

Our Altar Flowers this morning
are given in loving memory of
Marlene Follas
by the Dettrow family



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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
May 28 - September 3
ONE SERVICE @ 9:30AM
Join us in-house or online.
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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
*The nursery & AWE
will be available each week.*

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May 14, 2023 10:45 am

We Live for God in Hard Times

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.

We need *your* help!
CREW LEADERS STATION LEADERS
CONTACT CRISTI @ EXT 306

June 5-8
2023

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR
CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS:
use this link to sign up!
vbspro.events/p/fumcstellarvbs

Or visit our website:
vanwertfirst.net/vbs

Vacation Bible School JUNE 5-8 8:30-11:30am
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Thursday
May 23rd 6pm
Dr. Scheidt Room

**CARDBOARD
BOX CITY** Meeting

Everyone welcome
who wants to help!

Food and Supply
Donation Boards
are across from the office!
PLEASE RETURN ITEMS BY JUNE 11

Youth Mission Trip
June 21-28, 2023

High School / Middle School
YOUTH ATTENDING: 13
ADULTS ATTENDING: 8

Dominican Republic

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so we can update your records!
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SEE JODY
FOR UPDATES TO:

- ADDRESSES
- PHONE NUMBERS
- MARITAL STATUS
- BIRTHS, ETC.

10:45 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21, 2023

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in as much as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.” (1 Peter 4:12-13)

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

Voluntary: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Glenda Austin Scott Turner

Welcome: Demond Johnson

***Call to Worship:** Demond Johnson

Leader: We come to worship our God who is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: We lift up our eyes to the mountains—where does our help come from? Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and earth.

ALL: We keep our eyes always on the Lord. With Him at our right hand, we will not be shaken. Psalm 46:1, 121:1; 16:8

***Hymn:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #127

***Opening Prayer:** Demond Johnson

Wonderful and faithful God, you are our light as we walk through this barren land. Your powerful right hand sustains and comforts us amidst the trials of life. Would you please give us strength when we're weak, love when we feel forsaken, courage when we're afraid, wisdom when we feel foolish, comfort when we're alone, hope when we feel rejected, and peace when we're in turmoil? We thank you for hearing and receiving the cries of our hearts. Amen.

Chat with the Children: Ruth Ann Dowler

Children dismissed to AWE

Reception of New Members: Mike and Beth Conn Pastor Chris Farmer

Life in the Church I: Demond Johnson

PRAY FOR OUR KIDS

“Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime. Amen.”

Giving of Tithes & Offerings:

Offertory: *The Power of Your Love* by Geoff Bullock

*Doxology: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

*Prayer of Gratitude:

Demond Johnson

Scott Turner

Scott Turner

Demond Johnson

Recognition of Graduates

Sierra Shaffer & Teresa Shaffer
Carly Bebout, Hunter Burton, Ryleigh Hanicq, Damon McCracken

Choral Anthem: *Praise His Holy Name* - K. Hampton

Worship with the Word

***Scripture Lesson:** I Peter 4:1-2; 12-19 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: **Who We Are**
Sermon: “We Live for God in Hard Times” Pastor Chris Farmer

Worship through Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Jake Wilder, Soloist

Prayer with the People: Pastor Chris Farmer
The Lord’s Prayer

Life in the Church II: Pastor Chris Farmer

Sending Into the World

***Hymn:** *Be Thou My Vision* #451 Vs. 1, 2

***Spoken Blessing:** Pastor Chris Farmer

Postlude: *Etude, Op. 10 no. 7* by Fred Chopin Scott Turner

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

Our 4 high school graduates will be in the back of Krout after each service for you to leave advice, drop a card, or congratulate them.



Participants in Today’s Worship

Lead Pastor: Pastor Chris Farmer

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Pianist: Scott Turner

Acolyte: Ansley Schwab

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

Liturgist: Demond Johnson

Projectionist: Grace Dowler

Sound Technician: Ron Allison

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer

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 fond treasures into our hearts, minds, and daily lives. This class includes scripture memorization and presentation during service.