



**New Bible Study**

Beginning: Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm

Call, text or email:  
1-937/308-1869 or  
Mel2far79@msn.com

Will be held in First UM Church -  
Conference Room

Led by Melinda Farmer



by Lysa TerKeurst

Join Us!

What is the deep cry of your heart? That ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating? Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it.

Join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Through this interactive, in-depth study, you will learn to:

- Trade feelings of emptiness and depletion for a more personal fulfillment from knowing who Jesus is.
- Stop living like a slave to your circumstances by training your heart to embrace the life-giving freedom God wants for you.
- Gain a better understanding of how Jesus' words 2,000 years ago are so very applicable to the answers we are searching for today.

**Sunday, October 13 Potato with the Pastor**

Lunch and information about how you can take intentional steps in your faith journey through membership. A 6 week *Embrace* class for those wishing to join our congregation will follow. *The best part?* Seizing an opportunity to meet others who are on a journey with God just like you. Contact the office if you are interested in attending!



**October is Baby Shower month for the Pregnancy Life Center.** What is needed: hygiene products like baby wash, lotion, A&D cream, wipes; NEW diaper bags; NEW and GENTLY USED baby girl clothes up to size 4T. They so appreciate your donations.

Drop your donations in the Pack & Play by the office.

**10:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
September 29, 2019

**Greeting** Pastor Chris  
**Voluntary** *To God Be the Glory* arr. Smith/Hustad  
 Rachel Spath & Gloria Wendel - Piano & Organ  
 We invite you to take this time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship.  
**Lighting of Altar Candles**  
**Announcements** Nicholas Carter  
**Preschool Mission Moment** Kristen Pollock

**WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE**

**\*Call to Worship** Ephesians 5:14 Kaden Shaffer  
 Leader: Awake, O sleeper and rise from the dead.  
**Congregation: And Christ will shine on you.**  
**\*Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* #154  
 Vs. 1,2,4,6  
**Testimony of Faith** Macy Johnson

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

**Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings**  
 AWE - Alternative Worship Experience children dismissed at this time. (For Kindergarten children and older.)  
**Offertory** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
 arr. C. Converse  
 Kayla Krites & Gloria Wendel - Piano & Organ  
**\*Response** *Give Thanks* Words on Screen  
 Mary Ann Falk & Eric Hurless - vocalists  
 Join in on chorus as directed.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WORSHIP WITH THE WORD**

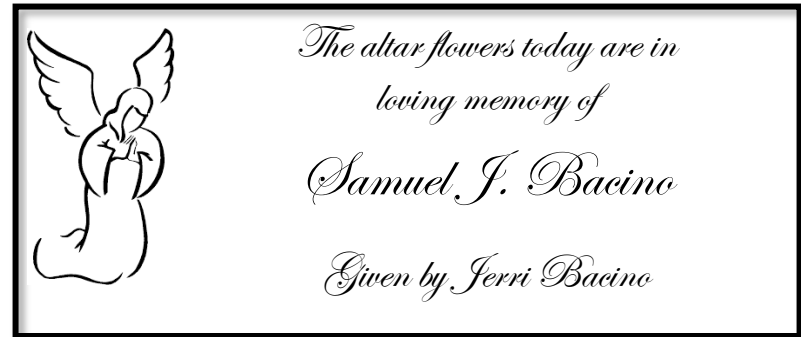
**Chancel Choir** *Agnus Dei* A. Thomas  
 Annette Hoverman - piano, Jeremy Laukhuf - bass,  
 Dane Newlove - drums, Mary Ann Falk - soloist  
**\*Scripture** Galatians 5:16-25 Sydney Dowler  
**Introduction of Speaker** Matt Krites  
**Message** Joel Penton, Jr.

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE**

**\*Hymn** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #140  
**\*Benediction** Pastor Chris  
**\*Indicates an Invitation to Stand**

**Participants in worship**

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer  
 Organist: Gloria Wendel  
 Choir Director: Paul Hoverman  
 Acolyte: Van Wright  
 Sound Engineer: Ron Allison  
 Welcome Table: Youth  
 Nursery: Teresa Gardner & Melissa Wagner  
 2-3 year olds: Tony & Amanda Wright



**FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Debby Strickler, Tom Witten - health, Joy McCleery - vertigo, Terrel Eddins - car accident, Jim Hammons - stroke, Angie Myers - chemo, Jacob Scheidt - diabetes, Kent DuCheney - cancer, Aiden Ellerbrock - rehab, 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 drop down menu "newsletters" @www.vanwertfirst.net.

**Military:** Caleb Kreischer, Evan Wells, Bryan Zinsmaster, Conner Gordon, Noah Sease, Nick Gutierrez, Ben Scheidt, Gerald Christobaker, Ethan Glass, Michael Hellman, Greg Henry

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





**NEXT PACKING EVENT:**  
Saturday, October 5  
9-11 am

*Come help us pack meals for others!*

Hope boxes are available  
@ the Welcome Table.

Have you signed up yet? Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Table. Can't come? Why not support the event financially? Each meal we pack costs 25 cents.

You may give electronically—text 419-963-3557. Code is hunger.

## BAKED POTATO BAR

*Youth Fundraiser*

**OCTOBER 13 @ 11:30AM**

*Immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall*

**MENU:**

**BAKED POTATO**

**SALAD**

**TOPPINGS BAR**

**DESSERTS**

**PUNCH**

**COFFEE**

**PRICES:**  
Adults - \$7.00  
Children under 11 - \$4.00

**Have a bicycle in your garage collecting dust?**

*Donate it to Love INC for our newest developing gap ministry.*



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**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Saturday, October 26  
10am-12pm



Decorate your car & display it in the city parking lot across from First Church.

Bring enough treats for 300+ children!

*Events will also be happening downtown Van Wert.*

## What's Happening THIS WEEK

Come Join Us!



Sunday, 9/29	9:30am 9:15-10:30am 10:30am 11:45am 1:00pm	Sunday School for all ages Coffee & Donuts - Krout Worship Church Lunch—all invited Youth Group to Hearth & Home
Monday, 9/30	1-3:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Food Pantry Cub Scouts Soul Friends Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 10/01	10:30am 6:30pm  7:00pm	Prayer Group Guys Missing Wives @ Hickory Sticks Worship Team
Wednesday, 10/02	8:00am 1:00pm 1-3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm  5:30pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Men's Bible Study Staff Meeting Food Pantry Women In the Word FEAST Meal Baked Spaghetti, Garlic toast, Peas & Carrots, Hot dogs, Salad Bar, Desserts Christmas Musical Practice Seekers Group Treasured Mom & Preteens Handbells How To Be A Man Study Chancel Choir
Thursday, 10/03	8:00am 3-6:30pm 6:30pm	Clay Pots Football dinner Praise Band Practice
Friday, 10/04	9:00am 10:00-Noon 6:00pm	Praise Band Practice Food Pantry Bread N Bowl

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September 29, 2019



*Fruit of an Awakening*  
Joel Penton, Jr.

**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.