

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 30, 2023

PRELUDE
(8:00 AM)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
“Sing Hallelujah”

arr. Keverin
arr. Hayes

PRELUDE
(10:00 AM)

“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Hamlin
arr. Deasley

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. 402** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

People: **We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

ANTHEM
(10:00 am only)

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Arnold Sherman

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(10:00 AM)

Pastor: Do you, as Christ’s Body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life include these persons now before you in your care?

People: **We will.**

Pastor: Members of the household of faith,
I commend to your love and care, these persons,
Whom we this day recognize as members of the family of God.
Will you endeavor so to live
That they may grow in the knowledge and love of God,
Through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help
We will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
That these persons, surrounded by steadfast love,
May be established in the faith,
And confirmed and strengthened
In the way that leads to life eternal.

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dee Dee Tucker

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.*

USHER APPRECIATION TIME

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

arr. Joseph Martin

(10:00 AM only)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

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.

Pew Hymnal Page 95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1—8

Pew Bible Pages 1033 - 1034

MESSAGE

"Worship: Today, Tomorrow, Forever"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

*HYMN No. 572

"Pass It On"

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE
(8:00 AM)

“How Majestic is Your Name”

arr. Hayes

POSTLUDE
(10:00 AM)

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

arr. Deasley

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

BEING BAPTIZED TODAY are Carter Avery Wood, son of Alicia and Christian Wood. Matthew Paul McCord, Jr., Benjamin Thomas McCord, Samuel Jacob Paul McCord, and Abigail Grace McCord, children of Amanda and Matthew McCord, Sr. Also being baptized today is Matthew Paul McCord, Sr.

MUSIC today is provided by Chancel Choir, Epworth Bell Ringers, and organist/pianist Michele Sandberg.

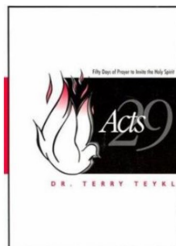
LITURGIST today is Heidi Ketzko.

ACOLYTES today are Aiden Ellis and Collin Ellis.

USHERS today are Team 3, Captain Larry Loughlin.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by the Dunham Family Flower Fund.

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 us 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!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

April 30, 2023 – May 6, 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
1:00 PM Hike to Hector Falls; Meet at Church

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall
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
12:30 PM Tuesday Afternoon Study; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B

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
4:30 PM VBS Meeting; Covert Room
5:00 PM u10 Soccer Practice; Gym
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 ~ Mrs. Jack Spencer, 31 N. Park Ave., #131, Meadville, PA 16335. Ed Derby was in and out of the hospital last week, 1221 Conewango Ave., Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending them a card.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ~ Applications for the Mary F. & Melvin G. Keller Scholarship through the First United Methodist Higher Education Fund are now available. Applications must be received **before April 30, 2023**, for the 2023—2024 school year and can be printed off from the church website at www.firstumwarren.com or a link on the weekly newsletter. Applications are also available at the church office.

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 begin this coming Tuesday, May 2nd, and will continue the 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.

YOUTH HIKE REMINDER ~ Youth from First Methodist are invited to join Chad and Tawni Betts and Bruce and Hope Punskey for a hike in the Allegheny National Forest to Hector Falls today. The hike is just over two miles roundtrip. We’ll meet at the church at 1 p.m. and drive to the trail. Please wear sturdy shoes, and dress for the weather. We plan to stop at Dairy Delite on the way back to church, and anticipate that to be around 4 p.m. There is no cost for this event. Please let Tawni Betts (814-730-3861) know if you will be attending.

COMMUNITY VBS ~ First 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.

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