

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."
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Christmas Musical—rehearsals Wednesdays @ 5:30pm.** Children from Kindergarten Up. Contact Chris Gordon—614-530-3516 or capullins@hotmail.com



Sermon on the Amount
Pastor Chris Farmer
September 26, 2021
10:45am

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45AM
SEPTEMBER 26, 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
Liturgist	Marty Burchfield
Pianist	Scott Turner
Acolyte	Ansley Schwab
Choir Director	Paul Hoverman
Sound Engineer	Ron Allison
Videographer	Kurt Massillo
Projectionist	Grace Dowler



"BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE MOTHS AND VERMIN DO NOT DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."
MATTHEW 6:20-21

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Teresa Shaffer, Church Outreach

VOLUNTARY *Jesus Loves Me/He Keeps Me Singing* arr. Glenda Austin
Use this time to prepare your heart for worship.

CHORAL INTROIT *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Taken from Psalm 107

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever!**

LEADER: He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

PEOPLE: **His love endures forever!**

***OPENING HYMN** *Morning Has Broken* #145

***APOSTLES' CREED** #881
Children dismissed to AWE

RECEIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING

Offertory *Melody* Takanori Arisawa

*Offertory Response *Now Thank We All Our God* #102, Vs. 1

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

CHORAL ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. D. Forrest

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 6:1-4; 19-24

MESSAGE Series: Giving Your Best Sermon on the Amount Pastor Chris

PRAYER HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be* #399, vs. 1, 2

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

***PRAYER RESPONSE** *Take My Life and Let It Be* #399, vs. 3

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Benediction* arr. John Ness Beck