

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

October 8, 2023

We are glad that you are worshipping at First Methodist Church this morning. Please SIGN AND PASS the attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are visiting with us, we would especially appreciate having your name, address, and phone number because we would like to thank you for being with us.

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Knowing You”
“Jesus Lover of my Soul”

arr. Hayes
arr. Fettke

HANDBELL PRELUDE

PIANO PRELUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Simply Spirituals”
“Largo”
“Abide with us, O Lord Jesus Christ”

arr. Tammy Waldrop
Handel
Marcel Dupre

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has set this day before us,

People: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

Leader: God has set our lives before us,

People: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

Leader: God has set God’s seal upon our hearts,

People: So that we might live fully in deep love.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 15

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

St. Anne

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Joyful Song of Praise”

Joseph Martin

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 122

Pew Bible Page 560

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using sins)

*Our Father; who art in heaven Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Milholland

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN No. 387**

“All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord”

Azmon

(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last verse.)

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary Jo Zubrod

*(After the Moment with Young Disciples, Children may exit to the Covert Room
for the Children’s Church.)*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38 - 42

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MESSAGE

“Family Feud”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 401**

“Jesus, United by Thy Grace”

St. Agnes

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

arr. Keveren

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“March in G”

John Dixon

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC for the 10:00 AM service today is provided by the Chancel Choir and Peals of Praise Handbells. The pianists are Mark Nelson, Cathy Peterson, and Kristine Peterson. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

LITURGIST today is Mary Jo Zubrod.

ACOLYTES today are Grady Corey and Ashlynn Zawacki.

USHERS today are Rusty Blodgett, Jim Reynolds, Larry Sutton, Ron Casteel, Tom Lobdell, and Dottie Lobdell.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of deceased members, given by The Allen Class.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Karen Yourchisin, 701 Rouse Ave., Room 108A, Youngsville, PA 16371 - Please consider sending her a card.

IN SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to Jason Wood, whose grandmother, Elaine Wood, passed away October 5, 2023.

MANY THANKS ~ Last week, our Altar was decorated with fabrics of the world and different types of bread. The display reminded us of the diversity and beauty of the world in which we live. We want to thank everyone who helped create this display, with special thanks to Nettie Swart for baking all the bread (Challah, Portuguese Lemon, Pumpnickel, and White) used in our communion worship.

DID YOU KNOW?.... October is Pastor Appreciation Month. ~ How about a personal note or card, or stop our three pastors at church or in our community to say how you appreciate their ministry with worship, programs, studies, visits, and more. Pastors Dr. Mark Hecht, Bud Fickley, and Mike Rutenber bless our daily lives and lead our church. From *Staff Parish Relations Committee*.

COOKIES FOR FALL FEST ~ We are looking for volunteers to each make a couple of dozen cookies for the Fall Fest. You can sign up on the bulletin board across from the office, under Fall Fest Food Table. Just let us know how many you can donate. Thanks!

EPWORTH BELLRINGERS ~ The Epworth Bellringers has an opening for a bell ringer. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. If interested, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

DIVORCE CARE ~ The DivorceCare program will begin a new session on November 2nd, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Covert Room. DivorceCare offers support, answers, and practical tools to help you manage the many stresses of separation and divorce and find healing. Flyers are available on the bulletin board across from the office.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS ~ We need volunteers for Children's Church. If you are interested in this ministry, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.

UNPACKING A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS ~ Rev. Mark Hecht (Presiding Elder) and Rev. Janet Lord (AWAC Conference Secretary) have collaborated on a book of 25 stories and songs designed to help you not only remember those cherished times but also to help you focus on creating new traditions for the next generation. Each chapter includes a Scripture passage, a story, and a link to a piano arrangement of a Christmas carol that Janet has recorded over the past few years. It is useful for individual devotional time, sermon illustrations, or even small group discussion groups. Both this Devotional and Rev. Hecht's first book, "Family, Friends, and Faith," are available in the church office.

NEW MEMBER CLASS ~ New Members will be received in worship on Sunday, November 12. Classes for new members will take place from 11:15-12:30 on the following Sundays: October 8, 15, 22, and November 5. Topics include Our Wesleyan Heritage, Spiritual Gifts/Fruits of the Spirit, Grace and the Sacraments, and Life in the Local Church. Reverend Hecht and Tawni Betts will lead the classes. Please let the church office know at byoung@firstmwarren.org if you will be attending.

FALL FEST ~ Have you ever wondered if scarecrows are real? Here's your chance to find out – our Fall Fest celebration will be on Sunday, October 29th, immediately following the 10:00AM service. This truly is an event that offers something for everyone. There will be refreshments, games, crafts, and a relay race you won't want to miss! Volunteers are always welcome – if you are interested in helping out, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office, or contact Mary Jo Zubrod at 814-779-1448.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
October 8, 2023 – October 14, 2023**

SUNDAY

**8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
8:45 AM Class Meetings Study; Parlor A
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:30 AM New Member Class; Covert Room
1:00 PM Baby Shower for Hannah Ketzko; Founder's Hall**

MONDAY

**6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability; Covert Room
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
4:15 PM Hospitality Committee Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 PM Silver Winds; Sanctuary
7:00 PM The Truth Project Study; Covert Room**

TUESDAY

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
9:30 AM Protestant Church History; Covert Room
1:00 PM Blue Stocking Meeting; Covert Room
1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
6:00 PM Protestant Church History, Covert Room**

WEDNESDAY

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
3:10 PM LOGOS; Founder's Hall**

THURSDAY

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic; Founder's Hall**

FRIDAY

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall**

First Methodist Church

FALL *Fest*

October 29, 2023

Located in the Side Yard

Following

the

10:00 AM worship service

Refreshments

Food

Crafts

...And a Relay

Race you won't

want to miss!

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outside the office, or contact
Mary Jo Zubrod at 814-779-1448.*

**In the event of rain, the event will
take place in the gym.**

Chip Richter

Award Winning
Children's Singer-Songwriter

October 15, 2023

Following the 10:00 AM Service

**Imagination
Inspiration
Creativity**

"Chip's gentle spirit, pleasant and winsome style finds an unmistakable connection with family audiences."

– Parent Magazine

A Concert for Kids and Families!

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