

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

February 25, 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)

“I Need Thee Every Hour”
“He Leadeth Me”

arr. Lowry
arr. Mark Hayes

ORGAN PRELUDE
(10:00 AM)

“Penitencia”
“Meditation on ‘Leoni’”
“Fugue in C Major”

arr. Peter Stearns
arr. Hegarty
Dietrich Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all God’s people come —

People: We will lift our voices to the Lord.

Leader: God says, “I will teach you the way you should go.”

People: So we will listen and follow God’s way.

***HYMN No. 88**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Beecher

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Jesus is Mine”

Robert Lau

OLD TESTAMENT READING “1 Chronicles 28:8—10”

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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

“He Loved Them to the End”

Joseph Martin

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. 506**

“Only Trust Him”

Stockton

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary Jo Zubrod

SCRIPTURE

“John 3:1 - 21”

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MESSAGE

“Nicodemus”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 32**

“How Great Thou Art”

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Built On a Rock”

arr. Lindeman

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Psalm XX”

Benedetto Marcello

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg and our Chancel Choir. The 8:00 AM pianist is Michele Sandberg.

LITURGIST today is Tracy Brieger.

ACOLYTES today are Attie Corey and Grace Carr.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Wayne Hahn’s birthday, given by his sister, Sharon Parker.

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

IN SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to Dorothy Sutton, whose sister, Roberta Matve, passed away on February 15, 2024. Sympathy cards can be sent to Dorothy at 701 Rouse Ave., Room 108, Youngsville, PA 16371.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Karen Yourchisin, 701 Rouse Ave., Room 108A, Youngsville, PA 16371. Please consider sending her a card.

ALTAR CLOTH ~ The altar cloth in the sanctuary was created by Shirley Crone. It is constructed of patches of fabric submitted by members of our church and represents the lives of families of this congregation. As we enter this time of Lent and reflection, let us be mindful of the gifts God has given us in our lives and families.

WINTER LUNCH FELLOWSHIP ~ Today, following the 10:00 AM worship service, our Hospitality Ministry will host a Winter Lunch Fellowship in Founder's Hall. All are welcome to come and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

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. The class will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM 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.

WEDNESDAY SOUP AND STUDY "Signs" ~ We are still in need of volunteers to make soup for the Wednesday Soup and Study. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those willing to volunteer to make soup.

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 you. If you're interested, please contact Heidi Ketzko. Thank you!

SAMARITAN MEALS ~ A program that provides and delivers meals to congregation members with temporary health needs is looking for cooks to help carry out this caring ministry. If you want to join our team, please call Cindy Blodgett at 814-726-1415 or 814-730-7350.

HOLIDAY HOT MEALS ~ This Easter, Holiday Hot Meals will be delivered on Saturday, March 30th. This ministry is looking for more volunteers. For information about this ministry, you can check out <https://episcopalmissionwcpa.org/holiday-hot-meals>. Please join in prayer for this ministry, the volunteers who will be helping, and those who will be blessed with a meal.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP IS BACK IN SESSION ~ Tuesday, February 27th at 12:30 PM in the Covert Room. Bring a sandwich and join in the study by John Ortberg, "Who is this Man?" A video and discussion will follow. This is a good subject for Lent.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

February 25, 2024 - March 2, 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 Hospitality Winter Lunch; Founders Hall

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
12:30 PM Tuesday Study Group; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:00 PM Warren High School Soccer; Gym
5:00 PM Madrigals; Music Room
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary

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6:00 PM Youth Group; Everts Room
6:00 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
3:30 PM 4th Grade Soccer; Gym
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



Blue Bag **Sunday**

**March 3rd & March 10th
Blue Bag Distribution**

March 17th Blue Bag Collection

Until March 17th, we will collect non-perishable food items for the Ruth M. Smith Home. Bags will be distributed at the end of service on March 3rd and March 10th. The bags can be returned to our collection box across from the Dunham Parlors. If you cannot pick up one of the provided blue bags, items may still be dropped off in any type of bag available to you. The collection of the bags will take place on March 17th.



Ideas For Food Items

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna
- Boxed Stuffing
- Dry Pasta
- Rice
- Dry Cereal
- Powdered Milk
- Canned Fruit
- Beans
- Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Baking Mixes

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ASSORTED EASTER FLOWERS

Our Sanctuary will be decorated this Easter with an assortment of flowers

The cost of each plant is **\$12.00** if ordered through the Church.

MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.

MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)

FLOWERS GIVEN BY:

I wish to purchase _____ assorted flowers at a total cost of \$ _____

I wish to give \$ _____ to the Flower Fund.

I will pick up a flower at the end of the Service Yes / No (Circle one)

**LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS:
March 15, 2024**

NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.