

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 Krout.

TODAY there will be a special charge conference following the 10:45 service regarding the current national Boy Scout bankruptcy plan. Since our church is a BSA charter organization, ours and other Methodist churches have a vote regarding the BSA bankruptcy plan. The charge conference vote is to give authority to our board of trustees to review the recommendation of the United Methodist lawyers as to whether or not to approve the BSA plan or reorganization, and to vote on the plan on behalf of the church. The chair of the board of trustees is further empowered to execute the plan ballot document. All are welcome to attend this brief meeting, although only Administrative Board members are allowed to vote. Pastor Chris Farmer will lead the session.

Friday
December 24
Family Christmas Eve service
5:00pm
Holy Communion
in Krout Memorial
5:45-6:45pm and 8:15-9:00pm
Music Prelude 9:30pm
Candlelight Christmas Eve
at First Church 10:00pm
Sunday
December 26
One service - 10:30am
No Sunday School

The altar flowers today
are in honor of
Karen Workman's
birthday given by her family

Kids in Christ's
Kingdom
K.I.C.K.
Kindergarten thru 5th
Christmas Party
December 10th
5:30pm to 7:00pm
Location: First UMC Van Wert

Don't forget....

Return your Angel Tree gifts by
December 12.

December 12—Messiah @ 7pm

December 19—Christmas Musical
@ 6:30pm

Why Christmas.....

Why Was There No Room in the Inn?



*"...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.
She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a
manger, because there was no guest room available
for them. Luke 2:7*

Pastor Chris Farmer
December 5, 2021
8:15 a.m.

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15AM
DECEMBER 5, 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

KIDS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITES AT 8:15

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 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
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	Noah Carter
Projectionist	Jill Smelser
Liturgist	Al Arnold

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al Arnold

OFFERING STATEMENT

*WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Matt, Aryn & Josie Proctor

Leader: Advent is a time to watch

People: We watch, with hope for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to watch for hope in our despair.

People: We watch, with hope for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to watch for grace and forgiveness.

People: We watch, with hope for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to watch for peace in the midst of conflict.

People: We watch, with hope for the dawning light.

Leader: Advent is a time to watch for the end of darkness.

People: We watch for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Reader: This morning we light two candles. The first candle reminds us that Advent is a time for waiting. The second candle reminds us that Advent is also a time of watching. We watch with expectant eyes, trusting that God is active, present, and constantly at work. As we light the second candle, we ask for faith to watch for God's presence, and to open our eyes to see all that God is doing.

All: God in heaven, as we learn to watch for signs of your presence, open our eyes so that we might see the ways you are at work around us, within us, and through us. Amen.

Song:

Jesus, the Light of the World

J. Raney

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:7

MESSAGE

Series: Why Christmas?
Why Was there no Room in the Inn?

Pastor Chris

SONG

Away In A Manger

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving & Consecration of the Elements

Distribution of the Bread & Juice

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Nothing But The Blood

*BENEDICTION