

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

October 1, 2023

World Communion Day

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)

“Marvelous Grace”
“We Remember You”

arr. Fettke
arr. Tornquist

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“In Holy Communion”
“Prelude on Holy Manna”
“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Gilbert Martin
arr. Mary McDonald
Jason Krug

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance,

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 19

“This is My Father’s World”

Terra Beata

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“He’s Got the Whole World”

arr. Jill Gallina

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 16

Pew Bible Pages 485 - 486

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.*

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. 418**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Bud Fickley

*(After the Preschool Blessing, children may exit to the Covert Room
for the Children’s Church.)*

PRESCHOOL BLESSING

Gracious Father, we pray for the Creative Preschool. We pray for the teachers and the young persons who fill the rooms. We ask for patience and understanding, for cooperation, and for hearts open and excited about sharing knowledge. We pray for the families who send their children to the Creative Preschool and ask that you would fill their hearts and their homes. We’re grateful that you love and care for children and pray that you watch over these young people in the coming year. Keep them safe from harm, encourage their inquisitive spirits, and tear down the walls of their minds so that their creative spirit, made in your image, might be set free. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

“Luke 22:14 - 23”

Pew Bible Pages 960 - 961

MESSAGE

“What’s for Dinner?”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 124**

“My Jesus, My Savior”

Shout to the Lord

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

arr. Tornquist

(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE

"Processional"

G.F. Handel

(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, Epworth Bellringers, Chancel Choir, and the Wesleyans. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

LITURGIST today is Kayla Giambrone.

ACOLYTES today are Abby McCord and Madalyn Nobles.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Pauline and Myron Rapp & Hazel and Richard Giegerich, given by Tom and Elsie Giegerich.

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

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, October 4, at 1:00 PM in the Covert Room. Come and share all the books you have been reading!

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.

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP ~ The Tuesday Study Group will join Rev. Hecht's class on Church History Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We invite all members of the Study Group to join Rev. Hecht's class. When this study is completed, we will resume our usual meeting time of 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Covert Room.

SHOWER FOR BABY KETZKO ~ All women in the church are invited to join us on Sunday, October 8, at 1:00 PM in Founders Hall to shower Hannah Ketzko as she prepares for the birth of a little girl, Xyla Mae. Lunch and dessert will be served. Please RSVP to Heidi Ketzko at 814-723-4930 Ext. 3 or hketzko@firstmwarren.org.

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 are in need of 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.

FALL FEST ~ We will have a Fall Fest with food, games, and crafts in the side yard following the 10:00 AM worship on October 29th. If you would like to help with this event, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.

MOMS OF MINIS ~ You are invited to join our first meeting of the year! M.o.M.s is a community oriented ministry of First Methodist Church designed to help moms with young children find friendship and support through regular gatherings that include food, fellowship, and faith. The first meeting will take place Wednesday, October 4, at 8:45 AM at the First Methodist Church in the Covert Room. Each gathering is an opportunity for moms of kids, kindergarten age and younger, to support one another, grow in their faith, and find friends in similar stages of life. Childcare is available for children not in school, but a reservation is required. For more information, to reserve childcare, or to get connected, contact Grace Fickley at MOMS.FMWarren@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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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**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
October 1, 2023 – October 7, 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**

MONDAY

**6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability; Covert Room
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall
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
11:15 AM Nomination Committee; Parlors
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
6:00 PM Protestant Church History, Covert Room
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary**

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
8:45 AM Moms of Minis; Covert Room
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
3:10 PM LOGOS; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room**

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
5:30 PM SPRC Meeting; Parlors
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**