

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

August 27, 2023

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”
“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

arr. Cindy Berry
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PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Aria in F Major”
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”
“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

G.F. Handel
arr. Koning
arr. McDonald

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. 723

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Hanson Place

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God says, “If my people,

People: Who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray,

Leader: and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways,

People: I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Leader: Now my eyes will be open and my ears will be attentive to the prayers offered in this place.”

People: Loving God, we claim your promises to us today. Heal us. Help us to seek your face in worship today.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Blessing”

Graham and Downes

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Bud Fickley

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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

"He is Exalted"

arr. Stan Pethel

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

*Hymn No. 389

"Freely, Freely"

SCRIPTURE

"Malachi 4:1 - 6"

Pew Bible Page 875

MESSAGE

"The Day Is Coming"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM)

*HYMN No. 364

"Because He Lives"

Resurrection

BENEDICTION**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

"God Will Take Care of You"

arr. Cindy Berry

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

"Festival Postlude"

Domenico Zipoli

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ~ Today, a children's church will be held in the Covert Room for children K-2nd grade. Children are encouraged to accompany Heidi Ketzko to the Covert Room, following the Children's Message. Older children are also welcome to come and assist.

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.

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg and soloist and instrumentalist Pastor Bud Fickley. The 8:00 AM pianist is Ruth Nelson.

LITURGIST today is Rev. Bud Fickley.

ACOLYTE today is Holden Demers.

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

IN SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Hill, who passed away on August 23, 2023.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Robert & Gertrude Olsen and Fred & Millie Kelly, given by Ron & Shirley Kelly.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ David Marquis, 615 Rouse Ave, Room 151, Youngsville, PA 16371. - Please consider sending him a card.

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 6th.

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 10th. 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 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.

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, and displays by our many ministries, discipleship opportunities, and fellowship groups.

CHOSEN ~ is an Erie based, community-oriented organization that empowers universities, hospitals, churches, and individuals through the provision of community projects, campaigns, and healthcare items and surgical equipment that inspire overall wellness, rehabilitation, and mobility. In an effort to help those in need and save individuals hours of driving and gas money, First Methodist Church has partnered with Chosen in this ministry to our community. We anticipate needing volunteers to help distribute medical items from our church garage. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. Our initial training with volunteers will be held on September 6th at 11:00 in the garage.

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.

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, 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 contact the church office at 814-723-4930. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office.

NEW MEMBER CLASS ~ New Members will be received in worship on Sunday, November 12. Classes for new members will take place from 11:15-12:30 on the following Sundays: October 8, 15, 22, and November 5. Topics include Our Wesleyan Heritage, Spiritual Gifts/Fruits of the Spirit, Grace and the Sacraments, and Life in the Local Church. Reverend Hecht and Tawni Betts will lead the classes. Please let the church office know at byoung@firstmwarren.org if you will be attending.

BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS ~ As our kids head back to school, we want to pray a blessing over them and the things that support their education. On Sunday, September 10th, we invite all our students, preschool through college, to bring their backpacks, filled with all their school things, to be prayed over for the year ahead.

MOMS OF MINIS ~ Moms with little ones, kindergarten age and younger, are invited to join us for a new ministry beginning in October. Find more information on the church website or by emailing Grace Fickley, MOMS.FMWarren@gmail.com.

MONDAY MEAL PROGRAM ~ Team Leaders will meet on Monday, August 28th, at 6:00 PM in Parlor B.

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 sign-up 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!)

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

First Methodist Church is a congregation of many traditions. Two of our most important are our appreciation of beautiful music and our concern for and ministry to children and youth in our community. On September 21st at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary, we have the opportunity to combine these two meaningful areas of ministry in one special event.

After several years of communication, our music ministry was able to book the award winning musical group “Astralis Chamber Ensemble,” who will present a program entitled “Baroque Legends.” The group is a quartet of Flute, Violin, Cello, and Harpsichord who will present works of Bach, Scarlatti, Vivaldi, and others. We are extremely excited about this opportunity and are certain it will be a blessing to the community who come out to hear them!

We will be collecting a free-will offering that night to support “HOC” (Helping Our Children), which provides clothing, school supplies, healthcare items, and more to children in need through our schools!

In order to assure that ALL MONIES raised that night can go to HOC we need to raise approximately \$2000 to cover the remaining costs associated with bringing these gifted musicians to Warren.

Prayerfully consider helping us underwrite the costs associated with this special evening. Checks can be made out to First Methodist Church and note CONCERT in the memo



ASTRALIS
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 27, 2023 – September 2, 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

MONDAY

6:45 AM Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
6:00 PM Monday Meal Program Team Leaders; Parlor B

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
10:00 AM Betty Hill Visitation; Parlors
11:00 AM Betty Hill Funeral; Sanctuary
12:00 PM Betty Hill Memorial Luncheon; Founder's Hall

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
**12:00 PM Drug Overdose Awareness; George Joseph Warren
Park (Founder's Hall in the event of Rain)**
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