

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## March 3, 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)

“We Fall Down”  
“People Need the Lord”

arr. Keveren  
McHugh/Nelson

### ORGAN PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”  
“The Glory of These Forty Days”

arr. R. Swift  
arr. McConnell

### HANDBELL PRELUDE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
“Steal Away”

Semmann  
arr. Giamanco

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Blessed are those who are authentic before God, who come to God with honesty and humility.

**People:** **Our sins are not counted against us. Our hearts are free of deceit.**

**Leader:** In community we encourage the practice of confession, to speak freely with Jesus—our Savior.

**People:** **God is our hiding place, our safe refuge in the storm.**

**Leader:** God surrounds us with songs of deliverance; God’s loving eye is upon us!

**People:** **Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, my siblings! Sing with all your heart!**

### \*HYMN No. 71

“God Our Maker, God Most Holy”

Beecher

### WELCOME

### ANTHEM

“How Beautiful”

Twila Paris

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 147

Pew Bible Page 570

### 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

“There is Room for the Stranger”

Lee Dengler

## **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. 418**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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

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

Amanda McCord

### **SCRIPTURE**

“John 4:1 - 30”

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### **MESSAGE**

“The Woman at the Well”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

\***HYMN No. 533**

“How Can We Sinners Know”

St. Michael

### **BENEDICTION**

### **BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

### **POSTLUDE**

“Great Is the Lord”

Smith

(8:00 AM)

### **POSTLUDE**

“Danza Rustica”

Grichetchkine

(10:00 AM)

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, Chancel Choir, and the Madrigals. The flautist is Laura Whitten. The pianist for 8:00 AM is Cathy Peterson.

**LITURGIST** today is Mary Jo Zubrod.

**ACOLYTES** today are Grady Corey and David Huffman.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by the Crary Family.

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

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Marty Campbell, 615 Rouse Ave., Memory Care, Youngsville, PA 16371. Please consider sending her a card.

**WEDNESDAY SOUP AND STUDY “Signs”** ~ We still need volunteers to make soup for the Wednesday Soup and Study. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those willing to volunteer to make soup.

**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.

**CHILDCARE PROVIDER NEEDED** ~ We are looking for someone to provide childcare in the nursery on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month for the Mom’s of Minis program. The childcare provider would need clearances or be willing for us to get them for you. If you’re interested, please contact Heidi Ketzko. Thank you!

**SAMARITAN MEALS** ~ A program that provides and delivers meals to congregation members with temporary health needs is looking for cooks to help carry out this caring ministry. If you want to join our team, please call Cindy Blodgett at 814-726-1415 or 814-730-7350.

**BLUE BAG SUNDAY** ~ We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ruth M. Smith Home. Bags will be distributed at the end of service today and March 10th. The bags can be returned to our collection box across from the Dunham Parlors. If you cannot pick up one of the provided blue bags, items may still be dropped off in any type of bag available to you. The collection of bags will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**H.O.C.** ~ (Helping Our Children) has received a request to help restock the student food pantry at Warren area High School. Needed are “grab and go” items. If you wish to help with this, please leave your items in the bin labeled WAHS in the Covert Room by March 10th. Needed foods are Pop Tarts, granola bars and breakfast bars, single bags of chips, applesauce pouches, and prepackaged sandwich crackers. Thank you for your help.

**HOUSE OF HOPE OF WARREN COUNTY** ~ **The House of Hope of Warren County is offering a unique and professional volunteer experience.** *Can you offer consistency, record keeping, confidentiality, and God’s grace?* We offer rent free housing, a separate area in the House with bedroom, living room, kitchen, bathroom, and dining room. This is a live in position with some flexibility with hours. The House of Hope of Warren County is a non-profit, faith-based home open to women who are newly released from prison, providing a safe Christian residence as they continue their journey to remain clean from drugs/alcohol. Please submit your resume or any questions to [houseofhope@atlanticbb.net](mailto:houseofhope@atlanticbb.net)

**HOLIDAY HOT MEALS** ~ Many volunteers are needed to prepare and cook the meal, pre-pack non-hot items, cook the meal, pack the food for delivery, deliver the meals, and clean up after the meals are sent out. Volunteer tasks are posted on the signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. Please sign-up as soon as possible.

**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.

**BOOK CLUB** ~ The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 6, at 1:00 PM in the Covert Room. Bonnie Lopez will be the hostess. Come and share all the books you have been reading.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## March 3, 2024 - March 9, 2024

### SUNDAY

Blue Bag Distribution  
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

### 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  
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Everts Room  
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  
12:30 PM Tuesday Study Group; Covert Room  
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

### 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  
8:45 AM Moms of Minis; Covert Room  
1:00 PM Book Club; Covert Room  
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Rev. Hecht's Office  
5:15 PM Soup and Study Group; Covert Room  
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  
3:30 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



# SILVER WINDS FLUTE CHOIR

Presents a Free Concert

## *APRIL ENCHANTMENT*

Beauty and the Beast, Belle, Over the Rainbow, Memories of East Tennessee, Fly Me to the Moon, Jurassic Park and MORE!!

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**109 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

**Warren, PA**



**BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA®**

In support of the Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA's four-day Cub Scouts camp this coming June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>, we are asking for donations of paper plates, napkins, forks, ketchup, and mayonnaise. A collection tote is located by the nursery for donated items. Thank you for your support.



Come join the fun  
**2024**  
*Lenten Fair*

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

Palm Sunday

March 24<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM

(Directly following 10:00 AM worship)

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.

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