

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 7, 2023

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Here I Am to Worship”
“Blessings”

Labenske
arr. Bober

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
“Neo-Classique”
“Meditation on Bread of Life”

arr. Hamlin
Mark Hayes
arr. Hamilton

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad that you are worshipping at First United 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. 185

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Laudes Domini

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like a gentle rain,

People: God’s love refreshes our lives.

Leader: Like the springtime song of the birds,

People: God’s grace cheers our souls.

Leader: Like the delicate beauty of daffodils,

People: God’s creation delights our eyes.

Leader: Like the lengthening of days,

People: God’s presence brings light into our worrisome darkness.

Leader: Springtime announces itself,

People: And all creation shouts with joy.

Leader: We are touched by messages from our loving Creator,

People: And join all creation in singing praise!

ANTHEM

(10:00 am only)

“Alleluia”

Ed Harris

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

No. 880

*GLORIA PATRI No. 71

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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 ANTHEM

“Thirst No More”

Kris and Renee Magnuson

(10:00 AM only)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

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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

CHORUS No. 328

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

Wolfe

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 28:16– 20”

Pew Bible Page 909

MESSAGE

“Presence”

Jon Swart

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 664

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

The Ash Grove

GROUND BREAKING

(10:00 AM only)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Lord Bless You and Keep You”

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg and Chancel Choir. The 8 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM ~ Today’s offertory anthem is an original composition by Renee and Kris Magnuson. We are delighted to present this to our church family and honored to have the composers in the choir loft this morning.

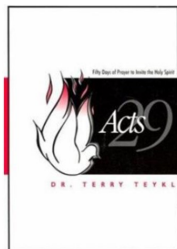
LITURGIST today is Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht.

ACOLYTES today are Savannah Crowe and Lucas Gardiner.

USHERS today are Team 4, Captain Rusty Blodgett.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Benjamin and Mildred Bumbarger, given by Donna Bumbarger.

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.



Study of Acts

The book of Acts begins with Jesus' words to his disciples prior to his ascension and goes on to relay the story of how the Christian church began. It offers insight and guidance as we seek direction for ourselves as individuals and as a church.

We invite you to participate in this study on Sunday mornings at 9 AM, beginning on Sunday, May 28, 2023. We will study 10 passages from the book of Acts using Acts 29 by Dr. Terry Teykl.

[The study will end on July 30, 2023.]

Please sign up either on the bulletin board or by contacting the church office so that we will have books available for you. See you then!

CORE ~ (Choosing Openness Regarding Experiences) is a non-profit organization that provides mental health awareness and suicide prevention education to Warren County. Currently, CORE will be breaking ground on the Second Ave. side of the building to construct a reflection area for people who have lost loved ones to suicide and/or substance abuse today at the conclusion of the 10:00 AM worship service. We want to invite anyone who would like to participate in this groundbreaking ceremony to join us. Please consider making a donation to CORE to help with the cost of this reflection area and for the other services that CORE provides to Warren County. Donations can be sent to the church office. Thank you for your consideration. Kari Swanson—Founder of CORE

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ Sunday, May 28, 2023, is the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon The Disciples. We encourage you to celebrate this day by wearing red and placing a red geranium on the Altar. We will then plant the donated geraniums in our lovely memorial gardens, a reminder of the Holy Spirit's fire.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

May 7, 2023 – May 13, 2023

SUNDAY

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
4:00 PM Tomahawk Throwing; Home Street & McPherson

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 9 Boy Scouts; Downstairs

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
11:30 PM Blue Stocking Luncheon; Covert Room
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting; Founder's Hall

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship Group; Mark's Office
10:00 AM Praying Makers Group; Covert Room
5:00 PM u10 Soccer Practice; Gym
5:15 PM Finance Committee Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor A
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

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

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Darla Peterson, 205 Water Street, Room 525, Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending her a card.

SHOWER FOR BABY HECHT ~ All women in the church are invited to join us on Saturday, June 3, at noon in Founders Hall, to shower Laura and Aaron Hecht as they prepare for the birth of their first child (anticipated July 1). Lunch and dessert will be served. Please RSVP to the church office 814-723-4930, or call/text Tawni Betts at 814-730-3861 or Karen Hecht at 814-823-3610.

HYMNALS ~ **We are over halfway to our goal** to purchase the new hymnals the Worship Committee recommends, "Our Great Redeemer's Praise." Seedbed, Inc. publishes it and represents the full scope of John and Charles Wesley's theological heritage. We accept orders for hymnals in honor or memory of someone close to you. The cost is \$30.00, and order forms are available in the office or can be picked up outside the office doors. Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church and returned to the office with the order form at the bottom. A plaque will be placed inside each hymnal with your information.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS ~ The next new member's class will continue May 9th, 16th, and 23rd, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This will cover the beliefs of the Methodist faith in the Wesleyan tradition, Spiritual gifts, and discipleship. Dr. Hecht and Tawni Betts will lead the class. An additional session (date TBA) covering the Methodist denomination's past, present, and future will be open to all church members after the class has been completed.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES – We will recognize College/High School graduates on Sunday, June 4th, during our 10:00am worship service. If you have a graduate to be recognized, please contact Heidi Ketzko through the church office at 814-723-4930 so we can put the information into our bulletin and recognize your student. Thank You.

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.

VBS VOLUNTEERS ~ We need volunteers for this year's Vacation Bible School. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office. Thank you

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR ~ There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office for those who would like to supply snacks for the Sunday Fellowship Hour on Sundays, starting May 7th through July 23rd.

YOUTH EVENTS ~ Tomahawk Throwing today at 4:00 PM at the Home Street School property at the corner of Home Street and McPherson. This event should last an hour. On June 25th, there will be a Progressive Picnic for all youth. We plan to have three locations hosting appetizers, the main course, and desserts. In addition, there will be activities available at each location. More details to follow, but if you are interested in attending or helping out, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or contact the church office.

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

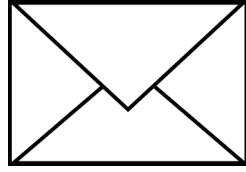
Shoppers
Food / Supplies

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Preferred method of Contact: Phone Email



CARDS FOR CARSON

Carson is a 10-year-old from Beaty Warren Middle School diagnosed with leukemia two days before Christmas. He is on his third round of Chemo and will receive a bone marrow transplant once this round of chemo is done. He has been at Children's Pittsburgh Hospital since December and has only been able to come home for a week after each chemo treatment.

We are asking people to send cards to shower him with love.

Please send cards to:
UPMC Children's Hospital
c/o Carson Kiser
4401 Penn Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15221.



Day of Giving for Ruth M. Smith Center

Given over 100 years ago to Methodist Women by a grieving family who had lost their daughter Ruth, the Ruth M. Smith Center has been in ministry ever since. Beginning as an orphanage, then a home for at-risk youth, it is now a personal care home for 28 adults from many surrounding counties. Those adults range in age from 30 to 70; most have mental disabilities; none can pay their full way. No one is turned away because they can't pay.

About 1/3 of the budget comes from grants and benevolent giving by people like you. The biggest fund raiser every year occurs during **WarrenGives**, a one day on-line giving event in May. Local philanthropic groups in Warren County match a portion of what is given to increase the funds coming to each participating non-profit. From \$10 to \$1000 donations receive the additional money.

Warren Gives

<https://warrengives.org/>

- Online giving – May 10, 2023, 6:00 am-10:00 pm – must be by credit or debit card.
- Visit **warrengives.org** and follow simple online instructions.

The Center's website, www.ruthmsmithcenter.org, provides details about residents, activities, special events, and the Center's history.

The Center employs 24 men and women including 3 building supervisors, an activity director, a cook, a maintenance person, administrative staff, and 16 direct care staff members.