

**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.







Thank you for caring for others!

### July is CEREAL Month

Boxed or bagged

Please bring in your donations. Baskets are located at either entrance.



Operation Back to School is in need of personal-sized pop up tents for Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>!

 ${\it Please contact } \ Rachael \ Dettrow:$ 

419/771-8199

OR DROP TENTS OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.



### Qualities of a Good Friend

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity...One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother...Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses...As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

(Proverbs 17:17, 18:24; 27:6, 17)

Pastor Chris Farmer Combined Worship July 24, 2022 9:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church Van Wert, OH

# WELCOME

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEVENTH SUNDAYAFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM JULY 24, 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. You can find out what is happening at First Church on our website: www.vanwertfirst.net Also, 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 9:30

**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 ages Preschool and up. Children will be dismissed from the service. Children may be picked up at the Scheidt room. AWE will be available during the summer every Sunday except for the first Sunday of the month (due to communion).

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer Liturgist: Judy Krites

Piano and Vocals: Jake Wilder Children's Message: Kayla Krites Sound Technician: Ron Allison Videographer: Dave Thompson

Projectionist: Sherri Arn

Graphics: Melinda Farmer, Sherri Arn Usher/Greet Coordinator: Delda McHugh



\*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

**Prelude** Favorite Hymns by Gloria Wendel and Jake Wilder **Welcome and Announcements** Judy Krites

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

People: Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!

Leader: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;

People: Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

\*Opening Hymn What a friend we have in Jesus #526 Chat With the Children Kayla Krites

Children are dismissed to AWE

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings** 

Offertory: The Gift of Love – H Hopson #408
\*Doxology: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow #94
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Special Music** *I'll Be a Friend to Jesus*-J.W. Dennis Jake Wilder \*New Testament Reading John 15:12-17 Pastor Chris Farmer

Message Series: Valuable Friendships

Oualities of a Good Friend

**Special Music** Friends are Friends Forever-M.W. Smith

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (use "trespasses")

\*Closing Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384 Vs. 4

\*Blessing

Postlude

Hymn Improvisation by Gloria Wendel and Jake Wilder Out of respect for our music minister, please be seated to enjoy the postlude, or leave quietly in peace.