

***SCRIPTURE Lesson** Acts 8:26-39

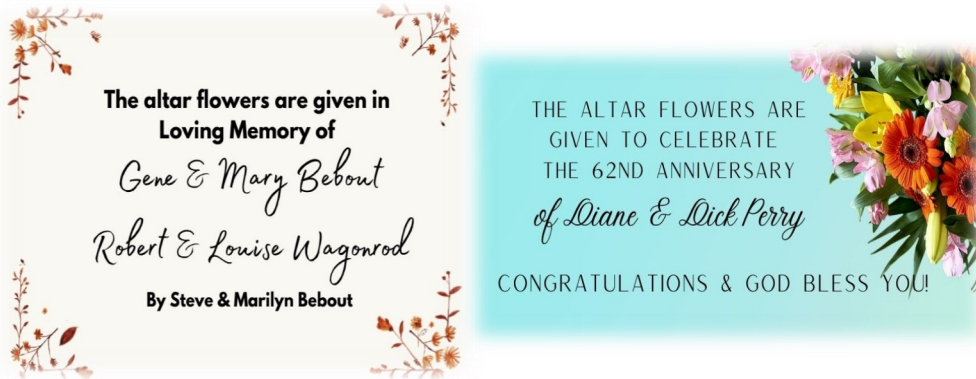
MESSAGE Series: Reaching Out Pastor Chris
Breaks Down Barriers with Initiatives

CHORAL ANTHEM Down to the River to Pray Medema/McDonald

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

***BENEDICTION HYMN** Shalom to You #666
Congregation is invited sing second time.

POSTLUDE



Reaching Out



Breaks Down Barriers with Initiatives
Pastor Chris Farmer
October 17, 2021
10:45am

TODAY! The Flu & Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic in the overflow room from 9—Noon.

Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 30. 10:00am—Noon. WE NEED CARS! Come join the fun. Call the office for details.

The Children’s Christmas Musical rehearsals are underway. There is still time to join the cast and chorus. Call Tricia Stroup for information.


On October 28 the **BGSU Men’s Chorus** will perform at FUMC. Concert begins at 7pm in the sanctuary.

On October 31:

- ⇒ **One Service at 10:30am.** Sunday School at 9:30am
- ⇒ **UNICEF Collection by the children.** You will be greeted by costumed FUMC kiddos to collect our annual UNICEF donation. Thank you!
- ⇒ **Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**—Potato Bar immediately following the worship service. Carry Out only.

Have you found a group yet? There are many opportunities to learn, grow & serve.

Acts 8:29-30



29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **10:45AM**
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **OCTOBER 17, 2021**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing, equipping & empowering persons to know and follow Christ.

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 grade 5. 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/Organist	Scott Turner
Acolytes	Addie Breese
Choir Director	Paul Hoverman
Sound Engineer	Ron Allison
Videographer	Dave Thompson
Projectionist	Grace Dowler
Usher/Greeter Coordinator	Neil Shaffer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

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VOLUNTARY

Use this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Little Sprouts Botanical Garden Sunday School Class

Renee Staas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come, let us sing to the Lord a New Song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Our Lord comes to judge the earth with righteousness. (Psalm 96:1,13)

PEOPLE: The Lord says, "Do not let wise people brag about how wise they are. Do not let strong people boast about how strong they are. Do not let rich people brag about how rich they are. But here is what the one who brags should boast about. They should brag that they have the understanding to know me." (Jeremiah 9:23-24a)

LEADER: God says, "I want them to know that I am the Lord. No matter what I do on earth, I am always kind, fair and right. And I take delight in this." (Jeremiah 9:24b)

PEOPLE: We will serve the Lord our God. We will obey His voice. (Joshua 24:15)

*HYMN

I am Thine, O Lord

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OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Lord make us instruments of Your peace.

Where there is hatred

Congregation: Let us sow love.

Leader: Where there is injury,

Congregation: pardon.

Leader: Where there is doubt,

Congregation: faith.

Leader: Where there is despair,

Congregation: hope.

Leader: Where there is darkness,

Congregation: light.

Leader: Where there is sadness,

Congregation: joy.

All: O Divine master grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand.

To be loved as to love; for it's in giving that we receive. And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (Prayer of St. Francis)

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

Children are dismissed to AWE.

Judy Krites

OFFERING STATEMENT