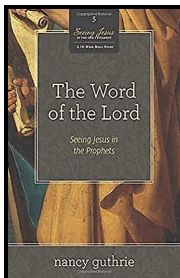


Uptown Kid Praise Packs are available in the Narthex (near the Welcome Table) for your children to use during worship. Please return the bags after worship.

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED!
They are on the table outside the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the office.
419-238-0631 or firstchurch@wcoil.com



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.

BE SURE TO
CHECK OUT
OUR CURRENT
LIST OF SUNDAY
SCHOOL &
SMALL GROUP
OPPORTUNITIES.

20.12 Group

Proverbs 20.12 - The hearing ear and the seeing eye - ADONAI made them both

**Bible Study/Sunday school class beginning Sunday,
February 6th at 9:30am in the church library**

- Rethink *All you need is your favorite translation of the Bible*
- Connect *and something to write with!*
- Go Deep

Doing a Bible Study is good. Studying the Bible is better.
Learn and grow together

Contact Jeremy Laukhuf at laukhuf@gmail.com

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

LET GOD

Let Go of Expectations to Hold onto Hope



Pastor Chris Farmer
January 9, 2022
10:45 am

The Lord said to Abram,
'Go from your country, your people and
your father's household to the land
I will show you...'
So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Genesis 12:1a & 4a

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:45 AM
JANUARY 9, 2022

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

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 and up. Children will be dismissed from the service. Children may be picked up at the Scheidt Room (Kindergarten & up). 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
Text: 419.963.3557
Thank you for your faithfulness.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lead Pastor	Chris Farmer
Liturgist	Bob Spath
Organist	Scott Turner
Choir Director	Paul Hoverman
Acolyte	Lauren Gearhart
Sound Engineer	Ron Allison
Videographer	Dave Thompson
Projectionist	Grace Dowler
Usher/Greeters	Neil Shaffer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude

JS Bach

WELCOME

Bob Spath

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING STATEMENT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all the joys of the godly well up in praise to the Lord, for it is right to praise him.

People: Let's play joyous melodies of praise with all kinds of stringed instruments.

Leader: For all God's words are right, and everything he does is worthy of our trust.

People: Let everyone in all the world - men, women, and children - fear the Lord and stand in awe of him.

Leader: The Lord gazes down upon humanity from heaven where he lives. He has made their hearts and closely watches everything they do.

People: The eyes of the Lord are watching over those who fear him, who rely upon his steady love. He will keep them from death even in times of famine! We trust in the Lord alone to save us; only he can help us. No wonder we are happy in the Lord! For we are trusting him.

*SONG

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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***OPENING PRAYER: O, how we rejoice in you, Our Savior. You have taken notice of our humble state. What you have done for us will never be forgotten, you God, whose very name is holy, sets us apart from all others. Your mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before you. You have revealed your strong arms and showed your strength. You have knocked down those on high horses and pulled victims out of the mud. You fill the hungry with good things, and guide those along the journey. Praise be unto you, O Lord, our God. Amen**

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

Children dismissed to AWE

Ruth Ann Dowler

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

A. Parker

*SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-4a

SERMON

Series: Let Go to Hold On

Pastor Chris Farmer

Let Go of Expectations to Hold on to Hope

*SONG

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (vs 2 choir only)

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*PRAYER MOMENTS

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P. Lutkin

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Allegro con Moro

Theophile Stern