

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

February 11, 2024

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.

PRELUDE
(8:00 AM)

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”
“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Baloche
arr. Hayes

ORGAN PRELUDE
(10:00 AM)

“Expectavi”
“Dance”
“Shall We Gather at the River?”

Fenton Groden
Iteke Prins
arr. Shackley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our hearts to receive your love.

People: Come now, Lord, and pour your love into our lives once again.

Leader: Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our eyes to see your glory.

People: Come now, Lord, for we are waiting to see your face.

Leader: Come, Lord, and be one with us. We invite you to open our minds to understand your grace.

People: Come now, Lord, for we want to experience all the blessings you want to give us.

Leader: Come, Lord, and be one with us.

***HYMN No. 61**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Showalter

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“No, No, No Nothin”

Mark Hayes

NEW TESTAMENT READING

“1 John 2:1 - 6”

Pew Bible Page 1110

MISSION MOMENT

Jonie Smitley

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

“Lord of Jesus Medley”

arr. Hayes

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. 611**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amanda McCord

SCRIPTURE

“Micah 6:6 - 8”

Pew Bible Pages 850 - 851

MESSAGE

“The Pass-Fail Life”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM)

***HYMN No. 607**

“All to Jesus I Surrender”

Surrender

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Lord Bless You and Keep You”

arr. Grant

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Praise Ye Jehovah”

Esther Mergarel

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, our Chancel Choir, percussionist David Dorn, and pianist Cathy Peterson. Caroline Curren is playing the carillon. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

LITURGIST today is Pam Lewis.

ACOLYTES today are Annika Wyman and Allison Conti.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Bebe Warren’s birthday, given by her Family.

USHERS today are Team 3— Larry Loughlin, Ila Wilson, Carla Johnson, Nick Johnson, and Patti Rublee.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Helen Whitten, 205 Water Street, Room 548, Warren, PA 16365. Please consider sending her a card.

SCOUTING MOMENT ~ Next Sunday, February 18th, will be Scout Sunday. Scouts of all ages are welcome to wear their uniforms to this service as we celebrate the scouting tradition.

WINTER LUNCH FELLOWSHIP ~ Our Hospitality ministry will be hosting a Winter Lunch Fellowship on February 25th, and March 17th. These lunches will take place immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER ~ The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will occur this Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM in Founder's Hall. If you can help with set-up, serving, or clean-up, please let Heidi Ketzko know. Donations for this dinner are accepted, and Take-Outs are available. All donations benefit Emory Himes to cover hospital bills and ongoing recovery costs.

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ There will be an Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 PM in the Crary Chapel.

WEDNESDAY SOUP AND STUDY "Signs" ~ How can I follow the signs that lead to God's will? The road to God's will is marked with signposts to direct us. During this six week study, you will be challenged to recognize those signposts and encouraged to follow. Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM, starting on February 21st and continuing until March 27th. Soup will be served starting at 5:15 PM. A sign-up sheet for attendance is on the bulletin board across from the office. There is also a sign-up sheet for those who want to make soup for the soup and study.

MISSION MOMENT GUEST SPEAKER ~ Today, International Disaster Relief Nurse and Chaplain with Samaritan's Purse Jonie Smitley will speak at the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM worship services. A lunch in the Covert Room will follow the 10:00 AM service, where Jonie will give a presentation.

NEW STAFF POSITION ~ Effective January 1, Heidi Ketzko's job title is now "Coordinator of Community Programming."

SEWING MISSION UPDATE ~ The Warren Church of God is transporting 77 of our hand sewn children's outfits to the Dominican Republic in February as part of their mission work. We thank their mission team for transporting a suitcase full of needed children's clothes. We also appreciate persons who have donated fabric, trims, time and talent for sewing these cute dresses, tops and shorts. To learn more about our church sewing mission or places that can use children's clothes locally or around the world, contact Dee Dee Tucker, Laura Drake, Donna Bumbarger, or Phyllis Wright.

CHILDCARE PROVIDER NEEDED ~ We are looking for someone to provide childcare in the nursery on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month for the Mom's of Minis program. The childcare provider would need clearances or be willing for us to get them for them. If you're interested, please contact Heidi Ketzko. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

February 11, 2024 - February 17, 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
11:00 AM Valentine Deliveries

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
6:30 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

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
11:30 AM Blue Stocking Luncheon; Covert Room
1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:00 PM Warren High School Soccer; Gym
6:00 PM Protestant Church History; Covert Room
6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary

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6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service; Crary Chapel
7:00 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
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

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



Ash Wednesday

Worship Service

6:00 PM

Please join us for a traditional worship service of Holy Communion to mark the beginning of Lent.

Wednesday, February 14th

First Methodist Church

200 Market Street, Warren, PA

Crary Chapel

All are welcome to attend.

Warren Area Holiday Hot Meal Ministry A big helping of Love on the Holidays!

For the last 25 plus years, each Thanksgiving and Christmas Day and on the Saturday before Easter hot meals have been delivered to many elderly and shut in members of Warren and Forest counties. On Christmas Day, 2023, 332 meals were delivered.

Easter Holiday Hot Meal will be delivered on Saturday, March 30th.

The Holiday Hot Meals was started by members of Trinity Episcopal Church in the mid-1990s. The ministry grew, and then at various times, starting in 2012, First Lutheran, First Methodist, First Presbyterian and St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal joined the ministry. In 2018, meal prep was moved to the well-equipped kitchen at First Lutheran. Trinity continues to maintain the funding account. Donations from members of the Warren and Forest County communities make this ministry possible. Many donate through the “Warren Gives” appeal. Volunteers from the cooperating churches and the general community make the ministry successful.

Local agencies that serve the elderly and shut-ins in our counties provide the ministry with names of persons who would benefit from a hot meal and human contact around these holidays. Hot meals are also provided to local first responders in Warren.

For more information or to donate to the Holiday Hot Meals Ministry, check out this website. <https://episcopalmissionwcpa.org/holiday-hot-meals>.

Volunteers are needed the day before to prepare the food for cooking and to pre-pack non-perishable items. Then, on delivery day, volunteers are needed to cook the meal, pack the meal for delivery, clean up the kitchen and deliver the meals. To volunteer, check for a signup sheet at one of the churches, call or text, and leave a message for coordinators Rev. George and Rev. Ardelle Mason at 814-233-4367. Please provide your name, phone number, email address, and what part of the ministry you would like to volunteer for.