



The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Peg Dunn by her family.

We invite you to pray for our discernment team as they lead and develop a strategy for First UM to determine her denomination affiliation. Please pray for this team and for wisdom as we navigate through this season of our life together.

Discernment Committee Chairperson: Julie Burenga, *Outreach Representative*; Marty Burchfield, *Administrative Board Chair*; Dillon Staas, *Lay Leader / Lay Delegate*; Judy Loughrie, *Administrative Board Secretary*; Martha Balyeat, *Finance Representative*; Roger Okuley, *Board of Trustee Representative*; Deb Nedderman, *SPRC Representative At-Large* Representatives: Noah Carter, Ruth Ann Dowler, Mary Ann Falk, Demond Johnson, Judy Krites

Staff Representatives: Jana Thompson, Delda McHugh
Appointed Pastor / Staff: Chris Farmer




February 8 Feast meal will be Chicken and Biscuits, Mixed Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, hot dog/bun, chips, salad, drinks and a variety of desserts.

YOUTH
Souper Bowl Soup Fundraiser
BEFORE & AFTER THE SERVICES
February 12th

Donation only

Chicken Noodle Broccoli Cheddar
Potato

Costume Steward Needed
Looking for anyone who would be willing to look through our costumes and wash, dry, iron, and mend those in need.
No rush to get this done immediately. Can take your time!
Contact Cristi Laukhuf if available to help.

Where: 113 W Central Ave. 
What: Parent's Night Out
When: February 18, 2023 **Preschool - 5th Grade**
6:00pm-8:30pm
***must be potty trained *must pre-register**
Registration forms can be found on bulletin board by Cristi's Office.
Deadline to be turned in is February 12th.
We will provide snacks, games, crafts, and a movie.
***PLEASE EAT DINNER BEFORE ARRIVAL!**

- Offering Envelopes**
1. Pick up a packet of February 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.
 4. Use the envelope as normal.

Teddy Bear Sunday
February 19, 2023
Bears should be no more than 12" tall with no child endangerment attachments.
Thank you ~
Women's Ministry team

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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The Shepherd King

February 5, 2023 10:45 am
The Shepherd Knows His Sheep
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, February 5, 2023

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

The Gathering

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Jim Cox

Voluntary: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us* - arr. B. Wolaver

Gloria Wendel

*Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

Leader: He leads beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

People: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,

People: For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

People: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.

People: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*Hymn:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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***OPENING PRAYER:** O great and wonderful Shepherd, we're reluctant to hear your voice and to yield ourselves to the freedom of confession. In shame, we try to hide our wild spirits. Yet we are compelled to fall before you, for there is nothing within us that can bring us peace. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, that by your grace the rebellion we know too well may cease and we may follow Your leading in right paths even through the darkest valley. Thank you for knowing us and calling us into your care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choral Anthem

March of the Wise Men - arr. P. Keveren

Offering

Offertory: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* - arr. H. Hopson

*Doxology: *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson:

John 10:1-6

Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: The Shepherd King

Sermon:

The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

Hymn:

He Leadeth Me

#128 vs. 1

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Bread & Juice

Prayer

Choral Hymn

There is a Fountain Filled With Blood

#622 vs. 3

*Spoken Blessing

Postlude:

The Lord's My Shepherd - arr. J. Innes

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

Pianist: Gloria Wendel

Choir Director: Larry Taylor

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Liturgist: Jim Cox

Acolyte: Dillon Staas

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

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Videographer: Dave Thompson

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer