

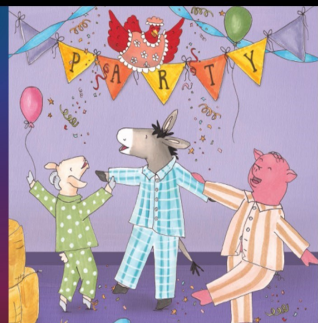
## Office Manager - Job Opportunity

If you are friendly, warm, detail-oriented, honest, and love contributing to something of significant value then raise your hand. First United Methodist Church of Van Wert, Ohio is hiring an office manager. We love walking alongside folks to know and follow Jesus Christ. At FUM, you can be a member of a team who creates spaces for special connections with God and others. We're looking for someone who has a command of MS Office software and office equipment, competency in keeping accurate records of Accounts Receivable and other church data. We're looking for someone with confidence in working with others and creating a welcoming environment. You can also catch a vision of FUM by visiting our website at [www.vanwertfirst.net](http://www.vanwertfirst.net). All requests for this full-time opportunity should be directed to [firstchurch@wcoil.com](mailto:firstchurch@wcoil.com). You may also phone 419-238-0631. Pastor Chris Farmer would be happy to forward you a detailed description of this position and respond to any questions. Thank you

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**Update on Heat in the Sanctuary.** We are so sorry this is taking so long to repair! The part has been ordered and we hope to receive it by the end of the year. We will keep you posted. Meanwhile, please dress in layers for worship services.

We are also having production issues with the **Offering Envelopes**. Our supplier tells me we should see these by the end of the year as well. I will keep you updated. Jana



## Pajama Party

Sunday, January 2nd  
9:30am  
Uptown Kids District  
(First Church)  
*Wear your PJ's to church!*

FIRST united  
methodist CHURCH

**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.

# Why Christmas.....

## Why the Gifts of the Wise Men?



Pastor Chris Farmer  
December 26, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:30AM  
DECEMBER 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](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 10:30 THERE IS NO AWE TODAY.

**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 and up. 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	Chris Farmer
Liturgist	Paul Hoverman
Organist	Scott Turner
Choir Director	Paul Hoverman
Sound Engineer	Ron Allison
Videographer	Dave Thompson
Projectionist	Grace Dowler
Usher/Greeter Coordinator	Neil Shaffer

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### VOLUNTARY

*Go Tell It On the Mountain!*  
Scott Turner, Piano

arr. Glenda Austin

### WELCOME

Paul Hoverman

### OFFERING STATEMENT

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift praises to the name of our God! Bless His name forever!

**People: How great is our God!**

Leader: From generation to generation, we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness.

**People: Great is our God and worthy of praise!**

Leader: God, you are just and kind in all you do!

**People: Great is our God and worthy of praise!**

### \*CAROL

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

#220

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Paul Hoverman

### CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

Chris Gordon

### CAROL

*We Three Kings*

#254, vs. 1-5

Please stand on vs. 5

### \*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-2, 11-12

### MESSAGE

Series: Why Christmas?  
*Why the Gifts of the Wise Men?*

Pastor Chris Farmer

### \*CAROL

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

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### \*PASTORAL PRAYER

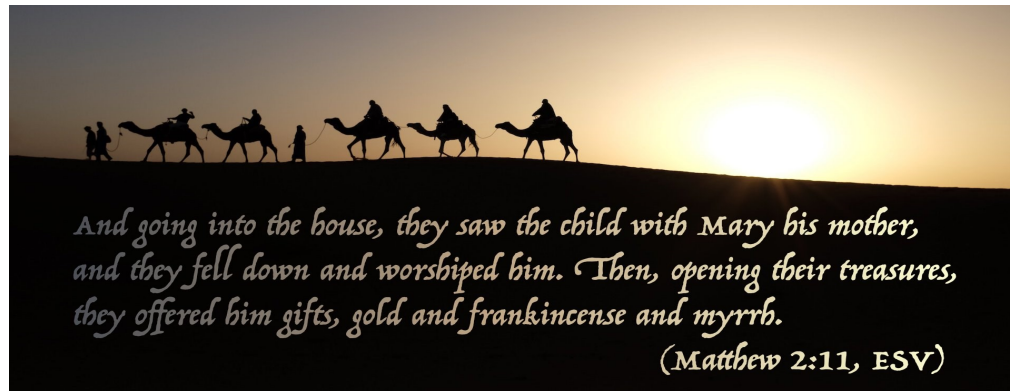
The Lord's Prayer

### \*BENEDICTION SONG

*Shalom to You*

#666

### POSTLUDE



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 at First Church 10:00pm

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 One service - 10:30am  
 No Sunday School

**TONIGHT**

*Children's Christmas Musical*  
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**DECEMBER 19 @6:30PM**  
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