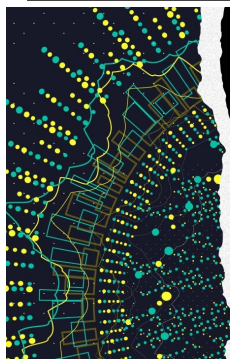


**Uptown Kid Praise Packs** are available in the Narthex (near the Welcome Table) for your children to use during worship. Please return the bags after worship.

If you are thirsty, coffee is available in the Kitchenette outside



## Children's Ministry Special Event

*"The Workshop of Wonders"*

**Date:** Sunday, November 21st

**Time:** 9:30am

**Location:** Upper District  
First UMC 2nd Floor

*Don't  
Forget!*  
Donate a  
Turkey to  
bless a family

Bring a 14-18lb.  
turkey Wednesday  
(17<sup>th</sup>) or Thursday  
(18<sup>th</sup>) to donate to  
a family.

We are also in  
need of pies.

Contact  
Teresa for more  
information.

## Advent Festival

Sunday, November 28th

1:00pm - 2:30pm



If you would like to pick up  
an Angel Tree angel,  
you can do so  
November 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Gifts are to be returned  
on December 12<sup>th</sup>.*



Requirements are to purchase a \$20.00-\$25.00 fun gift,  
& a \$20.00-\$25.00 clothing gift for each angel taken.

**Thank you for your continued support of this outreach.**

# Never give up!

*In Your Struggle Against Sin*

**Pastor Chris Farmer**

**November 14, 2021**

**10:45am**

"MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE  
*discipline*

OF THE LORD,  
NOR BE WEARY WHEN REPROVED BY HIM.  
FOR THE LORD DISCIPLINES THE

*one He loves,*

AND CHASTISES EVERY SON WHOM  
HE RECEIVES."

HEBREWS 12:5-6

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 10:45AM  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 14, 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

### KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 10:45

**Nursery Ministry** (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** our Alternative Worship Experience is 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 in Faith (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](http://vanwertfirst.net)

Text: 419.963.3557  
Thank you for your faithfulness.

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Lead Pastor**

**Organist**

**Pianist**

**Choir Director**

**Acolytes**

**Sound Engineer**

**Videographer**

**Projectionist**

**Usher/Greeter Coordinator**

**Chris Farmer**

**Scott Turner**

**Annette Hoverman**

**Paul Hoverman**

**Elora Kramer &**

**Ashlynn Shaffer**

**Ron Allison**

**Kurt Massillo**

**Grace Dowler**

**Neil Shaffer**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Greg Amstutz, Retired First Sgt US Army

**VOLUNTARY** *Meditation on America* arr. Jan Linker

**\*PROCESSION OF FLAGS**

**\*PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**\*PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG**

**\*OPENING COMMENTS**

Greg Amstutz

**HONORING OUR VETERANS**

Slide Show & Chancel Choir  
*We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace* arr. W. Hooper

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

LEADER: Almighty God, we call out to you as the One who is sovereign overall.

**People: Watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families. Sustain them with your everlasting arms as they serve around the world.**

Leader: We give thanks for those who have served and passed on to Glory. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**People: Great is their reward. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Now Thank We All Our God* #102  
Children dismissed to AWE during the singing of the hymn

**OFFERING STATEMENT**

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 12:4-13

**MESSAGE**

Series: Never Give Up Pastor Chris  
*In Your Struggle Against Sin*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Come to Me* D. Forrest  
Eric Hurlless - vocal solo, Gustavo Carpinteyro—cello

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL BLESSING**

*Peace I Give to You* C. Courtney  
Gustavo Carpinteyro - cello

**\*SPOKEN BEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Two Festive Hymns* arr. Douglas Wagner  
You are invited to be seated and enjoy the postlude or leave in peace  
THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY.