

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

January 21, 2024

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)

“Be Thou My Vision”
“How Great is Our God/Praise to the Lord”

arr. Hayes
arr. Tornquist

ORGAN PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”
“Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee”

Jessie S. Irvine
arr. Betty Shepherd

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Lord, and be one with us. Open our hearts to receive your love.

People: **Come now, Lord, and pour your love into our lives once more.**

Leader: Come, Lord, and be one with us. Open our eyes to see your glory.

People: **Come now, Lord, for we are waiting to see your face.**

Leader: Come, Lord, and be one with us. Open our minds to understand your grace.

People: **Come now, Lord, for we want to experience all the blessings you want to give us.**

ALL: **Come now, Lord. We are waiting and watching and listening. We are ready to encounter your glory and seek your will for our lives. Come, Lord, Come! Amen.**

*HYMN No. 88

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Beecher

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Melodies of Love”

arr. Joseph Martin

NEW TESTAMENT READING “Matthew 11:25 - 30”

Pew Bible Pages 887 - 888

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

“I Will Be With You”

Joel Raney

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. 334**

“Trust and Obey”

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Bud Fickley

SCRIPTURE

“2 Kings 5:1 - 14”

Pew Bible Page 332

MESSAGE

“Follow the Directions”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 116**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Converse

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Lord, Reign in Me”

arr. Tornquist

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Rigaudon”

Andre Campra

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist and pianist Michele Sandberg, the Chancel Choir, and the Madrigals. The Carillon is played by Nettie Swart. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

LITURGIST today is Mary Schall.

ACOLYTES today are Charlotte Andersen and Caroline Curren.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Raymond Nelson, Grandma Betty and Lucy Nelson, given by Carla and Nick Johnson & Seth and Amanda.

USHERS today are George Lilja, Michael Giambrone, Nicholas Giambrone, Henry Dahl, and Morrie Kintner.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Shirley Witherell, 418 East Street, Warren, PA 16365. Please consider sending her a card.

WINTER LUNCH FELLOWSHIP ~ Our Hospitality ministry will host a Winter Lunch Fellowship on January 28th, February 25th, and March 17th. These lunches will take place immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service.

VALENTINES FOR SHUT-INS ~ We welcome you to make hand-made Valentines to share with the residents of local nursing homes as well as our shut-ins. The Valentines will be delivered on February 11, 2024. If you are in need of supplies, please see Heidi or email her at hketzko@firstmwarren.org. Please consider joining us in this wonderful ministry.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ~ Throughout the year, we will continue to collect items to pack shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. A list of items we are collecting is on the bulletin board across from the main office. Please mark your items for the Shoebox ministry and deliver them to the Visitation Pastor's office across from the main church office. The cost of Operation Christmas Child, which includes processing, transportation, etc., is \$9.00. Monies can be turned into the office or put into the collection plate. If it's in the form of a check, please mark OCC shoebox in the memo line. **Reminder: Please DO NOT** include the following items: Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans. What a wonderful way to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a needy child in another country. Your help is greatly appreciated.

CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA ~ Chancel Choir is beginning rehearsals for a cantata, "Come to the Cross and Remember" by Pepper Choplin, which will be shared on Palm Sunday, March 24th. If you would like to join the Chancel Choir for this, please call Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238. Christ's journey to the cross is filled with images that serve as vivid reminders of His sacrificial love for us. During this cantata, symbols of the palms, the bread and cup, flowers, thirty silver coins, a robe and crown, nails, and the shroud will reinforce the week leading from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER ~ Make sure to mark your calendars! The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM in Founder's Hall. Donations for this dinner are accepted, and Take-Outs are available. All donations to benefit Emory Himes.

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ Mark your calendars for the Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 6:00 PM in the Crary Chapel.

WEDNESDAY SOUP AND STUDY "Signs" ~ How can I follow the signs that lead to God's will? The road to God's will is marked with signposts to direct us. During this six week study you will be challenged to recognize those signposts and encouraged to follow. Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM, starting on February 21st and continuing until March 27th. Soup will be served, starting at 5:15 PM. A sign-up sheet for attendance is on the bulletin board across from the office. There' is also a sign-up sheet for those who would like to make soup for the soup and study.



First Methodist Church
200 Market Street
Warren, PA 16365

Guest Speaker

Jonie Smitley

Registered Nurse, EMT and Firefighter

Serves as an International Disaster Relief Nurse and Chaplain with Samaritan's Purse where she has ministered in an emergency field hospitals in war zones in the Middle East and Europe, Asia and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

When not deployed she works for Warren County as the Emergency Management Specialist, Pandemic Consultant and Infectious Disease Nurse. She also serves as the advisor to the Warren County Ukrainian Refugee Initiative.

Her passion is to see people come to know the Lord so closely that they would follow Him no matter where He would lead them and that their love for Him would drive out the fear that the enemy tries to use to keep them from receiving the greatest blessings they've ever known.



Mission Moment **First Methodist Church**

Sunday February 11, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Worship Services

A lunch in the Covert Room will follow the 10:00 AM service, where Jonie will give a presentation.



A sign-up sheet for the lunch and presentation is located on the bulletin board across from the office.

WEDNESDAY SOUP AND STUDY

“SIGNS”

FEBRUARY 21ST - MARCH 27TH

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

SOUP SERVED STARTING AT 5:15 PM

How can I follow the signs that lead to God’s will?

The road to God’s will is marked with signposts to direct us.

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February 21 st Theme: Christ as Lord	“Yield”	Romans 12:1-2
February 28 th Theme: A Study on Prayer	“Wi-Fi”	Hebrews 8
March 6 th Theme: The Illumination of Scripture	“Turn On Headlights”	2 Peter 3:11 -14
March 13 th Theme: Seeking God’s Will	“Information”	2 Chronicles 10:1 - 11
March 20 th Theme: Counting the Cost	“Weigh Station”	Luke 14:28
March 27 th Theme: Doing What is Right	“Detour”	Numbers 22

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

January 21, 2024 - January 27, 2024

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:00 AM Class Meeting; Parlors
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:15 AM Confirmation Class; Everts Room

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

TUESDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:00 PM Warren High School Soccer; Gym
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary

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8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
6:00 PM Youth Group; Everts Room
6:30 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
5:00 PM 4th Grade Soccer; Gym
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

1:00 PM Private Event; Covert Room and Parlors