

This will be a sign to you:  
You will find a baby wrapped in  
cloths and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:12



**WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**December 25, 2022**  
**Christmas Day Service**

**PRELUDE**

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

arr. Curry

(10:00 am)

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

**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. 246**

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CAROL SING**

Any Requests?

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Fum, Fum, Fum”

arr. Heather Sorenson

“On December five and twenty, fum, fum, fum.  
Oh, a child was born this night,  
Son of Mary, virgin holy  
In a stable, mean and lowly,  
On December five and twenty, fum, fum, fum.”

**CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

*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.*

**SCRIPTURE**

”Galatians 4:4-7”

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**MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

**\*HYMN No. 251**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“There’s a Song in the Air”

arr. Powell

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by pianists Michele Sandberg and Ruth Nelson.

**USHERS** today are Team 4, Gary Kell – Captain.

Offering plates **WILL NOT** be passed during worship but instead will be available at the doors.

**NO NEED TO HURRY HOME** ~ Join us in the Covert Room after this morning’s service for refreshments!

**CONRATULATIONS** ~ A son, Wyatt Mark Haslett was born to Kim (Parroccini) Haslett and Ryan Haslett on December 19, 2022.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Mrs. Shirley Witherell, 418 East Street, Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending her a card.

**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES** ~ New hearing assist devices are now available. The channel selector needs to be kept on channel 1. Also, please make sure to turn them off after each use. Thank you!

**PARTICIPATION** ~ We are looking for members of the congregation who welcome the opportunity to participate in the worship service as a liturgist or give the children’s message. If you would like to be a part of the Sunday worship service, please contact the church office at 814-723-4930, or speak to Rev. Hecht. Thank you!

**FELLOWSHIP** ~ In the new year, the fellowship time will continue on Sundays between the 8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament and the 10:00 AM Worship Service. We are looking for volunteers to supply snacks. It is more than coffee and donuts; It’s fellowship and faith building. If you would like to share snacks and goodies with the congregation during our this hour in the new year, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.—Thank you!

**THE GIVING TREE** ~ Thank you to everyone who supported the Giving Tree this year. We were able to help 13 families (28 children) have a nice Christmas. Besides the gifts for the children, each family also received a large food box and a gift card to Aldis. One thank you has been received and is posted on the bulletin board where the Giving Tree was located. Christmas blessings to all of you!

**NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE** ~ We will only offer one worship service on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023, at 10:00 am.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION** ~ We will be celebrating Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Sunday, January 8, 2023, during the 10:00 AM worship service. Invitations have been sent out to all those who are working in this area, inviting them to attend. We will be having a fellowship time in the parlors afterward, and we hope you will consider attending the service and staying after to thank them for all they do to keep us safe. The parlors are located across from the hallway that leads to the Sanctuary.

**BOOKS NEEDED** ~ The Warren County Jail is in need of reading material. We are collecting books over the next several Sundays to help meet this need. Please limit your contributions to the following categories; Romance, Self-help, Mystery, Crime, Word Searches and Crosswords. Books **MUST** be soft-covered. A tote is available outside Pastor Hecht's office. Thank you in advance for helping.

**ANGEL TREE THANK YOU** ~ A huge THANK YOU to all who were a part of this year's Angel Tree Christmas program. We provided gifts to over 30 children from our community who will be spending the holidays without a loved one due to incarceration. The Christmas Party was well attended and lots of fun as the children made crafts, met new friends, and even got to visit with Santa. We plan to continue making connections with these families throughout the coming year, so stay tuned for ways you can continue to support this ongoing ministry.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** ~ Don't forget to submit your grades to the office so that you can receive your second semester disbursement.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** ~ There will be a New Member Class on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM, beginning January 15, 2023. A light meal will be offered with this class!

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 25, 2022 – December 31, 2021**

**SUNDAY**            **10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary**

**MONDAY**           **Office Closed**

**TUESDAY**         **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM NO Staff Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY**    **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group**  
**10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; Covert Room**

**THURSDAY**       **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room**  
**5:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B**

**FRIDAY**           **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**