

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

May 26, 2024

Welcome to First Methodist Church.

Please use the Music of Preparation as an opportunity to prepare your hearts for worship.

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.

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

(8:00 AM)

“America, the Beautiful”
“On Eagle’s Wings”

arr. Cindy Berry
Janet Vogt

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

(10:00 AM)

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”
“God and Country”

arr. E. Childs
arr. Allison

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world filled with violence and war,

People: we gather together to celebrate this promise of peace.

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

People: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

People: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

*HYMN No. 59

“God or Our Fathers”

National Hymn

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Peter Wilhousky

OLD TESTAMENT READING “Psalm 51:1—2, 7—12”

Pew Bible Pages 509 - 510

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

“For Ever and Ever”

Jay Althouse

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. 62**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Marion

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Bud Fickley

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 5:8”

Pew Bible Page 880

“1 John 4:11 –15”

Pew Bible Page 1112

MESSAGE

“Pure Hearts”

Rev. Jon Swart

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 155**

“Jesus Loves Me! This I know”

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“America”

arr. Cindy Berry

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Postlude in Early American Style”

Lani Smith

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist and pianist Michele Sandberg, our Chancel Choir, and percussionist Tracy Brieger. Nettie Swart is playing the carillon and Ruth Nelson is the pianist for the 8:00 AM service.

ACOLYTES today are Grace Carr and Allison Conti.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by the Crary Flower Fund

USHERS today are Team 1 - Denny Munksgard, Bob Silzle, Bill Hannold, John Suppa, Laura Suppa, Rebekah Swart, and Kate Conti.

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

IN SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Molly and Larry Loughlin and Kari Swanson, in the passing of Molly's father, Paul E. Monjar, on May 22, 2024.

PIPE ORGAN ~ Physical work on our pipe organ began two weeks ago, and nearly half of the pipes were removed and transported to Organ Supply in Erie for cleaning and refurbishment. Thus our organist, Michele Sandberg, is leading us in worship with half of our organ. If you haven't already done so, please take time to look up into the great chamber (on the pulpit side) to see the space where additional cleaning and work will begin the first week in June. From then on and through the remaining months this summer, we should see lots of action in the organ chambers. We appreciate the donations we have received thus far on this project. If you want to donate to the organ fund, you can donate online at www.firstmwarren.org or via check made out to FMC with the organ fund noted on the check.

NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP CLASS ~ For those considering joining First Methodist Church, we invite you to our New Member Fellowship Class, which will start soon. Please call the church at 814-723-4930 if you are interested in joining First Methodist Church.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR ~ If you enjoy Sunday fellowship and would like to donate snacks and goodies, there is a new volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office.

PRAYING MAKERS GROUP ~ Our Prayer Shawl Ministry knits, crochets, or crafts shawls, robes, and other items to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. We also make items to celebrate life and milestones. Please consider joining us in this ministry by crafting items or providing materials to make them. You can contact Cindy Blodgett at 814-726-1415 or 814-730-7350 if interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ Community VBS will take place at First Lutheran Church, 109 W. Third Ave., from July 28th to August 1st. VBS will run from 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM each day. Registration forms are available via the weekly newsletter, the website at www.firstmwarren.org, and the First Methodist Facebook Page at <https://facebook.com/firstmwarren>.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS ~ The Gardening Committee is excited to welcome new volunteers! We are looking for people to help plant the flowers and various pots around our church at the end of this month, and also those who may be willing to help water throughout the summer and fall months. Your contribution will help make our church beautiful during these months. You can contact the church office or Molly Loughlin if interested. Thank you!

THE CROSSING ~ The Crossing needs to fill the treasurer position. The following describes what the position involves. Please feel free to contact Dawn Larson with any questions. Thank you. Dawn Larson email: rdlarson79@gmail.com. Approximately 1 hour each week entering deposits, debit charges, and paying bills; Every other week, another 1 hour preparing payroll and submitting the payroll taxes; Monthly, 1/2 hour reviewing QuickBooks and preparing the monthly reports for the board; Quarterly, 1 hour preparing the quarterly payroll tax returns.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

May 26, 2024 - June 1, 2024

SUNDAY

Memorial Day Weekend

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

MONDAY

Office Closed

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours

12:30 PM Tuesday Afternoon Study; Covert Room

1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours

9:00 AM—12:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage

12:00 PM Senior Citizen Lunch; Founder's Hall