

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

April 7, 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 “I Love to Tell the Story” Fisher
(8:00 AM) “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” arr. Tornquist

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Allegretto” Vivaldi
(10:00 AM) “This Easter Day With Joy was Bright” arr. Hopson
“Thine Is the Glory” Handel/Hamlin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN No. 255** “Thine Is the Glory” Judas Maccabeus

WELCOME

ANTHEM “How Majestic Is Our God” arr. Dennis Allen

NEW TESTAMENT READING “Acts 8:26 - 38” Pew Bible Page 1000

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 “Jesus, at Your Holy Table” arr. Lloyd Larson

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amanda McCord

SCRIPTURE

“Luke 24:13 - 35”

Pew Bible Pages 964 - 965

MESSAGE

“Encountering Jesus Today”

Rev. Bud Fickley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 257**

“He Lives”

Ackley

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

“Forever Reign”

arr. Tornquist

(8:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by Chancel Choir and Madrigals and organist Michele Sandberg. Cathy Peterson is the pianist for the 8:00 AM service.

LITURGIST today is Linda Hice.

ACOLYTES today are Caroline Curren and Madalyn Nobles.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by the Dunham Flower Fund.

USHERS today are Team 5— Erik Fincher, Susie Zimmerman, Tom Giegerich, Matt McCord, Brent Jones, Stephanie Tannler and Rebecka Swart.

IN SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of Nick and Carla Johnson in the passing of Nick's mother, Martha Sampson.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Mrs. Jack Spencer, 31 N. Park Street, Apt. 131, Meadville, PA 16371. Please consider sending her a card.

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.

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 in 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

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.

NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP CLASS ~ For those interested in joining First Methodist Church, we will have a New Member Fellowship Class starting in mid-April.

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

SCHOLARSHIP ~ Applications for The Mary F. & Melvin G. Keller Scholarship of 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 online at www.firstmwarren.org.

RUMMAGE SALE ~ The Annual Rummage Sale will be held April 26th and 27th. The Daughter's Banquet will be on the evening of Thursday, April 25th. Items for the sale may be brought to the upper areas of the Gym beginning Monday, April 15th. Work on the Rummage Sale will begin Wednesday, April 17th. To avoid confusion with the hours of Preschool, working hours for the sale will be after noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Other working hours will be mornings of Fridays and Mondays. We are requesting good, clean items, no encyclopedias. Furniture and garden items may be brought to the garage during church office hours. This is an annual event much anticipated by the community. Help us make this year's sale another big success.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

April 7, 2024 - April 13, 2024

SUNDAY

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
2:00 PM Youth Pool Party; YMCA

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

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
1:00 PM Blue Stocking Luncheon; Covert Room
1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:00 PM Madrigals; Music Room
6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting; Founder's Hall
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
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
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
**4:15 PM Program Meeting (Hospitality, Discipleship,
and Outreach); Covert Room**
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
12:00 PM Senior Citizen Lunch; Founder's Hall