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COME *to the* CROSS  
*and*  
REMEMBER



Pepper Choplin

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## March 24, 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** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” arr. Mark Hayes  
“All Glory, Laud and Honor” arr. G.F. Kaufmann  
“Festive Prelude on “Truro” M. McDonald

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we are at our lowest, God, we cry out to you, Lord; we know you hear us.

**People: Let your ears, Lord, be attentive to the cry for mercy by your people. We long for justice and grace.**

Leader: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could dare come before you with our troubles?

**People: However, with you, there is forgiveness. Now, we can, with reverence, serve you.**

Leader: We wait for the Lord, our whole selves longing for redemption. In your trustworthiness, we place our hope.

**People: The dark night of our longing is nearly over, and we wait expectantly for the dawn.**

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love!

**People: With you, God, your people experience freedom and redemption. You have unshackled us from all that bound us to sin! Praise be to God!**

\*HYMN No. 228 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” St. Theodulph

### WELCOME

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 21:1 - 11 Pew Bible Page 898

### 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 “Hosanna” arr. Labenske

## **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\*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

### **A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Dee Dee Tucker

\***HYMN No. 227**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Ellacombe

**CANTATA**

“Come to the Cross and Remember”

Pepper Chopin

**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

**POSTLUDE**

“All Hail King Jesus”

arr. F. Bock

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist and pianist Michele Sandberg, Chancel Choir, and percussionist David Dorn. The solo is sung by Melissa McCracken and the duet is sung by Patty Hannold and Hope Punsky. The Narrator is George Lilja. Holden Demers is placing the symbols at the Cross. Cathy and Kristine Peterson are providing the offertory piano duet.

**ACOLYTES** today are Ashlynn Zawacki and Aiden Zawacki.

**USHERS** today are Team 4— Rusty Blodgett, Jim Reynolds, Larry Sutton, Ron Casteel, Tom Lobdell, and Bob White.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Chester Devereaux, given by Cheri Devereaux.

**PEDESTAL FLOWERS** today are given in loving memory of Ralph Ord, given by Lynn Ord.

**PEDESTAL FLOWERS** are also given today in loving memory of James A. Sherrife, given by Barbara Young.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Ed and Marilyn Derby, 615 Rouse Ave., Room 112, Youngsville, PA 16371. Please consider sending them a card.

**IN SYMPATHY** ~ We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of Joyce Mangini who passed away on March 19, 2024.



**Come join the fun**

**2024**

# *Lenten Fair*

**Directly Following Today's  
10:00 AM Worship Service!**

**Founders Hall  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**Many activities & crafts are planned  
as well as a Special Activity!**



**Pretzel Making**



**Seed Planting**



**Egg Dying**



**Cookie Decorating**



**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Come enjoy the fellowship, refreshments and fun.**



# *Guide To Holy Week*



## *Maundy Thursday*

March 28, 2024

7:30 PM Worship Service; Crary Chapel

Commemorates the Last Supper.



## *Good Friday*

March 29, 2024

7:30 PM Community Worship Service; Main Sanctuary

Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified.



## *Holy Saturday*

March 30, 2024

7:30 PM Worship Service; Crary Chapel

Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. A day of somber reflection.



## *Easter Sunday*

March 31, 2024

8:00 AM Worship Service; Crary Chapel

10:00 AM Worship Service; Main Sanctuary

Hallelujah! Christ has risen!

## **CHOSEN UPDATE!**

Several months ago we announced that “Chosen,” an Erie based, community-oriented organization that provides “Durable Home Healthcare Items” to those in need, desired to partner with First Methodist Church.

This organization receives gently used equipment and new supply items such as wheelchairs, walkers, transfer benches, shower chairs, bed canes, and unexpired diabetic supplies and makes them available to the public at NO COST. Hundreds of items are distributed each month from their Erie ministry location.

It was recently noted that a significant number of individuals making use of this ministry were coming from the Warren area. We have committed to be a drop off site for items that can then be sent to Erie for servicing and then be distributed again at a later date. More importantly, we will now be a pick up site where individuals from the Warren area can come to receive assistance!

In our ongoing efforts to fulfill the directives of Matthew 25 (caring for the sick), First Methodist Church has committed to partner with Chosen in this ministry in order to better assist and benefit our community.

Our weekly schedule will be as follows:

Mondays	1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Wednesdays	1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Fridays	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Our first official day of operation will be Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>!**

As we will be using our church garage as a pick up and drop off site, ***we are in need of two volunteers each day to help distribute medical items from our church garage.***

Please consider helping with this vital ministry opportunity. A sign-up sheet can be found across from the church office or you can talk with Dr. Hecht directly.

A training session for volunteers will be held on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**LENTEN FAIR** ~ Join us after today's 10:00 AM service for a Lenten Fair in Founder's Hall. This event is designed for everyone and offers a variety of activities and crafts, such as pretzel making, seed planting, egg dying, cookie decorating, an Easter egg hunt, and a surprise "special activity." Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and fun!

**BOY SCOUTS** ~ In support of the Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA's four-day Cub Scouts camp this June 13th—June 16th, we are asking for paper plates, napkins, forks, ketchup, and mayonnaise donations. A collection box for donated items is located by the nursery. Thank you for your support.

**EVENING OF PRAYER AND PRAISE** ~ We invite you to join Rev. Bud Fickley and the prayer ministry of First Methodist Church for an evening of prayer and praise on Sunday, April 14th, at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The evening will feature a blend of corporate and personal prayer, scripture reading, intercessory prayer, and uplifting music by talented members of our congregation. Come, lift your voices to God as we hold each other, our community, and our world before God in prayer.

**SCHOLARSHIP** ~ Applications for The Mary F. & Melvin G. Keller Scholarship of The First Methodist Higher Education Fund for the 2024—2025 school year are being accepted until April 30, 2024. Applications can be picked up in the office or online at [www.firstmwarren.org](http://www.firstmwarren.org).

**RUMMAGE SALE** ~ The dates for the Annual Rummage Sale are April 26th and April 27th. Put these dates on your calendar as you begin your Spring Cleaning. Special note: NO ITEMS WILL BE RECEIVED BEFORE APRIL 15th.

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR TORNADO RELIEF** ~ The Indian Lake region of the Allegheny West Conference in Western Ohio was devastated by tornadoes in the early hours of Friday, March 15. While the immediate needs are being cared for by state and national relief organizations, we anticipate the need for support to grow in the coming weeks. This Easter, all offerings will be dedicated to the relief efforts. Your generous gifts will be used to assist local disaster responders in Western Ohio, ensuring needs are met even after state and national responders withdraw.

**HOLIDAY HOT MEALS** ~ The Holiday Hot Meals program is still in need of volunteers for their Easter deliveries. If you are available to help this year, please contact Rev. George Mason 814-233-4367 or [rev.geo.mason@gmail.com](mailto:rev.geo.mason@gmail.com). Meals will be delivered next Saturday. If you volunteered and have not been contacted by Thursday, please call 814-233-4367. We also ask that you pray for the those preparing and delivering the meals.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** ~ There will be no Church Council meeting for the month of March. The next Church Council meeting will take place on April 22nd at 6:30 PM in the Covert Room.

**GOOD FRIDAY CHILDCARE** ~ Childcare will be provided for the Community Good Friday Service at 7:30 PM on March 29th.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 24, 2024 – March 30, 2024

## SUNDAY

**Palm 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**

**11:00 AM Lenten Fair; Founder's Hall**

## MONDAY

**6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group**

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

**4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal - Team C; Founder's Hall**

**6:30 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**

**1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B**

**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**

## WEDNESDAY

**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**

**5:15 PM Soup and Study Group; Covert 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**

**7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service; Crary Chapel**

## FRIDAY

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**

**12:00 PM Senior Citizen Lunch; Founder's Hall**

**7:30 PM Community Good Friday Service; Sanctuary**

## SATURDAY

**7:30 PM Holy Saturday Service; Crary Chapel**