

PROJECT **216** **NEXT PACKING EVENT:**  
**Saturday, October 1**  
**9-11 am**

FIGHT HUNGER. GIVE HOPE.

*Come help us pack meals for others!*

Hope boxes are available  
 @ the Welcome Table.

*Children's Christmas Musical*  
 CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN UP



Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30pm  
 beginning September 14  
 Sunday rehearsals begin October 30  
 12:00-2:00pm - lunch included

Questions? Contact Chris Gordon  
 614-530-3516 or capullins@hotmail.com

PERFORMANCE DATE:  
**December 11**  
**@6:30 pm**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 113 w central ave. van wert, oh



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**  
 FAMILIES or INDIVIDUALS

**Desserts & Clean up Crew**  
*for Wednesday night meals*

PLEASE PHONE SANDY or USE  
 SIGN UP SHEET ON SHERRI'S DOOR.

*Thank You!*



**Every Wednesday at 5pm**  
**beginning Oct. 5 thru Nov. 16**

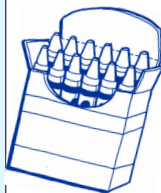
Please phone the office to sign up  
 to donate a dessert or to  
 clean up the kitchen after the meal.

**Sign Up Today!**

**SEPTEMBER IS  
 SOUP MONTH**



**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.



# *Inviters*

Pastor Chris Farmer

Casual Worship September 18, 2022 8:15 am  
 First United Methodist Church Van Wert, Ohio

*“Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”*

*They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon..*

**(John 1:38-39)**

# WELCOME

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**8:15 AM**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 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 8:15

**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.

8:15 AWE - AWE is an exciting time of helping kids experience God through weekly Bible points, fun activities, and engaging worship. This class includes preparing a worship presentation during service.



\*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

## The Gathering

Welcome Matt Krites

Life of the Church

\*Praise & Worship Cheri Oechsle

Third Grade Bible Distribution Pastor Chris Farmer and Cristi Laukhuf

Chat with the Children Cristi Laukhuf  
*Children released to AWE*

## Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *Spirit of the Living God*

\*Scripture Lesson: John 1:35-46 Pastor Chris Farmer

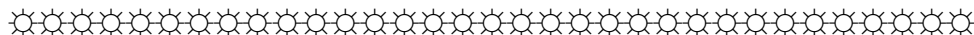
Series: Desperate

Sermon *Desperate Inviters*

\*Song: *How Deep the Father's Love for us*

\*Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (Our Father, who art..... use "trespasses")

## Benediction



See the back page for information on the life of First Church!