

8:15 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 19, 2020

The Gathering

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Thomas

*Worship through Praise

Opening Prayer

O Living God, you made the light to shine out of darkness. Thank you for waking us to the dawn of a new day. Receive our praise for your goodness. We ask for your abounding grace as we worship you in spirit and truth. Shape us into the children of the light and season us as salt that never loses its saltiness. Remember your whole Church - our brothers and sisters around the world. Pour out the riches of your mercy on us gathered here, so we may never lose heart in our faith and live to always give praise and honor to your wonderful and holy name. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chat with the Children

Susan Mathew

AWE children dismissed. Preschool - 5th grade.

Worship with Offering

Demond Johnson

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16

Dave Thomas

The Message

Series: What About....

Dillon Staas IV

What About Christian Involvement in Politics?

Prayer Chorus

Moments in Prayer

Pastor Chris

*Closing Song

*Benediction

Pastor Chris

Praise Team Leader: Wayne Wells

Nursery: Christi & Brooklyn Laukhuf Welcome Table: Deb Moser

PRAY

FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS Janet Kreisler - broken femur, Eddie Nichols (relative of Melinda & Chris Farmer) - heart & health issues, Cassie Priest - heart/hospital, Paula Goins - MS, Lois Haller - Cancer, Bella Hurless - rehab, Linda Jeknovorian - health, Matt Krites - ongoing treatment.

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: Ben Scheidt - deployed to Middle East, Caleb Kreisler, Evan Wells, Bryan Zinsmaster, Conner Gordon, Noah Sease, Nick Gutierrez, Gerald Christo-Baker, 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 Lord, You Give the Great Commission M. Burkhardt

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: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight, chosen and precious.

People: We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

People: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

(Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th Century)

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

***Hymn** The Church's One Foundation #545

Sacrament of Baptism

Geffry Calloway B. Gehrich

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Calloway and his family with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his witness and service to others. We will pray for him that he may become a mature disciple of Jesus Christ walking in the way that leads to life.

WORSHIP WITH GENEROSITY

Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings
AWE children dismissed. Kindergarten and up

Offertory Christ is the World's Light arr. R. Hobby

***Offering Response** Bless Thou the Gifts #587

***Prayer of Dedication** Demond Johnson

Choral Anthem Amazing Grace arr. T. Keesecker

To the tune: House of the Rising Sun

WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

Scripture Matthew 5:13-16

Message Series: What About.... Dillon Staas IV

What About Christian Involvement in Politics?

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Concerns and Prayers of the People

Pastor Chris

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer with choral amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

*Hymn

Christ is the World's Light

#188

Vs. 1 - Choir Vs. 2,3,4 - All

His Light into the World

*Choral Benediction

Postlude Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word R. Deasley

*Indicates an Invitation to Stand

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
Acolytes:	Ansley Schwab, Logan Taylor
Sound Engineer:	Ron Allison
Welcome Table:	Eric & Melody McCracken
Nursery:	Marie Duff & Bri Bebout
2-3 year olds:	Sara & Rachel Spath

Briefing on Issues Facing the United Methodist Church

You may be wondering about all the various news releases about a split in the United Methodist Church. Pastor Chris and a few others will be offering an informational gathering **TONIGHT, January 19th at 6:30 PM** in the dining hall about what the United Methodist Church is facing and what that means for us as a local United Methodist Church.

Thank you

I would like to thank each of you for all the wonderful prayers, cards and messages for my recent surgeries and 90th birthday. Thank you to Pastor Chris for the visits along with others. God bless you all!

Dolores Keysor

Altar flowers are needed for the upcoming year.
Please check office door for additional information.

Preschool Art Show & Silent Auction
 February 20 2020
 First United Methodist Church
 Krout Memorial
 5-7:30pm

Save the Date!
 Portrait Sessions:
 January 21 & 22 1:00pm - 8:00pm
 April 14 4:00pm - 9:00pm
 April 15 & 16 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sign up at www.vanwertfirst.net or phone the church office.

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YOUTH MISSION TRIP
 June 7-12, 2020

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What's Happening THIS WEEK
 Come Join Us!

Sunday, 01/19	8:15am 9:30am 9:15-10:30am 10:45am 6:30pm 5:00 - 7:00pm	Worship Sunday School for all ages Coffee & Donuts - Krout Worship Q & A re: UMC issues HS & MS Youth
Monday, 01/20	1-3:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Food Pantry Cub Scouts Boy Scouts M & M Life Group
Tuesday, 01/21	8:30am 10:30am 1-8:00pm 6:00pm	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Directory Pictures Guys Missing Wives @ Wild Hare
Wednesday, 01/22	8:00am 10:00am 1-3:00pm 1-8:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Men's Bible Study On Our Own @ Linda Mechling's Food Pantry Directory Pictures Women In the Word FEAST Meat Loaf, Au Gratin potatoes, Mixed veggies, Hot Dogs, Rolls, Salad & Desserts Seekers Group Handbells Chancel Choir
Thursday, 01/23	8:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Clay Pots Praise Band Practice Finding God Faithful Bible Study Ad Board
Friday, 01/24	10 - Noon 6:00pm	Food Pantry Bread N Bowl

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Desserts & Clean up Crew
 Wednesday night meals begin January 15th
 PLEASE PHONE JANA TO SIGN UP!

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Series:
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Christian Involvement in Politics?

Dillon Staas IV

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.