

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

August 4, 2024

Welcome to First Methodist Church.

Please use the Music of Preparation as an opportunity to prepare your hearts for worship. 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.

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

“As the Deer”
“Let Us Break Bread Together”
“And Can It Be”

arr. Bock
arr. Keveren
arr. Hayes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

People: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

Leader: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

People: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

People: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

*HYMN No. 434

“Standing on the Promises”

Promises

NEW TESTAMENT READING “1 John 4:7–16”

Pew Bible Page 969

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wade In the Water”

arr. Stephen Decesare

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 MUSIC “How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

Townsend

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children's Message after the offertory prayer.)

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary Jo Zubrod

SCRIPTURE

“Luke 19:1—10”

Pew Bible Pages 956 –957

MESSAGE

“We Believe in the Sacraments. . .”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 411**

“Here, O My Lord, I See thee”

Penitential

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE

“This Is the Day”

arr. Bock

***Indicates Please Stand if Able**

SPECIAL MUSIC today is presented by our Chancel Gentlemen. Many thanks to Norm, Doug, Mark, Bruce, Gregg, and Chad for sharing their time and talent.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by the Crary Family Flower Fund.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Pat Harpster, 809 Chase Dr., Warren, PA 16365. Please consider sending her a card.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ We will be sharing a series over the summer months highlighting key aspects of “The Catechism of the Global Methodist Church.” following worship each week, Rev. Hecht will be available in the Covert Room to meet with and answer questions you may have regarding the points of doctrine being shared that day. Please consider committing to participating in this worship and study experience.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC ~ This afternoon, the All Church Picnic will take place from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM at the Brokenstraw Valley Swimming Pool on Thatchers Lane in Youngsville.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP ~ There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those interested in providing snacks and/or goodies for our Sunday fellowship time.

KITCHEN HELP ~ The Monday Nite Meal Ministry is looking for extra help in the kitchen. If you feel a calling to assist with the Monday Nite Meals, please contact John Swart at 814-757-5716 or Heidi Ketzko at hketzko@firstmwarren.org.

NEEDED ~ We are in need of additional acolytes to help lead worship services starting in September. If you are a youth going into grade 4 or older and you’re willing to join the acolyte team, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Sermon Series September 8th through the week of November 24th.

Over the course of the past three years, the First Methodist Church has made significant efforts to refocus on how to be a church in this 21st century secularized world. It began with a season of working with “About Face Ministries” several years ago, which helped us to name some areas of focus in our community. We have also been reminded of the importance of being a Matthew 25 church that is called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned. This has led to the addition of significant new ministries in the church’s life and the refocus of some of our long-term ministries. And we already have several additional ministry and care opportunities planned to begin this fall!

We are now ready to take the next necessary steps to become the church God intends for us to be. This fall we, as a congregation, will participate in a twelve week emphasis entitled “Christian to the Core”. **Christian to the Core is a journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God’s greater purposes for your life.**

We will explore the **CORE VALUES** of the most vibrant and dynamic Christians in the world. We will spend time growing and learning more about each of the following.

INTIMACY WITH GOD

FAMILY PRIORITIES

PASSION FOR THE HARVEST

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

EVANGELISM

INTEGRITY

This will be done through our Sunday Worship Service Messages and more importantly, a twelve week study opportunity where each Sunday’s message will be addressed in greater depth and detail. It is our goal to get as many persons as possible to participate in these ONE HOUR studies. At the present time we have set aside two optional times to meet for our study opportunities.

Monday Evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 (Beginning September 9)

Tuesday Afternoon from 12:30-1:30 (Beginning September 10)

If more times are needed for meetings, we will gladly add them as well. Everyone is encouraged to consider committing one hour a week to this next step for our congregation.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office or you can also call the church office at 814-723-4930. We are asking that you sign-up for this study by the 18th of August, in order for us to have enough books for all those participating in this course. Books for this study will be available in the church office.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

August 4, 2024 - August 10, 2024

SUNDAY **9:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Sanctuary**
10:30 AM Community Service; Struthers Library Theatre
6:00 PM All Church Picnic: Brokenstraw Valley Pool

MONDAY **6:45 AM Christian Men’s Group; Covert Room**
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM—4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
4:30 PM Monday Night Meal—Team A; Founder’s Hall

TUESDAY **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**

WEDNESDAY **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark’s Office
6:00 PM Meeting; Covert Room

THURSDAY **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**
4:15 PM Program Committee Meeting; Covert Room

FRIDAY **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**
9:00 PM - 12:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder’s Hall

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht		
Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber		
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson		
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg		
Pianist	Cathy Peterson		
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone		
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young		
Coordinator of Community Programs	Heidi Ketzko		
Custodian	Bob Confer		
Acolytes	Grace Carr and Caroline Curren		
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