

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

October 22, 2023

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)

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Hayes

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”

J.S. Bach

PIANO PRELUDE

“On Eagles Wings”

arr. Mark Hayes

(10:00 AM)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.**

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place. . .

People: **Who are we that you are mindful of us?**

Leader: Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank You for creating us and loving us in a way that knows no limits.

People: **We acknowledge You as Lord and praise You for all of creation.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we welcome You in this time of praise and worship.

People: **Please, Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ that You are calling us to be.**

*HYMN No. 278

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Diademata

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“All Good Gifts”

Joseph Martin

OLD TESTAMENT READING

“Psalm 133”

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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

“I Will Trust in Christ Alone”

Roger Thornhill

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. 392**

“In Christ There is No East or West”

St. Peter

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dee Dee Tucker

SCRIPTURE

“Mark 13:1 - 13”

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MESSAGE

“Live Life Now!”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 102**

“My Hope Is Built”

The Solid Rock

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

arr. Allison

(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE

“The Great Commission”

arr. Livingston

(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist and pianist Michele Sandberg, the Chancel Choir, the Madrigals, and percussionist David Dorn. The guest pianist for the prelude is Zachary Nelson. The 8:00 AM pianist is Michele Sandberg.

LITURGIST today is Heidi Ketzko.

ACOLYTES today are David Huffman and Gavin Rex.

USHERS today are Larry Loughlin, Ila Wilson, Carla Johnson, Nick Johnson, Patti Rublee, Brian Swanson, and Lucy Nelson.

CRARY CHAPEL FLOWERS today are in memory of Kay Jones.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Jane Carter Betts, given by Rod Betts and Family.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Debbie Zaiko’s birthday, given by her Family.

CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ A brief charge conference will take place this evening at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend, however, only council members are able to vote.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Jane Culver, 615 Rouse Ave, Room 149, Youngsville, PA 16371 - Please consider sending her a card.

DID YOU KNOW?.... October is Pastor Appreciation Month. ~ We are blessed with three Pastors we see at our pulpit - Dr. Hecht, Mike and Bud. However, lets give our words of appreciation to Pastor Jon Swart and the many ministries and church programs he participates in and leads, plus Pastor Doug McCracken, our Christian Counselor who helps persons in our church and community. — *From SPRC committee*

EPWORTH BELLRINGERS ~ The Epworth Bellringers has an opening for a bell ringer. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. If interested, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS ~ We need volunteers for Children's Church. If you are interested in this ministry, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.

UNPACKING A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS ~ Rev. Mark Hecht (Presiding Elder) and Rev. Janet Lord (AWAC Conference Secretary) have collaborated on a book of 25 stories and songs designed to help you not only remember those cherished times but also to help you focus on creating new traditions for the next generation. Each chapter includes a Scripture passage, a story, and a link to a piano arrangement of a Christmas carol that Janet has recorded over the past few years. It is useful for individual devotional time, sermon illustrations, or even small group discussion groups. Both this Devotional and Rev. Hecht's first book, "Family, Friends, and Faith," are available in the church office.

FALL FEST ~ Have you ever wondered if scarecrows are real? Here's your chance to find out – our Fall Fest celebration will be on Sunday, October 29th, immediately following the 10:00AM service. This truly is an event that offers something for everyone. There will be refreshments, games, crafts, and a relay race you won't want to miss! Volunteers are always welcome – if you are interested in helping out, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office, or contact Mary Jo Zubrod at 814-779-1448.

LARGE TIN CANS ~ We are in need of #3 tin cans to use for luminaries along the walkway in front of the church for our Christmas Eve service. Please drop off any donations to the church office. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP IS COMING BACK ~ Our kickoff event will be for students in 7th - 12th grades on Wednesday, November 1st. Our gathering will be from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Covert Room and will include time to hang out and have fun, as well as time to grow in faith. We hope to see you there! If you have questions, email Rev. Fickley at bfickley@firstmwarren.org.

FREE NARCAN TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION ~ Deerfield Center for Addiction Treatment, in collaboration with The Reclamation Sisters, is offering in-person Narcan training and demonstration on November 13th at 6:00 PM, in the Dunham Parlors. There is no cost for the training, but pre-registration is encouraged. Please register through the church office at 814-723-4930, or sign up on the bulletin board across from the office.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
October 22, 2023 – October 28, 2023

SUNDAY **8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel**
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
8:45 AM Class Meetings Study; Parlor A
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:15 AM New Member Class; Covert Room
6:00 PM Charge Conference; Covert Room

MONDAY **6:45 AM Christian Men’s Accountability; Covert Room**
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal; Founder’s Hall
6:30 PM Silver Winds; Sanctuary
7:00 PM The Truth Project Study; Covert Room

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
9:30 AM Protestant Church History; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
6:00 PM NO Protestant Church History—Cancelled
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary

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
3:10 PM LOGOS; Founder’s Hall
5:15 PM Finance Meeting; Parlor A
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
9:30 AM Preschool Halloween Program; Founder’s Hall
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
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