

## 8:15 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2020

### The Gathering

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

### \*Worship through Praise

#### Welcome & Announcements

Marty Burchfield

#### Opening Prayer

**Jesus the Christ, perform a miracle for us. Change our hearts. Your crimson blood redeems all humanity and whitens our hearts. You make the sun bright and the ice sparkle. You make the rivers flow and the salmon leap. Your hand makes the nut tree blossom and the corn turn golden. Your Spirit composes the song of the birds. Your creation is a million miracles, beautiful to behold. We ask you to perform one more miracle, beautify our souls. Amen**

#### Worship with Offering

Demond Johnson

#### \*Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1:15-17

Marty Burchfield

#### The Message

Series: What About....

Pastor Chris

*What About Creation and Evolution?*

#### Holy Communion

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Elements

#### \*Closing Song

#### \*Benediction

Pastor Chris

Praise Team Leader: Wayne Wells

Nursery: Matt & Judy Krites

Welcome Table: Matt & Judy Krites



**FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS** Family of Esther Ley, Family of Darrin Hofacker, Family of Dick Wolford, Aaron Gardner - knee surgery, Millie Profit - RSV, Cassie Priest - heart/hospital, Bob Say - stiff person disease, Mona Scheidt - health, RoseAnne Spieles - health, Karen Smith - health, Jack Spry - health.

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 Kreisler, 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.

## 10:45 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Welcome & Announcements

#### Voluntary

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

F. Peeters

We invite you to take this time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship.

#### Lighting of Altar Candles

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is with us.

People: **Praise the Lord!**

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

#### \*Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#89

Vs. 1-3, Interlude, Vs. 4, Amen

#### \*Opening Prayer

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### WORSHIP WITH GENEROSITY

Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

D. Bish

#### \*Offertory Response

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Vs. 4, #221

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

Demond Johnson

### WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

#### Chancel Choir

*A Little Light was Born*

M. Barrett

Mary Ann Falk, soloist

#### \*Scripture

Colossians 1:15-17

#### Message

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### WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

#### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitational Song - See next page Choir first, All second

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer

#### \*Hymn

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

#206

Vs. 1 - choir, Vs. 2,3 - All

#### His Light into the World

#### \*Choral Benediction with Congregation

*Go Now in Peace*

D. Besig

#### Postlude

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

F. Swann

#### \*Indicates an Invitation to Stand

#### Communion Invitation Song

2269

Come, Share the Lord



#### Participants in 10:45 worship

Lead Pastor:

Chris Farmer

Dir of Student & Adult Ministry:

Demond Johnson

Liturgist:

Noah Carter

Organist:

Gloria Wendel

Choir Director:

Paul Hoverman

Acolyte:

Logan Taylor, Vance Wright

Sound Engineer:

Ron Allison

Welcome Table:

Aaron & Teresa Gardner

Nursery:

Dale & Lisa Butler

2-3 year olds:

Mitch & Brooke Gearhart

**Series: What About...**

**Title:** "What About Creation and Evolution?"

**Text:** Colossians 1:15-17

**Big Idea:** Since God is behind all life, I can trust Him with my life.

United Methodist Church affirms that \_\_\_\_\_ has a key role in our understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_ world.

The Christian faith best explains the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the natural world.

**Views on the Origin of Life**

Evolution -

Creationism -

What does this mean for us?

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There are times in a person's life when God calls one to leave one place in order to pursue a future that only He can see. These times are often filled with all kinds of emotions, from fear to faith, from doubt to certainty, from confusion to clarity. Like those who have gone before us, these times call us to trust in Jesus who promises to be with us always as He leads us into our tomorrows.

Our Treasurer, Merle Whetstone, has submitted his resignation effective January 1. We are grateful for his ministry to this church. Through Merle's ministry, the Lord has provided careful stewardship of our financial resources. His administrative gifts and attention to detail has helped our Finance Team and our staff make wise decisions regarding our kingdom investments and funding for the many ministries of this local church. We're grateful for his faithfulness, gifted administration, and his sacrificial love for this church. Thank you, Merle.

We trust that the Lord's hand will guide him as he continues to serve this church in other capacities and in devoting more time for travel with his wife Romaine.

We're also very pleased that Stacy Rife will be serving as our Treasurer beginning January 1. Stacy has been a part of our church for several years, serving as a member of our 8:15 Praise and Worship team. In addition, she comes with extensive experience in the auto industry serving in car dealership financial systems. Welcome Stacy to our staff and the Finance team.

—Pastor Chris

**What's Happening THIS WEEK**

Come Join Us!



Sunday, 01/05	8:15am 9:30am 9:15-10:30am 10:45am 5:00 - 7:00pm	Worship Sunday School for all ages Coffee & Donuts - Krout Worship HS & MS Youth
Monday, 01/06	1-3:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Food Pantry Cub Scouts Boy Scouts M & M Life Group
Tuesday, 01/07	8:30am 10:30am 6:00pm	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Guys Missing Wives @ Wild Hare
Wednesday, 01/08	8:00am 1-3:00pm 4:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Men's Bible Study Food Pantry Women In the Word Seekers Group Trustees Handbells Chancel Choir
Thursday, 01/09 <b>NEW!</b>	8:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Clay Pots Praise Band Practice <i>Finding God Faithful Bible Study</i>
Friday, 01/10	10 - Noon 6:00pm	Food Pantry Bread N Bowl

**DON'T FORGET**

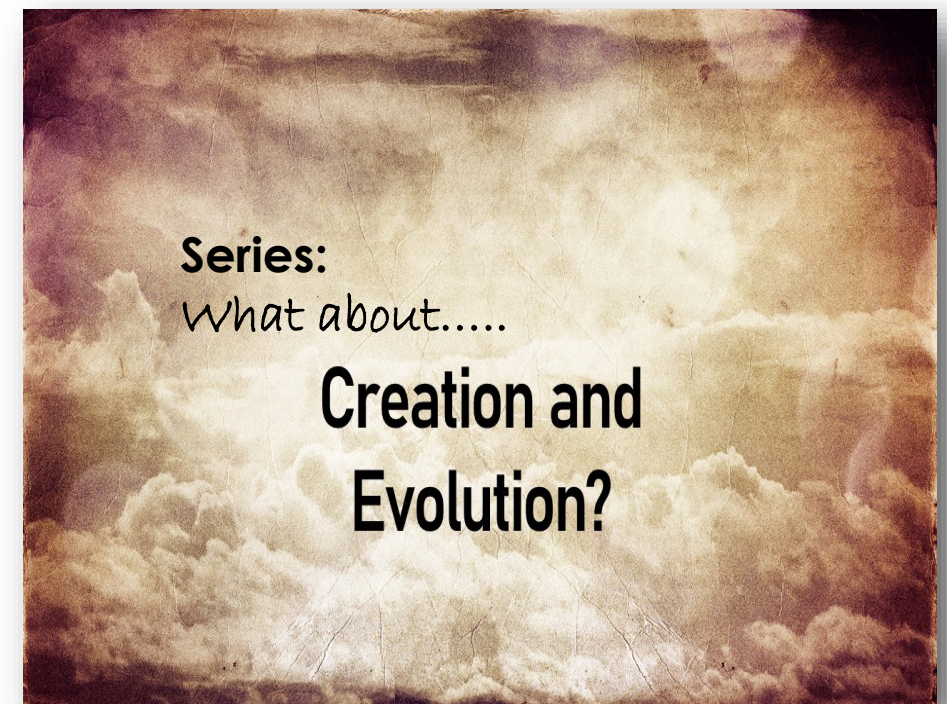
⇒ **Sign up for Picture Directory Portraits!** Jana will be in Krout before and after services to help you. Or you can go on line to sign up. Go to <http://www.vanwertfirst.net/> and follow the link on the right hand side. If you are going to be out of town on January 21 & 22, please contact Jana directly to make other arrangements!

⇒ **Wednesday Night Dinners begin January 15.** As always, we are in need of helpers. Desserts! Clean up! Cooks! Please contact the office or Sherri Arn if you can help.

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Pastor Chris Farmer

**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.**