

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

August 6, 2023

PRELUDE

“Open the Eyes of My Heart “
“The Love of Jesus Medley”

arr. Tornquist
arr. Hayes

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. 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Nicaea

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

People: And in the temple God’s people say: Glory!

Leader: The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

People: And a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.

Leader: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

People: I have called you by name, you are mine.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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 this child now before you in your care?

People: We Will.

Pastor: Members of the household of faith,
I commend to your love and care *this child*,
whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God.
Will you endeavor so to live
that *this child* 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 this child, surrounded by steadfast love,
may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened
in the way that leads to life eternal.**

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.*

***Hymn No. 362** "Nothing But the Blood" Plainfield

SCRIPTURE "Hebrews 12:1 - 3" Pew Bible Page 1097

MESSAGE "A Duct Tape Life" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

***HYMN No. 454** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Shine, Jesus, Shine" arr. Hayes

MUSIC today is provided by pianist Cathy Peterson.

BEING BAPTIZED TODAY is Emmett James Suppa, son of Wade and Sarah Suppa, and grandson to John and Laura Suppa.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~ A Free Community Family Event will be held at the Warren CarPool on August 10th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be provided. Bring your friends and family, as all are welcome to attend!

A **CHURCH MOUSE** ~ sends cards, notes, and information about church and community to our youth-in-training away from home.... Anono**MOUSE**ly! If you're interested in being a part of the program, please contact Heidi Ketzko or Debbie Giambrone for more information. Also, if you're a **college student**, please contact the church for a survey to fill out for the coming year. We want to make this a great year for you!

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 Wednesday, September 6th. Picnic supper at 5:15 PM.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

OUR JOURNEY FORWARD BEGINS WITH PRAYER

Have you seen the maps on the bulletin board opposite the church office? As a church, we are preparing ourselves for new ministries to and for the people of Warren as well as preparing ourselves to be engaged in relationships with others! As part of this plan, we **NEED** to be in prayer for the congregation, the community as a whole, and the needs of others around us.

Already, a group from our church has been meeting on Sunday mornings and learning more about the importance and power of prayer through our Acts 29 study. Whether you have been a part of that study or not, you are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to take a moment before or after worship and review the maps in the hallway. Take the post-it in the bulletin or one provided near the maps and write your name on it and place it in one of the designated sections of the map. You are then asked to make that area an intentional part of your regular prayer time.

There is no “prescribed” prayer to accomplish this. We seek to be led in prayer by the Holy Spirit. As a way to get started, we have provided the following suggestions from the Acts 29 study. Please feel free to use them *or not use them* as you sense the Spirit directing your prayers.

May the persons in this quadrant:

- Who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior come to faith in him.
- Endeavor to live according to what God says is the right way to live.
- Receive God’s healing touch.
- Sense a fresh breeze of the Holy Spirit.
- Who have been wounded by a church be welcomed back and have wound healed.
- Hunger for more and more of God.
- Know the love of God and reach out in love to one another.

Our desire is to blanket the entire region in prayer over the next several months and then be ready for how God will answer these prayers moving forward!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 6, 2023 – August 12, 2023

SUNDAY	8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel 8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room 10:30 Community Service; Struthers Theatre
MONDAY	6:45 AM Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall
TUESDAY	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 4:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting; Covert Room
THURSDAY	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room 6:00 PM Community CAR Pool Event; Warren CAR Pool
FRIDAY	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall