

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

August 13, 2023

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
“Above All”

arr. Shackley
arr. Hayes

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Aria in E flat”
“Prelude on Ebenezer”
“Prelude in C Major”

Wayne Wold
David Ruhl
J.S. Bach

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. 75

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old 100th

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

People: to be God’s servants in the service of all,

Leader: to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table,

People: to join Christ in his passion and victory.

Leader: “Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God.”

People: All who love are born of God and know God. Let us worship God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Would Be True”

arr. Lloyd Larson

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Bud Fickley

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

“How Great is our God”

arr. Lloyd Larson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

Pew Hymnal Page 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.

*Offertory Prayer

***Hymn No. 348**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Thompson

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 13:44 - 52”

Pew Bible Page 891

MESSAGE

“Treasure Hunting”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM)

***HYMN No. 338**

“Where He Leads Me”

Norris

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Standin’ In the Need of Prayer”

arr. G. Smith

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

arr. Hamlin

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist, Michele Sandberg as well as Melissa and Doug McCracken. We thank them for sharing their talents with us this morning. The 8:00 pianist is Michele Sandberg.

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.

LITURGIST today is Rev. Bud Fickley.

ACOLYTE today is Collin Ellis.

USHERS today are George Lilja, Mike Giambrone, Nick Giambrone, Henry Dahl and Morrie Kintner.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of our parents, given by The Anderson and Nelson Families.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~Marty Campbell, 615 Rouse Ave, Memory Care, Youngsville, PA 16371. - Please consider sending her a card.

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!

NEW HYMNALS ~ Fall programming will begin on Sunday, September 10th. Chancel Choir will return to help lead worship, and the new hymnals will be dedicated during the 10:00 AM service. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a hymn sing.

CLASS MEETINGS ~ "...But the most profitable exercise of any is a free inquiry into the state of the heart". Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke ~ An opportunity to grow our faith will be offered through a return to the Wesleyan tradition of class meetings. Using the book, The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten and Essential Small Group Experience by Kevin Watson, these small groups are intended for those individuals interested in "watching over one another in love". The class meeting is a transformation-driven format, organized around a common desire to support one another as we learn to interpret our lives through the lens of the gospel and then encourage one another to live our lives for and through Christ. A 9 week study of the book will be held on Sunday mornings between the 8:00AM and 10:00AM services, beginning on September 10th. Books will be available through the office. If you have any questions, or would like further information, please contact Mary Jo Zubrod at mjzubrod@yahoo.com or 814-779-1448.

LOGOS ~ Our LOGOS After School Program is looking for the following volunteers: Gym – 3:45-4:35, Crafts – 4:15 - 4:55, Teachers assistant – 4:55 - 5:15, and Table Parents - 5:15 - 6:00. We are also in need a van driver to pick up students from St. Joe's and WAEC. If you're feeling called to this ministry, please contact Heidi Ketzko at 814-723-4930. **LOGOS PARENT MEETING** will be held August 22nd, at 6:00 PM in Covert Room.

PARENT'S MIXER ~ On August 24th, Scott and Kelly Newton will be hosting a parent's mixer for parents of kids entering 7th - 12th grades. The mixer will take place at their home at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP to Kelly Newton at 814-688-8133.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES ~ Confirmation classes will begin meeting this fall and will be from 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM on designated Sundays. There will be a parent's meeting in Parlor B on September 17th, directly following the 10:00 AM Sunday service. The first confirmation class will be held on September 24th. This class is intended for those in 9th grade or older. For more information please contact the church office at 814-723-4930. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 13, 2023 – August 19, 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
MONDAY	6:45 AM Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 9:00 AM HOC Distribution; WAEC 4:15 PM Hospitality Meeting; Covert Room
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
THURSDAY	8:00 AM Minister's Resource Breakfast; Founder's Hall 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
FRIDAY	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall



First Methodist Church

2023

Fall Ministry Fair

Connecting Disciples to
Ministry and Service



Sunday, September 10, 2023
following the 10 am Worship Service

Join us in the parlors for cookies, punch,
and displays by our many:

- Ministries
- Discipleship Opportunities
 - Fellowship Groups



NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!




“Chosen” is an Erie based, community-oriented organization that empowers universities, hospitals, churches, and individuals through the provision of community projects, campaigns, and healthcare items and surgical equipment that inspire overall wellness, rehabilitation, and mobility. They are committed to acts of service that inspire every individual to see themselves as God's handiwork and part of a greater whole. They have been in existence for over 54 years and since 1969, have aided over half of the globe with their efforts!

During the pandemic Chosen reevaluated how God was calling them to serve others. They recognized the need for “Durable Home Healthcare Items” that could be provided to persons in need.

They now receive gently used equipment and new supply items such as wheelchairs, walkers, transfer benches, shower chairs, bed canes, and unexpired diabetic supplies. These items are available to our neighbors at NO COST. (Donations to the ministry are accepted.) Hundreds of items are distributed each month.

It was recently noted that a significant number of individuals making use of this ministry were coming from the Warren area. In an effort to help those in need and save individuals hours of driving and gas money, Chosen was seeking a location in Warren to distribute these items. We anticipate becoming a drop off site for items that can then be sent to Erie for servicing and to then be distributed again at a later date.

In our ongoing efforts to fulfill the directives of Matthew 25 (caring for the sick), First Methodist Church has committed to partner with Chosen in this ministry to our community. We anticipate needing volunteers several days a week to help distribute medical items from our church garage. At the present time we are looking at Monday afternoons and Friday Mornings. More information will be coming very soon. In the meantime, if you are feeling called to be a part of this new ministry, please talk with Dr. Hecht and/or sign up on the volunteer sheet outside the church office.



First Methodist Church has been asked to provide 14 dozen cookies for the Sharing Place Thursday meal on August 24th. If you are willing and would like to donate some cookies for the Sharing Place, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Please drop off cookies to the Covert Room by August 23rd.

Thank you!

Care Team Ministry



LAY MINISTERS

We are thankful for the commitment of our Lay Ministers at First Methodist Church over the past several years. They have provided a valuable service of reaching out to those in need as well as supporting other ministries here at First Methodist church. As our church continues to grow and move forward, however, it is necessary to separate out a number of the ministries we offer and refocus our efforts individually and collectively.

In our continuing efforts to meet the needs of all individuals inside and outside the church, we are forming a new "Caring Ministry" Team. Ministry to the sick and to those shut-in, is a ministry founded in the Church's rich tradition of pastoral care. The goal is to reach those unable to participate in the Church's life due to hospitalization, suffering from the effects of illness, disability, or aging. We are looking to form a group of like-hearted, caring persons to visit with others as well as look for ways to share the love of Christ through listening and encouragement.

If you feel called to participate in this ministry and are willing to give time to visit with others, please contact the Church Office (814)723-4930 or Pastor Mike Rutenber (814)779-4795.

We will have a "Care Ministry Team" Meeting August 21st, at 11:00 AM in the Covert Room.