

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Things are happening around First UMC! There are many opportunities to grow as a Christian and to serve your community and church. We always want to be mindful we are still living with Covid. If you feel sick or have been exposed to someone with Covid, please stay home and watch the service on line. While masks are encouraged, it is your choice. If you have questions about what to do if you have been exposed, please consult with the local health department or read the CDC guidelines. If you have any concerns, please contact Pastor Chris or the office.

- ⇒ **Most of the small groups and Sunday School classes have resumed.** If you are looking for a small group, please see any staff member who will be happy to help you find a group. A full listing is on the website: <https://www.vanwertfirst.net/>. Click on the table "Get Involved."
- ⇒ **Sunday, September 26 is the Walk for Life sponsored by the PLC.** You may walk or sponsor one of our youth. They will be at the entrances today to gain your support.
- ⇒ **Saturday, October 2 is our annual Project 216 food packing event.** Sign up sheets are at both entrances or call the office. We hope to pack over 28,000 meals this year. Suggested donation is \$20 per person or \$25 per family. Each meal we pack cost 27 cents. If you can't physically pack, but want to financially support the event please do so. This is our 10th year. Best guess is that we have packed over 250,000 meals. Thank you for your ongoing support of this event.
- ⇒ Teresa is selling tickets for the **Love Inc chicken dinner fundraiser.** Dinners are \$10 and the event is presale tickets only for October 17.
- ⇒ **Fifth Quarter is in full swing!** The next one is September 24 for both high school and middle school. This is a fun ministry. If you can help in any way, contact Teresa.



GIVING  
YOUR  
BEST

How to Sow to Grow  
Pastor Chris Farmer  
September 19, 2021  
8:15am

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 8:15AM  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing, equipping & empowering persons to evangelize through Jesus.

### 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

### 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 3 through 5th grade. Children will be dismissed from the service. Children may be picked up at the Scheidt Room following the worship service.

### 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

Lead Pastor	Chris Farmer
Worship Leader	Jeremy Laukhuf
Sound Engineer	Ron Allison
Videographer	Dave Thompson
Projectionist	Jill Smelser

BRING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD IN MY HOUSE. TEST ME IN THIS," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY, "AND SEE IF I WILL NOT THROW OPEN THE FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN AND POUR OUT SO MUCH BLESSING THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE ROOM ENOUGH FOR IT.

MALACHI 3:10



### ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING  
WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAISE & WORSHIP TIME

Children dismissed to AWE

\*SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 14:22  
Malachi 3:10  
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

MESSAGE Series: Giving Your Best Pastor Chris  
How to Sow to Grow

SONG *You're Worthy of My Praise*

PRAYER  
The Lord's Prayer

BENEDICTION

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE  
GIVEN TO CELEBRATE  
THE BIRTHDAYS  
*of our granddaughters*  
BY TERRY & VERONA EIKENBARY

