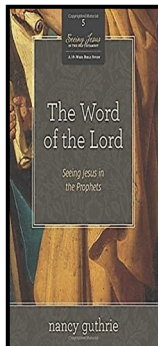


Office Manager - Job Opportunity

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. All requests for this full-time opportunity should be directed to 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



Thursdays at 1:30pm
KICK OFF MEETING - January 13th
Meeting in the Conference Room
10 Week Study

NEW
Ladies Bible Study
Forming

Gain a fresh perspective on the message of the Old Testament prophets, a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture, and so much more!

What a great way to start off the New Year 2022!

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See Annette Hoverman or Melinda Farmer if you would like more information and to save your place around the table.

The offering envelopes have arrived!

They are on the table outside the church office. If you have any questions or need us to mail them to you, please contact the office.

419-238-0631 or
firstchurch@wcoil.com

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.



Pajama Party

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

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LET GOD

Let Go of Regret to Hold On to Forgiveness



Pastor Chris Farmer
January 2, 2022
8:15 am

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:1-2 KJV

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EPIPHANY SUNDAY

8:15 AM
JANUARY 2, 2022

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

KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 8:15

NO AWE TODAY—COMMUNION

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAISE & WORSHIP TIME

*SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51:1-12

Joe Falk

SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

K. Greene

Jake Wilder - soloist

SERMON

Series: Let Go to Hold On

Pastor Chris Farmer

Let Go of Regret to Hold On to Forgiveness

SONG

I Surrender All/Come to the Table

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Confession: My soul is deflated within me, O Living God. Yet even in the crush of conviction, I sense a flicker of hope for you have assured me of your desire to inflate me with your abounding mercy. I humbly acknowledge that I have done harm to others, to myself, and to You. I have neither peace nor rest. I am deeply aware of my unrest knowing the stirring of your Holy Spirit who works in us, even for our good. As a child of Adam and Eve, I am prone to run from your presence and from my conscience. I am fearful of what you might speak, fearful of what obedience might require. It pains me to bring my failures into your light. I am tired of running and hiding, O Lord.

(Pause in Silence)

Forgive me, most merciful LORD. I confess that I have broken faith, broken trust, wounded relationships, for this I repent. Come and restore that which has been broken. Yes, restore, remake, rekindle, rebuild, heal, comfort and knit together that which I have torn. O God, pour out your mercy. Grant a spirit of forgiveness to prevail in all. Embrace me again to life and right standing with you, O God and to the fellowship of love and compassion that is your Church. I am always, every moment, in need of you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: O Child of Christ, listen well, and be comforted. God loves you and has brought you to this place to clothe you with the Righteousness of Jesus Christ and to cleanse you by the washing of Christ's blood. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Holy, Holy, Holy

*BENEDICTION