

8:15 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 2, 2019

The Gathering Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

Worship through Praise

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Thomas

Prayer Chorus

Prayer

Worship with Offering

Demond Johnson

E-giving is now available—see instructions on the back page

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:4-7

Dave Thomas

The Message

Series: Marriage Traps

Pastor Chris

Q & A with Panel

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Holy Communion

Pastor Chris

Song

Benediction

Pastor Chris

10:45 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 2, 2019

Welcome & Moments of Sharing

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

Voluntary

Covenant Chamber Choir

We invite you to take this time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Lighting of Altar Candles

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

***Congregational Hymn**

Led by the Covenant Chamber Choir

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #57

Verses 1-4

Covenant Chamber Choir

Prayer for the People

Paul Hoverman

WORSHIP WITH GENEROSITY

Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

E-giving is now available - see instructions on the back page.

Offertory

Covenant Chamber Choir

***Response**

Give Thanks

words on screen

***Prayer of Dedication**

Demond Johnson

WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

***Scripture**

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WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Elements

***Closing Hymn**

with the Covenant Chamber Choir

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us #381

***His Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Covenant Chamber Choir

***Postlude**

Covenant Chamber Choir

Please remain seated for the postlude if you are able.

***Indicates an Invitation to Stand**

Dear Church Family –

Over the past few months, the regular attenders of Van Wert Bethel United Methodist church under the leadership of Pastor Greg Wack have discussed the best options for the future of this congregation. While the church has had a heart to serve and give to missions, it has experienced notable barriers to growth and has continued to decline in attendance for many years. In consultation with our District Superintendent, Rev. Barry Burns, the leadership of Bethel has decided that the current path is no longer sustainable.

The Bethel UMC leadership expressed interest in merging with First UMC as the best option to continue to use the assets of Bethel church for ministry in the local area. Barry Burns consulted with me about this possibility. I assembled a small team of leaders to have an initial meeting with our brothers and sisters at Bethel and the D.S. Pastor Chris; Warren Foy, Board of Trustee chair; Al Morris, Finance Team Rep; Jana Thompson, Membership Secretary; and Dillon Staas IV, Attorney explored this proposal. We discerned to move forward with the next steps. At our March 28 Administrative Board meeting this team reported this proposal for their consideration and support to continue the process of negotiating the "Memorandum of Understanding" for the Merger of the Bethel UMC and First UMC. The Board authorized them to continue the process.

Copies of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding are at both entrances.

A special church conference has been called to consider the agreement. All members of our congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend and vote. The Northwest Plains District Superintendent, Rev. Barry Burns will preside over the church conference.

When: Sunday, June 9, 2019

Location: **First UMC meets 9:45 AM** at First UMC.

Bethel UMC meets 10:30 AM at Bethel UMC.

If the merger passes, every member of Bethel UMC will be notified in writing that their membership will automatically become part of First UMC unless specific action is taken to connect somewhere else. Details of this will be sent out with the Church conference results. Please be in prayer for the members of Bethel UMC – past and present – who are experiencing grief through this process. We invite you to be open to what God is doing in the process of resurrection and assimilation. Our God walks with us as we join hands and hearts to enlarge the circle of disciples of Jesus Christ by embracing, equipping, and empowering persons to evangelize through Jesus!

With love and grace –

Chris Farmer
First UMC
Pastor

Please remember the Special Church Conference next Sunday, June 9 @ 9:45 in the sanctuary.

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.



By Steve & Marilyn Bebout

Participants in today's worship

8:15 Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer

Nursery: Amstutz Family

Welcome Table: Julie Burenga

10:45 Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer

Liturgists: Demond Johnson

Paul Hoverman

Pianist: Annette Hoverman

Musicians: Covenant Chamber

Choir

Nursery: Sierra Shaffer & Brianna Bebout

2-5's: Traci Carter & Boys

Welcome Table: Kay & Roger Okuley

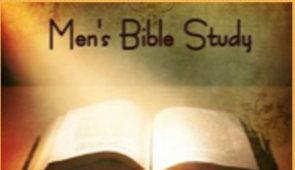
Acolytes: Vance Wright &

Logan Taylor

SMALL GROUP *Spotlight*

June
Men's Bible Study


Meets every Wednesday at 8:00am
1st Church conference room



Contact Demond Johnson
@419/238-0631 ext 306 or by email at
djjohnson@wcoil.com for more information.

Be sure to check the VBS Donation Board located in Krout Memorial by the Coffee and Donuts!

We need your help!



June 17-20 2019

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CABBIES, REGISTRATION WORKERS,
NURSERY HELP, ETC
CONTACT TERESA @ EXT 307

ONE SERVICE!

Worship in the Park

Sunday, June 30, 2019 10:30 a.m.
Lunch Following. Activities for the kids.
Bring your lawn chair.



FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS Tornado victims Celina, Ohio & around the Midwest, Keith Rawlings (Melinda Farmer's Dad) - health, Lillian Mae Massillo (daughter of Connor Massillo & Ellie Norton) - premature birth, Jean Ann Auld - shingles, Aiden Ellerbrock - rehab, Twig Fortescue - cancer, Mary Germann - cancer, Paula Goins - MS, Lois Haller - cancer.

Please see the long term prayer list in the Friendly Visitor for other prayer needs or check the website under the pull down menu "newsletters" @www.vanwertfirst.net.

Military: Caleb Kreisler, Evan Wells, Bryan Zinsmaster, Connor Gordon, Noah Sease, Nick Gutierrez, Ben Scheidt, Gerald Christobaker, Geff Gehrlach, Ethan Glass.

Missionaries & Ministries: Stephen Ministry, Stand for Truth Ministry, Jeanne & Gaston Ntambo, Mission of Hope - Haiti.

What's Happening THIS WEEK		
Come Join Us!		
Sunday, 6/2 Annual Conference	8:15am 9:15- 10:30am 9:30am 10:45am	Blended Worship Coffee & Donuts - Krout Friendly Visitors Meeting Traditional Worship
Monday, 6/3 Annual Conference	1-3:00pm 7:30pm	Food Pantry Operation Back To School Meeting
Tuesday, 6/4 Annual Conference	8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Guys Missing Wives
Wednesday, 6/5 Annual Conference	8:00am 1-3:00pm 1:00pm 6:00pm	Men's Bible Study Food Pantry Youth Mission Trip Devotions Choir End of Year Party @ Wendel's
Thursday, 6/6 Annual Conference	8:00am 6:30pm	Clay Pots Praise Band
Friday, 6/7	10:00- Noon 6:00pm	Food Pantry Bread N Bowl
Saturday, 6/8	12:00-1:00pm	AWE Pizza Party @ Wild Willy's
Sunday, 6/09	9:45am	Church Conference re: Bethel Merger

Haven't taken the time to sign up for electronic giving yet? Please see Jana after service and she will gladly help you! It's so easy! Jana will be in the office after service to assist!



Electronic Giving is now available at First UMC! You now have a variety of ways to contribute to the ministry of FUMC.

1. **Go to our website** www.vanwertfirst.net and click on the eGiving menu. Full instructions follow.
2. **Download the GivePlus Church app** for free from the App Store or Google Play.
3. **Text us a donation:** Text: 419-963-3557, enter the amount you wish to give in the message, send, and follow the instructions.
4. Of course, the envelope & cash/check system is always available.
5. Any questions, please see Jana in the office. All methods are safe and secure.

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Questions & Answers

Aryn & Matt Proctor, Jill & Kent Smelser,
Pastor Chris & Melinda Farmer

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus.

Our Mission Statement:

Embracing, equipping and empowering persons to evangelize through Jesus.

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, We welcome you and look forward to seeing you again!

Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.