

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.

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



GIVING
YOUR
Best

How to Sow to Grow
Pastor Chris Farmer
September 19, 2021
10:45am

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 10:45AM
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 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.

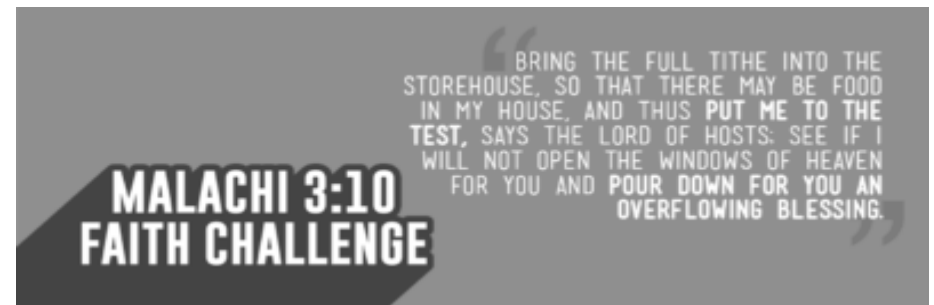
AWE aka Alternative Worship Experience is offered for children, age Kindergarten through 5 grade. Children will be dismissed from the service. Children may be picked up at the Scheidt Room (Kindergarten through Grade 5). Preschool Movin & Groovin (ages 3-5 years) will be upstairs in room 203 and can be picked up there after worship.

GIVING:

In the wooden boxes around the sanctuary.
On line @ vanwertfirst.net
Text: 419.963.3557
Thank you for your faithfulness.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lead Pastor	Chris Farmer
Pianist	Gloria Wendel
Acolyte	Aiden Bockrath
Sound Engineer	Ron Allison
Videographer	Dave Thompson
Projectionist	Grace Dowler



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

VOLUNTARY Give of Your Best to the Master C. A. Barnard
Use this time to prepare your heart for worship.

CHORAL INTROIT This is the Day that the Lord Has Made M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come, let us make a joyful sound to the rock of our salvation.

PEOPLE: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all the earth.

LEADER: Let us worship and bow down before the Lord our Maker.

PEOPLE: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture.

***HYMN OF ADORATION & PRAISE** Rejoice, the Lord is King #715
Vs. 1 - All, vs. 2 - Choir, Vs. 3,4 - All

BAPTISM OF JOSIE DETTROW

Daughter of Jordan & Rachael Dettrow
Children dismissed to AWE

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

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

PRAYER ANTHEM I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Gary Matthews

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE
Lord's Prayer

***BENEDICTION HYMN** Sent Forth by God's Blessing #664, vs. 1

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Sowing in the Morning/Bringing in the Sheaves