

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.



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methodist CHURCH

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ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30AM

**January 29, 2023**  
**Sunday School at 9:30am**  
**Student Led service**  
**followed by Potato Bar**

FAMILY  
ministry

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

Come dressed  
in your PJs!



**January 8, 2023 8:15 am**

Message:  
**Why Does God  
Allow Suffering**

**Pastor Chris Farmer**

January Baby Shower -  
Pregnancy Life Center

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

New or VERY GENTLY used clothes  
sizes newborn to 4T



Tummy Time watermat	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 tooth brushes
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!**

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.

# 8:15 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 8, 2023

## PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

"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)

### The Gathering

#### Welcome

John White

#### \*Praise & Worship time

*The Heart of Worship*

Cheri Oechsle

### Life of the Church

Jody Wannemacher, Executive Director- PLC Health Clinic

#### \*Praise & Worship Time

*Graves into Gardens*

### Offering

Prayer of Dedication

\*Scripture: Romans 8:18, 22, 28

Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: Questions People Ask

Sermon: Why Does God Allow Suffering?

Song: *Sanctuary*

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

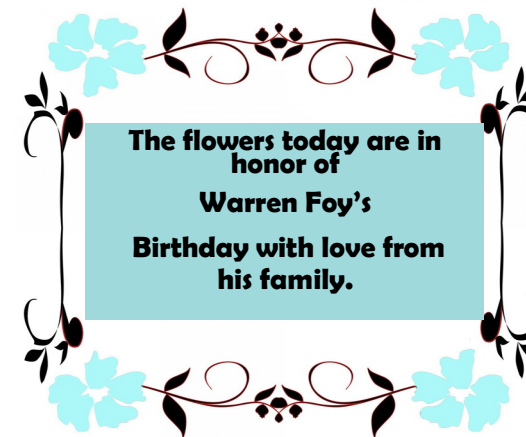
Distribution of the Bread

\*Song of Thanksgiving *God of Wonders*

\*Benediction

## *Offering Envelopes*

1. Pick up a packet of January envelopes in 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.
4. Use the envelope as normal.



### KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 8:15

**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.

**8:15 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.