

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

Contact Chris Gordon with any questions  
 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!*

 *the* **FIFTH QUARTER**  **Middle School EVENT: September 30**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO:**

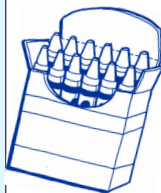
- set up at 3pm
- work and tear down at the YMCA after event

Please sign up with Teresa or in the church office **today!**

The flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of *Brad and Marsha Owens* 50th wedding anniversary



**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.



# DeSperate

## Witness

Pastor Chris Farmer

Casual Worship September 25, 2022 8:15 am  
 First United Methodist Church Van Wert, Ohio

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”*

**(Acts 1:8)**

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 8:15 AM  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 25, 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** Jeremy Laukhuf

**\*Worship Through Praise** Jeremy Laukhuf & Praise Team

**Chat with the Children/Blessing the Children** Julie Burenga  
*Children released to AWE*

**Offering Statement** Matt Krites  
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
Prayer of Thanks and Dedication

**\*Scripture Lesson** Acts 8:26-39 Pastor Chris Farmer

**Series** Desperate

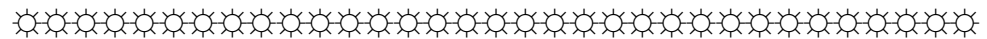
**Sermon** *Desperate Witness*

**Song** *Agnus Dei/Breathe*

**Prayer**  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

## Church Life

**\*Benediction**



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