

FIRST UNITED METHODIST



Thank you for caring for others!

August is PASTA Month

Pastas, sauces, macaroni & cheese, rice, spaghetti, noodles

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

AUGUST 21 - 9:30am service



Blessing of the Backpacks

Now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year.



Also, scheduling private tours!

Register online at [www.fumpreschool.com](http://www.fumpreschool.com) or contact Administrator Marilyn Agler at [marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net) 419-238-0631 ext. 308.

Our Agape Fund is running low. If you feel so moved, please donate today.

Our community thanks you!

AGAPE

Grown Ups are needed for the Graduates 2 Grown Ups ministry.

You will be matched to a recent graduate (up to age 25).

You will send them notes, texts, and care packages so they know that First Church - and you - Love Them.

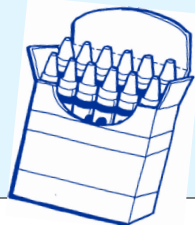
We give you guidelines and encouragement along the way.

It's pretty easy!

If you are a graduate (25 and under) or have one in your household and they want to be a part of this, have them see Teresa too!

GRADUATE Grown Up

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.



## Words from Wesley Marks of the New Birth

“Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

John 3:5-8

Pastor Chris Farmer  
Combined Worship  
August 14, 2022  
9:30 a.m.

First United  
Methodist Church  
Van Wert, OH

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM  
AUGUST 14, 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](http://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).

## Leaders in Today's Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer  
Praise and Worship Leader:  
Jeremy Laukhuf  
Liturgist: Paul Hoverman  
Organist: Scott Turner  
Sound Technician: Ron Allison  
Videographer: Dave Thompson  
Projectionist: Noah Carter  
Graphics: Melinda Farmer, Sherri Arn  
Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer

The flowers on the altar today  
are given by  
Steve and Marilyn Bebout.

To the Glory of God and in  
loving memory of  
Mary Ann McIntosh

and

Kathy Stanley



\*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

**Prelude** *How Great Thou Art*—Fred Swan Scott Turner

**Welcome and Announcements** Paul Hoverman

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Praise & Worship** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Opening Prayer:** Kind and Loving God, we, your humble children ask for your favor upon us as we worship you in spirit and in truth. We adore you, whose name is salvation, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beautiful, whose will is peace, whose work sets the captives free and heals the broken. Knowing you assures us that the best is yet to come in this life and into the next. Unto you be all honor and all glory through your Risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing of the Children

*Children may be dismissed to AWE*

**Hymn:** *God Will Take Care of You* #130 Vs. 1

**A Witness of God's Mercy** Cheryl Matthews

**Hymn** *God Will Take Care of You* #130 Vs. 2

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Morning Sunlight Appears*-David Paxton

\*Doxology: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*New Testament Reading** John 3:5-8 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: Words from Wesley

**Message** *Marks of the New Birth*

**Hymn** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #400

## Pastoral Prayer

**Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Congregational Hymn Response** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #140 Vs. 1-3

## \*Closing Blessing

**Postlude** *Go Now in Peace*—Don Besig

*Out of respect for this ministry of music, please be seated to enjoy the postlude, or leave quietly in peace.*