

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

February 4, 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)

“Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision”

“Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

arr. Hayes

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ORGAN PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Father Most Holy”

“Prelude in G Major”

“Panis Angelicus”

18th Century French

J.S. Bach

Cesar Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

People: who alone does wondrous things;

Leader: and blessed be his glorious name forever.

People: May his glory fill the whole earth, and may our lips pour forth his praise. Amen.

*HYMN No. 36

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Spanish Hymn

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“How Shall We Greet Him?”

Michael Barrett

OLD TESTAMENT READING

“Psalm 121”

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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

“Table of Mercy, Table of Rest”

Mary McDonald

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. 424**

“We Come as Guests Invited”

Aurelia

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary Jo Zubrod

SCRIPTURE

“Acts 17:22—31”

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MESSAGE

“One God is as Good as the Next”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 99**

“I Sought the Lord”

Peace

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

“Marche Romaine”

(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE

“St. Anne”

arr. Deasley

(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

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

LITURGIST today is Heidi Ketzko.

ACOLYTES today are Charlotte Anderson and Anna McCord.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Alan Crone, given by his Family.

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

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Darla Peterson, 205 Water Street, Room 525, Warren, PA 16365. Please consider sending her a card.

WINTER LUNCH FELLOWSHIP ~ Our Hospitality ministry will be hosting a Winter Lunch Fellowship on February 25th, and March 17th. These lunches will take place immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service.

CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA ~ Chancel Choir is beginning rehearsals for a cantata, "Come to the Cross and Remember" by Pepper Choplin, which will be shared on Palm Sunday, March 24th. If you would like to join the Chancel Choir for this, please call Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238. Christ's journey to the cross is filled with images that serve as vivid reminders of His sacrificial love for us. During this cantata, symbols of the palms, the bread and cup, flowers, thirty silver coins, a robe and crown, nails, and the shroud will reinforce the week leading from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER ~ Make sure to mark your calendars! The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will occur on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM in Founder's Hall. Donations for this dinner are accepted, and Take-Outs are available. All donations benefit Emory Himes.

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ Mark your calendars for the Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 6:00 PM in the Crary Chapel.

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. Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM, starting on February 21st and continuing 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. There is also a sign-up sheet for those who would like to make soup for the soup and study.

MISSION MOMENT GUEST SPEAKER ~ On Sunday, February 11, 2024, International Disaster Relief Nurse and Chaplain with Samaritan's Purse Jonie Smitley will speak at the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM worship services. A lunch in the Covert Room will follow the 10:00 AM service, where Jonie will give a presentation.

BOOK CLUB ~ Please note that the Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 7th at 1:00 PM at the home of Diane Scarcella, 106 Brook Street.

SCOUTING MOMENT ~ We will have a scouting moment on Sunday, February 18th. Scouts of all ages are welcome to wear their uniforms to this service as we celebrate the tradition of scouting.

NEW STAFF POSITION ~ Effective January 1, Heidi Ketzko's job title is now "Coordinator of Community Programming."

VALENTINES FOR SHUT-INS ~ Our hand-made Valentines will be delivered on February 11, 2024. If you would like to help deliver the Valentines, there is a sign-up on the bulletin board across from the office.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

February 4, 2024 - February 10, 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

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
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Everts Room
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
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:00 PM Warren High School Soccer; Gym
6:00 PM Protestant Church History; Covert Room
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

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
8:45 AM Moms of Minis; Covert Room
9:30 AM Protestant Church History; Parlor B
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
6:30 PM Youth Group; Everts Room
6:30 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
4:15 PM Hospitality Meeting; Covert Room
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