

Thank you for caring for others!
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
 Food Pantry**



**January is
 PASTA Month**

Pastas, sauces, spaghetti,
 macaroni & cheese, rice, noodles
 Please bring in your donations.
 Baskets are located at either entrance.

2023 Flower Calendar
 is available on the
 church office door.



The flowers today are in
 honor of
**Warren Foy's
 Birthday with love from his
 family.**

FAMILY
 ministry

**January 22nd
 Children's Sunday School
 Pajama Party!**

Come dressed
 in your PJs!



Offering Envelopes

1. Pick up a packet of January envelopes across from the office.
2. Put your name and if you know your envelope number. Also the current date.
3. Please tell us where you want your donation allocated: i.e. church budget, building fund, etc.

**ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30AM
 January 29, 2023
 Sunday School at 9:30am
 Student Led service
 followed by Potato Bar**

January Baby Shower -
 Pregnancy Life Center

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:



New or VERY GENTLY used clothes
 sizes newborn to 4T

Place items in the
 Pack & Play by the office.

Tummy Time water mat	Newborn socks	Bouncy chair
Wrist and sock rattles	Bumbo	Boppy
First year baby book	Orajel for teething	Hooded towels
Diaper caddy	A&D ointment	Baby toothbrushes
Breastfeeding starter kit or other supplies		



**Every Wednesday at 5pm
 beginning January 11 thru March 15**

Please phone the office to sign up
 to donate a dessert or
 to clean up the kitchen after the meal.

Sign Up Today!

FIRSTUnited
 methodist **CHURCH**

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**Questions
 People Ask**

January 8, 2023 10:45

Message:
**Why Does God
 Allow Suffering**
Pastor Chris Farmer

Our Vision Statement:
Enlarging the circle of disciples 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, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

10:45AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 8, 2023

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us... We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time... And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:18, 22, 28)

Gathering in God's Name

*indicates please stand if you are able

Welcome Dillon Staas

Voluntary *Faith the Cornerstone* - E. Broughton Scott Turner, organ
Lighting of Altar Candles

Life of the Church

Jody Wannemacher, Executive Director- PLC Clinic

* Call To Worship

Leader: We come to worship our God. He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Choir: *God is Our Refuge*- A. Pote

Leader: My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying all day long, "Where is your God?"

People: **"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? I shall put my hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."**

Choir: God is Our Refuge

Leader: And all God's people said?

People: Amen!

Psalm 46:1-2; Psalm 40:10-11

Hymn: *My Hope is Built* UMH #368 Vs. 1 All, Vs. 2 Choir, Vs. 3, 4 All

Children dismissed to AWE

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: *We Three Kings*-J.H. Hopkings

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

*Prayer of Gratitude

Anthem: *Seek the Lord*- J. Carter taken from Isaiah 55:6-7 Chancel Choir

Worship with the Word

Scripture Lesson *Romans 8:18, 22, 28* Pastor Chris Farmer

Series Questions People Ask

Message *Why Does God Allow Suffering?*

Worship through Reflection

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Bread

***Closing Hymn:** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #557

Sending Into the World

*Spoken Blessing

Postlude: *Praise Him with Trumpets*-T. Kendall

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude, or leave quietly in peace.

KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 10:45

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.

10:45 AWE - AWE is an exciting interactive pursuit of personally knowing God through His Word and embedding all the found treasures into our hearts, minds, and daily lives. This class includes scripture memorization and presentation during service.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer

Organist: Scott Turner

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Liturgist: Dillon Staas

Acolyte: Addie & Johnse Breese

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

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