

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## August 20, 2023

### PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Trust and Obey”  
“I Can Only Imagine”

arr. Dalton

arr. Bober

### PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.**

### \*HYMN No. 155

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Diadem

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are pulled in many directions.

**People: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.**

Leader: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

**People: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.**

Leader: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

**People: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Down to the River to Pray”

arr. Ken Medema

### A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### 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

“Faithfulness”

arr. Joel Raney

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

#### \*Doxology No. 95

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.

Pew Hymnal Page 95

#### \*Offertory Prayer

**\*Hymn No. 571**

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

Lancashire

**SCRIPTURE**

“Joshua 18:1-7”

Pew Bible Page 207

**MESSAGE**

“Don’t Stop Short”

Rev. Bud Fickley

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(8:00 AM)

**\*HYMN No. 591**

“Rescue the Perishing”

**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

**POSTLUDE**

(8:00 AM)

“Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Bach

**POSTLUDE**

(10:00 AM)

“Festival Postlude”

Domenico Zipoli

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by pianist Ruth Nelson and a trio of Heidi Ketzko, Patty Hannold, and Hope Punsky. Caroline Curren is playing the carillon today. Cathy Peterson is the pianist at the 8:00 AM service. We thank them for sharing their talents.

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER:** God, pour out your Spirit to empower us to listen to new ideas to equip your disciples. As we seek to do your will in this changing world, work through us to seek and to save the lost. AMEN.

**LITURGIST** today is Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht.

**ACOLYTE** today is Grace Carr.

**USHERS** today are George Lilja, Mike Giambrone, Nick Giambrone, Henry Dahl, and Morrie Kintner.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Anne Simmons, given by Bill & Patty Hannold and Phil Simmons.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Jane Culver, 615 Rouse Ave, Room 149, Youngsville, PA 16371. - Please consider sending her a card.

**MINISTRY FAIR** ~ A Fall Ministry Fair will occur on Sunday, September 10th, following the 10:00 AM worship service. We welcome you to join us in the parlors for cookies and punch, as well as displays by our many ministries, discipleship opportunities, and fellowship groups.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** ~ Confirmation classes will meet this fall from 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM on designated Sundays. A parent’s meeting will be in Parlor B on September 17th, directly following the 10:00 AM Sunday service. The first confirmation class will be held on September 24th. This class is intended for those in 9th grade or older. For more information, please get in touch with the church office at 814-723-4930. A sign- up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT ~**

**WANTED: PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO SING!!!**

**WHAT:** Chancel Choir

**WHEN:** Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to approximately 7:30

**WHERE:** Music Room at First Methodist Church, 200 Market Street, Warren

**DETAILS:** No auditions are required. You will not be expected to sing a solo. Contact Ruth Nelson (814-688-8238) or Micky Sandberg (716-969-7953) for more information. The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Picnic supper at 5:15 PM.

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**CLASS MEETINGS** ~ “...But the most profitable exercise of any is a free inquiry into the state of the heart”. Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke ~ An opportunity to grow our faith will be offered through a return to the Wesleyan tradition of class meetings. Using the book, The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten and Essential Small Group Experience by Kevin Watson, these small groups are intended for those individuals interested in “watching over one another in love”. The class meeting is a transformation-driven format, organized around a common desire to support one another as we learn to interpret our lives through the lens of the gospel and then encourage one another to live our lives for and through Christ. A 9-week study of the book will be held on Sunday mornings between the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services, beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Books will be available through the office. If you have any questions or want further information, please contact Mary Jo Zubrod at [mjzubrod@yahoo.com](mailto:mjzubrod@yahoo.com) or 814-779-1448.

**LOGOS** ~ Our LOGOS After School Program is looking for the following volunteers: Gym – 3:45-4:35, Crafts – 4:15 - 4:55, Teachers assistant – 4:55 - 5:15, and Table Parents - 5:15 - 6:00. We are also in need a van driver to pick up students from St. Joe’s and WAEC. If you feel called to this ministry, please get in touch with Heidi Ketzko at 814-723-4930. **LOGOS PARENT MEETING** will be held on August 22nd, at 6:00 PM in Covert Room.

**PARENT’S MIXER** ~ On August 24th, Scott and Kelly Newton will host a parent’s mixer for parents of kids entering 7th - 12th grades. The mixer will take place at their home at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP to Kelly Newton at 814-688-8133.

**INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY** ~ Is to be held Thursday, August 31st, from 3:00 PM–6:00 PM at General Joseph Warren Park in Warren. Rev. Mark Hecht will give an Invocation at 3:00 PM. There will be live music, food, and interactive tables by local agencies.

**SEWING MISSION** ~ We are looking for places to donate children’s clothes sewn by church members. If you have ideas and contact information for individuals and mission teams traveling domestically or internationally or a local family needing size 2-4, 6-8, 10-12 outfits, see Dee Tucker, Laura Drake, Donna Bumbarger, or Phyllis Wright.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP** ~ We are seeking volunteers to donate snacks for our Sunday fellowship hour. If you enjoy Sunday Fellowship and want to donate snacks and goodies, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. – Thank you! (You do not need to be a baker – store bought goodies are also delicious!)

# **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 20, 2023 – August 26, 2023**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel 8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room 9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel 10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary 5:00 PM Youth Event; Pastor Bud &amp; Grace Fickley's House</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>6:45 AM Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 11:00 AM Lay Ministers / Caring Ministry; Covert Room 6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B 6:00 PM LOGOS Parent Meeting; Covert Room</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room 6:30 PM Parent's Mixer; Scott and Kelly Newton's House</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall</b>

# Monday Nite Meal announcement

As we move through the summer months, plans continue to develop for the Monday Nite Meal Ministry for our Warren community. The anticipated beginning is scheduled to be in October. The exact date will be announced soon.

A few important considerations:

1. If you have considered volunteering with **Set Up, Greeter, Server, Clean Up or Kitchen Help**, please contact one of the **Team Leaders**.  
**Team Leaders are: Heidi Ketzko, Denny Munksgard, Ila Wilson, and Jim Reynolds.** If you filled out a bulletin insert several weeks ago, and have not been contacted, PLEASE let one of the team leaders know as soon as possible.
2. Each of the teams are still in need of volunteers. Each team will be responsible for 1 Monday Nite meal per month. Please prayerfully consider serving. We need you!
3. We still are in need of a cook(s). The cook position is a paid position. Please contact **Pastor Mark** or **Jon Swart** if you, or someone you know, is interested.
4. We are looking for helpers to clean out a room on the second floor, help build shelving units, and move items to prepare the room for storage.

Friends, there is so much potential as this ministry takes shape!

- \* This is a wonderful opportunity for Team Building . . . getting to know each other better, sharing the gifts and graces we have been blessed to receive.
- \* This ministry is a visible and tangible sign to the Warren Community that we, with others in like-kind ministry, care for those who are hungry, desire fellowship, and would benefit from a smile, a hug , or a kind word.
- \* There is so much for us to learn as we invite the community in, and to be among us.

Please remember the message Pastor Mark shared with us back in September last year:

Jesus said, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . . Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did for me.” ~ Matthew 25:35 - 36, 40

## Monday Night Dinners

Last fall, our congregation spent considerable time in worship focusing on the directives of Jesus found in Matthew 25. We asked for “promptings” each week we compiled those lists after the 6-week emphasis was completed.

As those lists were prayed over and refined, the number one prompting time and again was that First Church was being called to offer a weekly community meal. We are looking to provide a **Monday evening** meal for those in need and a time of fellowship and community for those feeling alone. We are a few months away from being ready to begin. As we continue to follow this prompting prayerfully, we are now asking the congregation to share what areas of this new ministry they are willing to participate in. An undertaking of this level will require many hands and hearts. We want to be sure we have the people in place to make this dream a reality.

Please review the list of jobs/responsibilities listed below and check those areas where you feel called to serve. Then sign and return the form in the offering plate on Sunday or at the Church office during the week.

### Volunteer List

#### Set-Up

Tables / Chairs

Dinnerware / Glasses / Cups / Eating Utensils / Napkins

#### Cooks/Assistants

#### Greeters

Mingle with guests and demonstrate hospitality

#### Servers

#### Clean Up

Wash Serving Dishes / Storage for Leftovers / Gather and Take  
Trash

#### Shoppers

Food / Supplies

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of Contact: Phone  Email