the office.

## Life Groups

Bible Studies

Interested in joining a small group? Contact the office.

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*born*  
July 01, 1941  
*died*  
November 18, 2025

## Food Pantry

November is  
**CANNED FRUIT**  
month

Peaches, pears,  
pineapple, applesauce,  
mixed fruit



Your support makes a real difference in caring for others!

Please place your donations in the baskets located at the entrances.



**Sermon Questions available inside booklet!**

Share The Warmth

## WINTER COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE



FREE DRINKS FOR EACH NEW BLANKET OR NEW WINTER COATS DONATED.  
50% OFF DRINKS FOR NEW GLOVES, HATS, AND SCARVES.



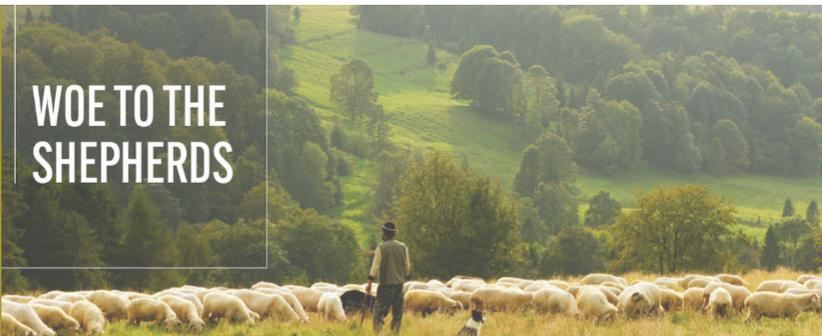
partnering with  
**BIGGY COFFEE**

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**CHURCH**

**ALL NOVEMBER**

Drop-Off Location	Biggy Coffee
	10280 S Shannon St Van Wert, OH

Help us help others stay warm



## WOE TO THE SHEPHERDS

# ICE-BREAKERS

1

When you think of a “shepherd” in everyday life (not just biblically), what kinds of qualities come to mind – and who in your own life has shown those qualities?

2

Have you ever been part of a group, team, or community where good leadership made a big difference? What made those leaders stand out?

3

Jeremiah talks about people feeling scattered. What’s something in your life – big or small – that tends to make you feel “scattered,” and what helps you feel gathered again?

4

Jeremiah also speaks of a “righteous branch” bringing justice and safety. When you hear the words justice, safety, or rest, what kind of images, memories, or feelings come to mind?

# BEYOND THE TEXT

1

How does the sermon’s message about false shepherds and Christ the Shepherd-King deepen our understanding of Christian discipleship, especially in a world shaped by competing voices and distorted leadership?

2

In what ways does the promise that “the scattered will be gathered” connect to the Christian doctrines, restoration, and the Kingdom of God – both present and future?

3

How does the call to seek the lost, guard the vulnerable, and serve with compassion reflect key Christian practices such as justice, mercy, forgiveness, and participation in God’s mission?