

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## July 30, 2023

### PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Lord of the Dance”

arr. Mark Hayes

### PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“The Unclouded Day”  
“Chaconne for Organ”  
“Three Variations on ST. ANNE”

J.K. Alwood  
Martha Sobaje  
arr Slowins

### 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.**

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Jon Swart

### \*HYMN No. 540

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

St. Thomas

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your steadfast love, Lord, never ceases,

**People: Your mercies never come to an end;**

Leader: They are new every morning; so let us proclaim -

**People: Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your love. Great is Your mercy.  
And greatly is Your name to be praised!**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Love Never Ends”

Allan Petker

### A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amanda McCord

### 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

“The Rock On Whom We Stand”

Cindy Barry

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

\*Doxology No. 95

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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. 351

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

**SCRIPTURE**

“Acts 4:32–37”

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**MESSAGE**

“What Makes it Go”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM)

\*HYMN No. 548

“In Christ There is No East or West”

McKee

**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

**POSTLUDE**

“Joy”

arr. Allison

(8:00 AM)

**POSTLUDE**

“Rigaudon”

Andre Campra

(10:00 AM)

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg and vocalist Kevin Hunt. Kevin, a teacher at Eisenhower Elementary, has served the WCSD for 18 years. This is the ninth summer he has shared his considerable talent with us. We welcome Kevin and his wife, Adrienne. 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 Grant Newton.

**USHERS** today are team 1, Denny Munksgard – Captain

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by the Dunham Family Flower Fund.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~Dorothy Sutton, 701 Rouse Ave, Room 108, Youngsville, PA 16371. - Please consider sending her a card.

**COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE** ~ Next Sunday, August 6th, there will be a community worship service at the Struthers Library Theatre at 10:30 AM. There will be an 8:00 AM worship service at the First Methodist Church, but no 10:00 AM service on August 6th.

## OUR JOURNEY FORWARD BEGINS WITH PRAYER

Have you seen the maps on the bulletin board opposite the church office? As a church, we are preparing ourselves for new ministries to and for the people of Warren as well as preparing ourselves to be engaged in relationship with others! As part of this plan, we NEED to be in prayer for the congregation, the community as a whole, and the needs of others around us.

Already, a group from our church has been meeting on Sunday mornings and learning more about the importance and power of prayer through our Acts 29 study. Whether you have been a part of that study or not, you are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to take a moment before or after worship and review the maps in the hallway. Take the post-it in the bulletin or one provided near the maps and write your name on it and place it in one of the designated sections of the map. You are then asked to make that area an intentional part of your regular prayer time.

There is no “prescribed” prayer to accomplish this. We seek to be led in prayer by the Holy Spirit. As a way to get started, we have provided the following suggestions from the Acts 29 study. Please feel free to use them *or not use them* as you sense the Spirit directing your prayers.

May the persons in this quadrant:

- Who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior come to faith in him.
- Endeavor to live according to what God says is the right way to live.
- Receive God’s healing touch.
- Sense a fresh breeze of the Holy Spirit.
- Who have been wounded by a church be welcomed back and have wound healed.
- Hunger for more and more of God.
- Know the love of God and reach out in love to one another.

Our desire it to blanket the entire region in prayer over the next several months and then be ready for how God will answer these prayers moving forward!

**SENIOR LUNCH VOLUNTEERS** ~ We need more volunteers for our Friday Senior Lunch Teams. Areas of need are: help with food preparation, serving, and clean-up. If this is something that you feel called to do, please get in touch with Heidi Ketzko, Deb Anderson, Elsie Giegerich, or the church office. We also welcome volunteers who may only be available in an on-call capacity. Thank you.

**ESTATE PLANNING** ~ A reminder to those individuals who may have named First Methodist Church as a beneficiary in their estate. You must change the name to First Methodist Church of Warren, Pennsylvania, instead of First United Methodist Church.

**ADVOCACY - HUMAN TRAFFICKING** ~ July 30th, the United Nations World Day Against Trafficking Persons. The campaign slogan is "Have a Heart for Victims of Human Trafficking." The blue heart symbolizes the sadness for those trafficked and the cold heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings.

Did you know:

- Women and girls make up 72% of all victims of human trafficking
- Human trafficking earns global profits of about \$150 billion a year for the traffickers
- Sexual exploitation makes up 59% of human trafficking, and forced labor represent 34 %
- The USA human trafficking hotline is 1 - 888 - 373 - 7888

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** ~ A Free Community Family Event will be held at the Warren CarPool on August 10th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be provided. Bring your friends and family, as all are welcome to attend!

**STELLAR – SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!!** ~ 2023 VBS went well this year!! We had 64 total participants, which included adult and youth volunteers. The children learned how Jesus helps us through hard times. They had yummy snacks, made cool crafts, played fun games, and learned awesome songs and stories of Jesus and his love for us all!! We collected \$319.23 to donate to the Music Conservatory in our Community in just 4 days!! We always set goals, and the children got to toss buckets of ice water on Emily Streich, crew leader, and Pastor Bud, our new youth pastor. We thank our church for hosting VBS this year, and St. John's, First Presbyterian, and Grace United Methodist for their participation. Our Community VBS would not happen without these churches. They give us donations, support, advice/ideas, helpers/volunteers, and many prayers. A **HUGE** thank you to Mary Ann Paris and her sister, Veronica, for supplying cotton candy to our kids at the end of the program. First Lutheran Church will host the 2024 Community VBS. Shine Jesus' Light!!

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 6<sup>th</sup>. Picnic supper at 5:15 PM.

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

# **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 30, 2023 – August 5, 2023**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel 8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room 9:00 AM Acts 29 Study; Parlors 9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel 10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>6:45 AM Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B 4:30 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting; Covert Room</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall</b>