

## 8:15 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 1, 2020

### The Gathering

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

### Welcome & Announcements

Natasha Breese

### \*Worship through Praise

### Worship with Offering

Pastor Chris

### \*Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:33-46

Natasha Breese

### The Message

Series: **Stories of the Kingdom**

Demond Johnson

*What Will He Do with These Tenants?*

### Communion Invitation

Pastor Chris

Prayer of Consecration The Lord's Prayer Distribution of Elements

### \*Closing Song

### \*Benediction

Pastor Chris

Praise Team Leader: Wayne Wells

Nursery: Peggy Penton & Jamie Burenga Welcome Table: Steve & Cindy DuVall

**FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS** Michele Mendenhall - kidney disease, looking for a kidney donor, Donn Shriver - shoulder, Aaron Pollock - health, Tom Witten - health, Jean Ann Auld - health, Jim Rosendahl (Gloria Wendel's brother in law) - health, Rebecca Strickler - health, Sandra Anderson - Parkinson's, Jim Davis - cancer, Aiden Ellerbrock - rehab, Paula Goins - MS

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, Kyle Spray

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



**0631 Continues....**Everyday, twice a day. What a great Lent spiritual practice! Also, don't forget the Prayer Wall in Krout.

### Breakthrough Prayer

Living God, we boldly ask, remove the blinders from the eyes of those who do not know your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us embrace creative ways to share with others the hope of the Gospel. Equip us to connect with others. Empower us to bear witness to the message of the Cross and the power of resurrecting faith in Christ Jesus. Amen

## 10:45 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Welcome & Announcements

### Voluntary

O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan

J.S. Bach

*We invite you to take this time to pray & prepare yourself for worship.*

### Lighting of Altar Candles

### Choral Introit

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Join me in a spirit of prayer: Help, God - the bottom has fallen out of our lives! Master, hear our cry for help! Listen Hard! Open your ears! Listen to our cries for mercy.

**People: If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you are worshipped.**

Leader: God, may our life be a prayer, always waiting for what you'll say and do. Our life is on the line before You, Lord, waiting and watching till morning.

**People: We wait and watch for You, Living God - for with your arrival comes love and generous redemption. No doubt about it - you buy us back from captivity to sin and into a life of freedom. Thank you for your grace. Amen.**

(Inspired by Psalm 130, The Message)

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

### \*Hymn

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

#569

### WORSHIP WITH GENEROSITY

Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

Communion

L. Vierne

**\*Doxology** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#94

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

### Chancel Choir

I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus

Craig Courtney

### \*Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:33-46

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## WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitational Song

Come and Let Us Sweetly Join

#699

Vs. 3 - Choir Vs. 4 - All

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer

### \*Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#557

### Light into the World

### \*Choral Benediction

The Blessing

L. Larson

**Postlude** Psalm 90:7 We Are Consumed By Thine Anger

L. Groom

\*Indicates an Invitation to Stand

### Participants in 10:45 worship

Lead Pastor:

Chris Farmer

Director of Student & Adult Ministry:

Demond Johnson

Liturgist:

Jeremy Best

Organist:

Gloria Wendel

Choir Director:

Paul Hoverman

Acolytes:

Logan Taylor, Vance Wright

Sound Engineer:

Ron Allison

Projectionist:

Grace Dowler

Welcome Table:

Dave Leiendecker

Nursery:

Melody McCracken

2-3 year olds:

Lisa Johnson & Girls

### A Note from Michele Mendenhall:

*As I am sure you have heard by now, I am suffering from Stage 4 Kidney Disease. I have lost 5% of my function in the last twelve months. I am now at the point where I will either need a kidney transplant or have to go on dialysis within the next year.*

*I would appreciate you asking our church family if anyone is willing to be tested to be my living donor. I need either a type A or O blood type. Positive and negative do not matter. The donor cannot have diabetes, kidney disease, cancer, HIV, uncontrolled high blood pressure, or be a transplant recipient. A donor must be at least 18 and preferably younger than 70. The cost of donating a kidney is covered by my insurance. The donor is in the hospital for three to five days and only experiences minor discomfort. The procedure will most likely take place in Toledo.*

*Who knows? My donor could be sitting next to me at church because GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD.*

*Blessings,*

*Michele Mendenhall*





**PReSchool**  
OPEN HOUSE  
March 3rd  
6:00 to 7:30pm

- Meet the teachers
- Tour the classrooms
- Learn about our curriculum
- Register for the 2020-2021 school year

Can't make it? Call Administrator April Ellerbrock at 419-238-0631 ext. 308 to schedule a private tour or register online at [www.fumpreschool.com](http://www.fumpreschool.com)

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Schedule that will be followed:  
9:30-10:15 Sunday School  
10:30 - 11:30 Worship  
11:45 - lunch for congregation

★ **March 29, 2020**

**YOUTH**  
Ice Skating  
Sunday, March 1, 2020  
3:00pm

MONDAYS  
MARCH 2 - APRIL 6 @ 6:30pm

*Ladies Bible Study*  
**Soul Friends**  
*Contact Teresa Shaffer for more information*



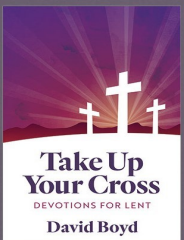
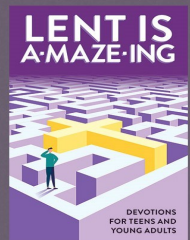
**DID YOU KNOW?**

- ◇ We collected **144 Teddy Bears** on February 16! Thank you.
- ◇ The Preschool made **\$2700 on its Silent Auction and Art Sale**. Thank you.
- ◇ Your **Easter Flower** orders are due March 29. See insert for details.
- ◇ Our **Lent Mission Project** is Festival of Sharing kits. See insert for details.
- ◇ We are looking for a **5th Quarter Coordinator!** Is it you?
- ◇ **Church Directory pictures!** Have you signed up for yours? Go to the website or contact Jana in the office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 03/01	8:15am 9:30am 9:15-10:30am 10:45am 1:30-3:00 3:00pm 3:30pm	Worship—Casual Sunday School for all ages Coffee & Donuts - Krout Worship—Traditional Confirmation HS & MS Youth Ice Skating Choir Rehearsal DC Trip
Monday, 03/02	1-3:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Food Pantry Cub Scouts Soul Friends Boy Scouts M & M Life Group
Tuesday, 03/03	8:30am 10:30am 6-7:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Staff Meeting Prayer Group Preschool Open House Guys Missing Wives @ Hickory Sticks Worship Committee
Wednesday, 03/04	8:00am 9:00am 1-3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Men's Bible Study Cross Over The Hill (Synergy) Food Pantry Women In the Word FEAST Sausage & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Dogs, Salad & Desserts, Rolls Seekers Group Handbells Chancel Choir
Thursday, 03/05	8:00am 4:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Clay Pots Women's Ministry Leadership Praise Band Practice <i>Finding God Faithful</i> Women's Bible Study
Friday, 03/06	10 - Noon 12-12:45pm 6:00pm	Food Pantry Fridays @ First Bread N Bowl

Lent devotion books are located at each entrance.

Feel free to take one for you and a friend.

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March 1, 2020  
The First Sunday in Lent

**What Will He Do with These Tenants?**



**Demond Johnson**

**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 and a complimentary First UMC coffee mug.**