

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## March 17, 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** “Amazing Love/What Wondrous Love” arr. Tornquist  
(8:00 AM) “Mighty to Save/Jesus Saves”

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION** “Prelude in E minor” J.S. Bach  
(10:00 AM) “Chaconne” Louis Couperin  
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Hopson  
“Ah Holy Jesus” arr. Arnold Sherman

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**People: We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

Leader: Come together and wait for God.

**People: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

Leader: Surely God’s presence is here with us now.

**People: We wait in hope, for God’s steadfast love lists our hearts.**

Leader: Come, worship the Lord.

**People: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

**\*HYMN No. 62** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Marion

### **WELCOME**

**ANTHEM** “Without His Cross” Joseph Martin

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** “Deuteronomy 6:4 - 9, 20 - 24” Pew Bible Pages 162 - 163

### **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** “Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs” Handel

## **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. 316**

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Holiness

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

**A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Mary Jo Zubrod

**SCRIPTURE**

“Luke 10:28—42”

Pew Bible Page 946

**MESSAGE**

“Shifting Our Focus”

Rev. Bud Fickley

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN No. 586**

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

Hendon

**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

**POSTLUDE**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

arr. Bober

(8:00 AM)

**POSTLUDE**

“An Irish Blessing”

James Mansfield

(10:00 AM)

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, pianist Ruth Nelson, and the Chancel Choir. Cathy Peterson will be the pianist at 8:00 AM.

**LITURGIST** today is Bruce Parker.

**ACOLYTES** today are Anna McCord and Abby McCord.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Marcy Kay and Milton & Eloise Kay, given by Tracy Brieger.

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

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Joyce O'Connor, 615 Rouse Ave., Room 113, Youngsville, PA 16371. Please consider sending her a card.

**WINTER LUNCH FELLOWSHIP** ~ Today, following the 10:00 AM worship service, our Hospitality Ministry will host a Winter Lunch Fellowship in Founder's Hall. All are welcome to come and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

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

**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. The class will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM 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.

**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 include corporate and personal prayer, scripture reading, intercessory prayer, and music by members of our congregation. Come lift your voices to God as we hold each other, our community, and our world before God in prayer.

**FRIDAY SENIOR LUNCH** ~ The number of people attending the Friday Senior Lunch has increased considerably and additional help is needed. If you are interested in this ministry and could serve on a team 1 or 2 Fridays a month, please contact the office (814-723-4930) and someone will get back to you.

**HOLIDAY HOT MEALS** ~ Final plans for the Easter Hot Meal are in the works. Please volunteer today by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board, or call/text 914-233-4367 and leave your name, phone number, email address, and what your volunteer interest is. If you have an elderly friend, couple, or shut-in who may be alone at Easter and who you feel would be blessed by a meal, please call with information including the person's name, address, phone number, and contact information for follow-up if needed. Call or text by 8:00 PM on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this ministry and those helping with it in your prayers.

**LENTEN FAIR** ~ Directly following the 10:00 AM worship next week on March 24th, Palm Sunday, we will have a Lenten Fair in Founder's Hall. This event is for everyone to enjoy with activities and crafts to include pretzel making, seed planting, egg dying, cookie decorating, an Easter egg hunt, as well as a "special activity." Come enjoy the fellowship, refreshments and fun!

**SCHOLARSHIP** ~ Applications for The Mary F. & Melvin G. Keller Scholarship of the 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 by going online to [www.firstmwarren.org](http://www.firstmwarren.org).

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## March 17, 2024 - March 23, 2024

### SUNDAY

**Blue Bag Collection**  
**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 Hospitality Winter Lunch; 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 B; Founder's Hall**  
**6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Everts Room**  
**6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Covert Room**  
**6:30 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir; 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**  
**5:00 PM Madrigals; Music Room**  
**6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary**

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**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**8:45 AM Mom's of Minis; Covert Room**  
**1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Rev. Hecht's Office**  
**5:15 PM Soup and Study Group; Covert Room**  
**5:15 Finance Meeting; Parlor A**  
**6:00 PM Youth Group; Everts Room**  
**6:00 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**

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

**Allegheny West Provisional Conference; Reynoldsburg**