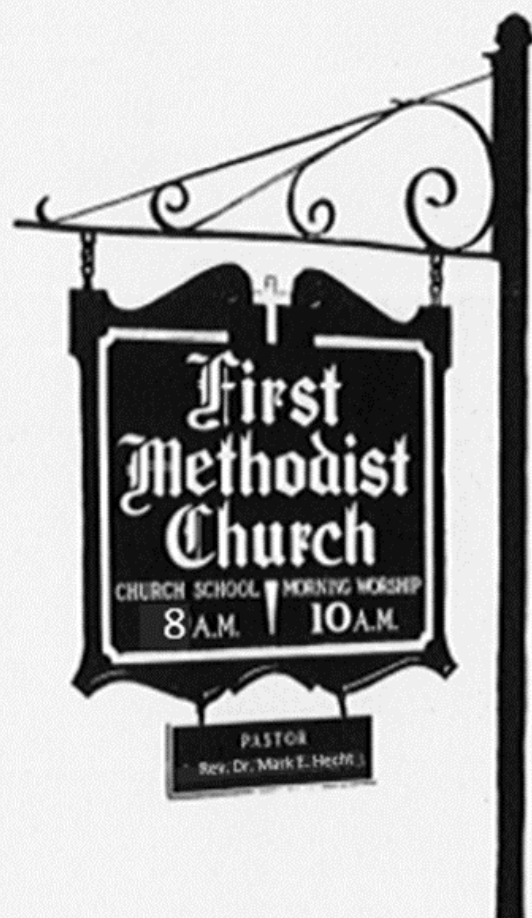
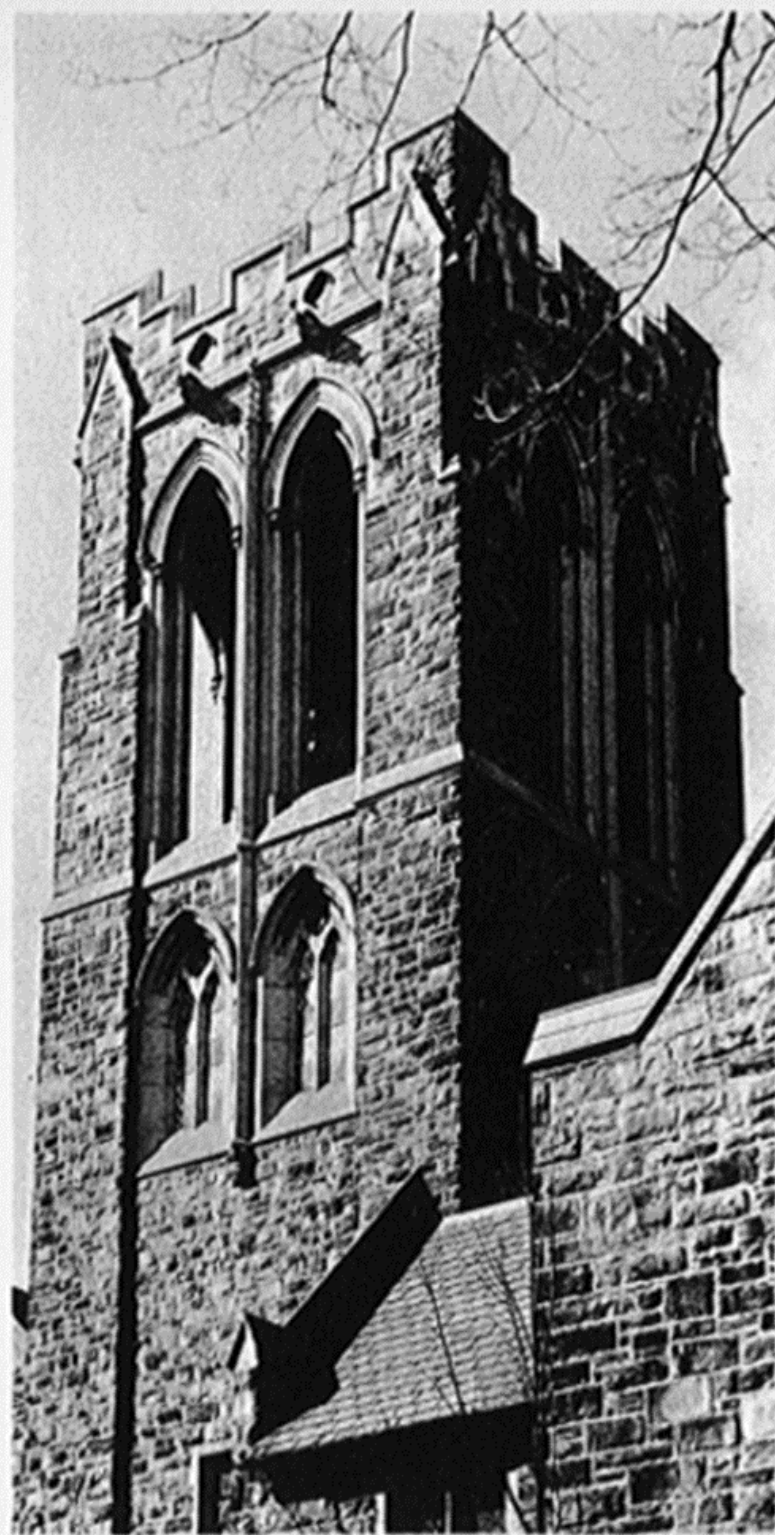


Today
For
Tomorrow



WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

July 2, 2023

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Shout to the North/My Country Tis of Thee”
“Song for the Nation”

arr. Tornquist
arr. Hayes

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Broken and Poured Out”
“Meditation on Schumucke Dich”
“Americana”

Cruger
arr. Leatherman
Demers

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad that you are worshipping at 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. 697

“America”

INTRODUCTIONS

(8:00 AM)

Tawni Betts

INTRODUCTIONS

(10:00 AM)

Mary Jo Zubrod

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The pathway is just beginning.

People: **We have made our way through the wilderness.**

Leader: Now we are moving forward in faith.

People: **Along the way we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and love.**

Leader: The journey will demand much of us.

People: **Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.**

Leader: Are you ready for this journey?

People: **We truly are. We have decided to follow Jesus.**

Leader: This is not going to be an easy journey. You may want to turn around and go home to safety and security.

People: **No. We're ready. The world is behind us; we are focused on the cross.**

Leader: Many will begin the journey; but not all will continue. Are you ready?

People: **We are ready. We place our faith and trust in Jesus.**

Leader: Come, walk together on this journey to the Cross.

People: **Lord, prepare our hearts and our spirits for your future. AMEN.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“America, the Beautiful”

arr. K. L. Phillips

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 “The Mission/How Great Thou Art”

arr. Schmidt, Van Der Beek, Nelson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

Pew Hymnal Page 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.

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 22:36 - 40”

Pew Bible Pages 900 - 901

MESSAGE

“Lifetime Commitment”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 710**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

St. Catherine

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“God Bless America”

arr. Stoddard

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

SPECIAL MUSIC today is provided by cellist Chad Betts and pianist Judd Demers. Michele Sandberg is the organist, with Judd Demers presenting the final prelude selection. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson. Judd Demers, a member of our congregation, is a student at Grove City College. We appreciate Judd and Chad sharing their talents with us this morning.

ACOLYTE today is Ian Montour.

USHERS today are team 1, Denny Munksgard – Captain

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of our loved ones, given by Klaus and Gloria Lichte.

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.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
July 2, 2023 – July 8, 2023**

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Work and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:00 AM Acts 29 Study; Parlors
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary

MONDAY

6:45 AM Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room
Office Closed

TUESDAY

Happy 4th of July
Office Closed

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room

FRIDAY

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

SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the family of Michelle and Mark Bupp in the passing of Michelle's brother, Gail R. King, on June 26, 2023.

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

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club will meet at the Crone's camp Wednesday, July 12, for lunch. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 11:30 AM and carpool to the camp. Come enjoy the back porch, eat a hot dog, and share all the books you have been reading!

COMMUNITY VBS ~ First United Methodist Church at 200 Market Street will host this year's Community VBS, scheduled for Sunday, July 16th — Wednesday, July 19th, from 6:00 PM—8:15 PM. Sunday, July 16th, VBS will begin at 5:30 PM. We need volunteers for this year's Vacation Bible School. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office. The VBS online registration is available at www.firstumwarren.com or on the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/firstumwarren

NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP ~ There will be a reception of new members and a fellowship luncheon on July 9th in Founder's Hall after the 10:00 AM worship service.

SENIOR LUNCH VOLUNTEERS ~ We need more volunteers for our Friday Senior Lunch Teams. Areas of need are: help with food preparation, serving, and clean-up. If this is something that you feel called to do, please get in touch with Heidi Ketzko, Deb Anderson, Elsie Giegerich, or the church office. We also welcome volunteers who may only be available in an on-call capacity. Thank you.

HOC (Helping Our Children) ~ While summer is just beginning, we are already looking ahead to student needs for the 2023-2024 school year. The HOC (Helping Our Children) committee met this week and reviewed the needs assessments supplied by the schools. It is always our goal to help children start the school year on a good note and have what they need to focus on learning. The need for sneakers at WAEC (Warren Area Elementary Center) and BWMS (Beaty Warren Middle School) is great again this year. Added to that is the need to replenish the hygiene supplies (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and body wash) at BWMS. We are also asking for socks in sizes 7-8.5 and 9-11 for youth, and the children seem to prefer the no show (low cut) socks. If you are able and interested in helping, please take a paper sneaker off the bulletin board across from the office, sign your name on the line that corresponds to the number on your toe tag, shop, tape your tag on the box or bag, and return to the Covert Room box by July 23rd. If all the shoes are taken, I will be adding additional shoes. Over 100 students at the two schools asked for help this year! Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

COOKIES ~ First Methodist Church has been asked to provide 14 dozen cookies for the Sharing Place Thursday meal on July 6th. If you want to donate some cookies for the Sharing Place, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please drop off cookies in the Covert Room by July 5th.

HYMNALS ~ Thank you to all who have helped us reach our goal of purchasing new hymnals for the church.

Glossary of Terms

Allegheny West Annual Conference: The name of our new annual conference. We are one of 20 Annual Conferences in the United States. Approximately 500 Global Methodist Churches from the former West Ohio, East Ohio and Western Pennsylvania Conferences of the United Methodist Church together comprise this new entity.

Circuit: Each congregation and/or charge will be part of a “circuit” of approximately 18 churches. Because congregations continue to be added to the Conference, the final grouping of churches in our circuit is yet to be determined. We look forward to new opportunities in the very near future to work with our neighboring GMC churches.

Presiding Elder: This individual will continue to serve in a pastoral role in the local church. Additionally, they will provide supervision, when necessary, encouragement, spiritual leadership and vision planning for the circuit.

Transitional Local Pastor (TLP): The designation of “TLP” recognizes the clergy status already acknowledged in a previous denomination. These individuals are fully credentialed to perform all the duties of a pastor in the Global Methodist Church.

Convening Annual Conference: The First official gathering of our new annual conference will take place in mid-October, 2023 in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Michael Rutenber
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Bud Fickley
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Office Assistant:	Barbara Young
Director of Music—Organist Emeritus:	John Slaney
Director of Music:	Ruth Nelson
Assistant Director of Music:	Michele Sandberg
Pianist:	Cathy Peterson
Director of Christian Nurture:	Heidi Ketzko
Preschool Director:	Lindsey Mealy
Custodian:	Bob Confer
Assistant Custodian:	Chivaun Fox

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Church Council:	Tawni Betts
Endowment Committee:	David Dorn
Finance & Stewardship:	Michael Giambrone
Hospitality:	Deb Anderson & Cindy Blodgett
Outreach:	Rev. Michael Rutenber
Nominating & Personnel:	Rev. Mark Hecht
Pastor-Parish Relations:	Phyllis Wright
Trustees:	Chad Betts
Worship:	Michele Sandberg
Women United in Faith:	Shirley Crone