

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

May 5, 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

(8:00 AM) “Forever / Great is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Tornquist
 “Sing Praise to God Who reigns Above” arr. Larson

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

(10:00 AM) “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” arr. Giamanco
 “One Bread, One Body” arr. Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ever-present God, forever seeking and always teaching:

People: Open our minds to the truth of your care;

Leader: Open our hearts to the gentle caress of your love;

People: Open our lips to share stories of faith;

Leader: Open our hands to create beauty, do justice and show kindness;

People: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;

Leader: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

*HYMN No. 10 “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” Amsterdam

WELCOME

ANTHEM “Sing Praise and Celebrate” Dave Fisher

NEW TESTAMENT READING “Matthew 7:24–27” Pew Bible Page 883

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 “Answer to Our Prayer” arr. Mary McDonald

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. 406**

“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

Gift of Love

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Bud Fickley

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 5:5”

Pew Bible Page 880

“James 1:19—25”

Pew Bible Pages 1100

MESSAGE

“Blessed are the Meek”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 391**

“Let It Be Said of Us”

Fry

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

arr. Osman

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, the Chancel Choir, and our Women’s Ensemble. Caroline Curren is playing the carillon today. Cathy Peterson is the pianist for the 8:00 AM service.

LITURGIST today is Mary Schall.

ACOLYTES today are Aiden Zawacki and Ashlynn Zawacki.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in loving memory of Phyllis O’Neill’s birthday, given by Kathy & John A. Bimber and Victor, Courtney, Ava and Veronica Pierce.

USHERS today are Team 5— Denny Munksgard, Bob Silzle, Bill Hannold, John Suppa, Laura Suppa, Rebecka Swart, and Kate Conti.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Dorothy Sutton, 701 Rouse Ave., Room 108, Youngsville, PA 16371. Please consider sending her a card.

NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP CLASS ~ For those considering joining First Methodist Church, we invite you to our New Member Fellowship Class starting in the near future. Please call the church at 814-723-4930 if you are interested in joining First Methodist Church.

THE WOMEN'S TUESDAY STUDY GROUP ~ will begin a new series entitled "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat" narrated by John Ortberg. Bring a sandwich and come enjoy the fellowship of other women and the presentation by John Ortberg. We will meet in the Covert Room at 12:30 PM, on Tuesdays.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR ~ If you enjoy Sunday fellowship and would like to donate snacks and goodies, there is a new volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office.

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 8, at 1:00 PM at the home of Cheryl Devereaux. The address is 2129 Fox Hill Rd, Russell, PA.

PRAYING MAKERS GROUP ~ Our Prayer Shawl Ministry knits, crochets, or crafts shawls, robes, and other items to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. We also make items to celebrate life and milestones. Please consider joining us in this ministry by crafting items or providing materials to make them. You can contact Cindy Blodgett at 814-726-1415 or 814-730-7350 if interested.

EVENING OF PRAISE ~ Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 pm - Thank you to everyone who helped make our Evening of Prayer and Praise a success. We heard great feedback, with many asking when our next Sunday evening opportunity would be. This is IT! We'll have communion and an opportunity for prayer again, but we'll also take time to celebrate the Pentecost story since May 19th is Pentecost Sunday. We hope you'll "Come and Bring a Friend."

DAY OF PENTECOST ~ Sunday, May 19, 2024, 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.

WARREN GIVES ~ Warren Gives will take place on May 15, 2024, and is an online day of giving sponsored by the Community Foundation of Warren County. This year, donations are needed at First Methodist Church to refurbish our Hundred-year-old Austin Organ. The work will include re-voicing all the pipes and replacing and redoing all the parts. Monies raised will also help to support local agencies such as The Ruth M. Smith Home, Prison Ministry, The Crary Home, and our newest ministry, Monday Nite Meal. Checks can also be made out to Warren Gives; just contact the office for more information.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

May 5, 2024 - May 11, 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

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team A; Founder's Hall
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Everts Room

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 Afternoon Study; Covert Room

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
5:00 PM Worship Meeting; Covert Room
6:00 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room
6:30 PM Youth Group; Everts 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
10:00 AM Circuit Clergy Meeting; Covert Room
**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

PRAYER LAUNCH

A Movement of Prayer

Sponsored by Christian Churches in the Warren County area.



Are you concerned about our community?

Miracles happen when God's people pray.

Will you join us in prayer?

Saturday, May, 18, 2024

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

[Come for any part of the time]

The Crossing Café

350 Pennsylvania Ave W.

Warren, PA



Friends of Jean Berry

Please come to the Spaghetti Dinner Benefit on
Wednesday May 15th from 4:30pm-7:30pm at
First Methodist Church 200 Market St, Warren Pa.
All are welcome to come sit down for dinner and
fellowship or grab a take-out dinner.

This will help Jeanne with medical expenses.

Come show your support and kindness!!

Donations are welcomed.

