

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

September 3, 2023

PRELUDE
(8:00 AM)

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”
“Here I Am to Worship”

arr. Tornquist
arr. Hayes

PRELUDE
(10:00 AM)

“Trusting Jesus”
“Meditation on the Lord Is My Shepherd”
“Partita on Blessed Name”

arr. M. McDonald
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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.

***HYMN No. 92**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dix

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: **My soul will boast in the LORD let the afflicted hear and rejoice!**

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together!

People: **Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Love Grows Here”

Don Besig

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

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”

arr. M. Hayes

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

Pew Hymnal Page 95

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. 568** "Christ for the World We Sing" Italian Hymn
SCRIPTURE "Colossians 3:22 - 24" Pew Bible Page 1074
MESSAGE "Honoring God in Our Work" Rev. Doug McCracken

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 399** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Messiah

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE "Andante Religioso" Beethoven
(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE "May Jesus Christ Be Praised" arr. Wyrzten
(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

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.

MUSIC today is provided by organist/pianist Michele Sandberg as well as vocalists Deb Anderson and Ruth Nelson. Cathy Peterson is the 8:00 AM pianist.

LITURGISTS today are Heidi Ketzko at 8:00 AM and Tawni Betts at 10:00 AM.

ACOLYTE today is David Huffman.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Michael and Nathan Park, given by Jack and Dorothea Park & Family.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Shirley Witherell, 418 East Street, Warren, PA 16365 and Nancy Johnson, 13 Orchard Street, Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending them a card.

BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS ~ As our kids head back to school, we want to pray a blessing over them and the things that support their education. On Sunday, September 10th, we invite all our students, preschool through college, to bring their backpacks, filled with all their school things, to be prayed over for the year ahead.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP ~ We are seeking volunteers to donate snacks for our Sunday fellowship hour. If you enjoy Sunday Fellowship and want to donate snacks and goodies, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. – Thank you! (You do not need to be a baker – store bought goodies are also delicious!)

CLASS MEETINGS ~ "...But the most profitable exercise of any is a free inquiry into the state of the heart". Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke ~ An opportunity to grow our faith will be offered through a return to the Wesleyan tradition of class meetings. Using the book The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten and Essential Small Group Experience by Kevin Watson, these small groups are intended for those individuals interested in "watching over one another in love." The class meeting is a transformation-driven format, organized around a common desire to support one another as we learn to interpret our lives through the lens of the gospel and then encourage one another to live our lives for and through Christ. A 9-week study of the book will be held on Sunday mornings between the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services, beginning on September 10th. Books will be available through the office. If you have any questions or want further information, please contact Mary Jo Zubrod at mjzubrod@yahoo.com or 814-779-1448.

LOGOS ~ Our LOGOS After School Program is looking for the following volunteers: Gym – 3:45-4:35, Crafts – 4:15 - 4:55, Teachers' assistant – 4:55 - 5:15, and Table Parents - 5:15 - 6:00. We are also in need a van driver to pick up students from St. Joe's and WAEC. If you feel called to this ministry, please get in touch with Heidi Ketzko at 814-723-4930.

MINISTRY FAIR ~ A Fall Ministry Fair will occur on Sunday, September 10th, following the 10:00 AM worship service. We welcome you to join us in the parlors for cookies, punch, and displays by our many ministries, discipleship opportunities, and fellowship groups.

CHOSEN ~ is an Erie based, community-oriented organization that empowers universities, hospitals, churches, and individuals through the provision of community projects, campaigns, and healthcare items and surgical equipment that inspire overall wellness, rehabilitation, and mobility. In an effort to help those in need and save individuals hours of driving and gas money, First Methodist Church has partnered with Chosen in this ministry to our community. We anticipate needing volunteers to help distribute medical items from our church garage. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. Our initial training with volunteers will be held on September 6th at 11:00 in the garage.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES ~ Confirmation classes will meet this fall from 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM on designated Sundays. A parent's meeting will be in Parlor B on September 17th, following the 10:00 AM Sunday service. The first confirmation class will be held on September 24th. This class is intended for those in 9th grade or older. For more information, please contact the church office at 814-723-4930. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the office.

NEW MEMBER CLASS ~ New Members will be received in worship on Sunday, November 12. Classes for new members will take place from 11:15-12:30 on the following Sundays: October 8, 15, 22, and November 5. Topics include Our Wesleyan Heritage, Spiritual Gifts/Fruits of the Spirit, Grace and the Sacraments, and Life in the Local Church. Reverend Hecht and Tawni Betts will lead the classes. Please let the church office know at byoung@firstmwarren.org if you will be attending.

MOMS OF MINIS ~ Moms with little ones, kindergarten age and younger, are invited to join us for a new ministry beginning in October. Find more information on the church website or by emailing Grace Fickley, MOMS.FMWarren@gmail.com.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

September 3, 2023 – September 9, 2023

SUNDAY **8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel**
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary

MONDAY **Office Closed**

TUESDAY **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
5:00 PM Parent Night for Preschool; Founder's Hall

WEDNESDAY **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
8:20 AM 3 Year Old Preschool (Short Day)
8:30 AM Pre K Class (Short Day)
11:00 AM Chosen Training; Garage
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
5:15 PM Fall Season Musical Kick-Off; Covert Room

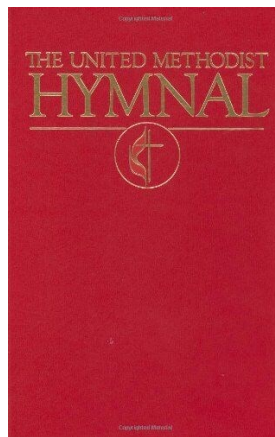
THURSDAY **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**
8:20 AM 3 Year Old Preschool (Short Day)
8:30 AM Pre K Class (Short Day)
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
4:30 PM Discipleship Meeting; Covert Room

FRIDAY **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall

Children's newly sewn clothes distributed

Since 2011, over 1,774 sewn children clothes have been sent to South American countries, Ukraine, Africa, Haiti and Redbird, Kentucky through our sewing ministry. This Sept, 60 more outfits will arrive in the Dominican Republic by the 'Rise Up Ministry,' transported by mission volunteer Janet Aldoph of Church of God. Then, 60 more outfits will be distributed internationally by Denny's Chapel of Saegertown, and 112 outfits will be tucked in Shoe Boxes by Pleasant Community Church ministry in Warren. Many thanks to our creative church sewers! Please let us know of other local, domestic and international contacts for children clothes. You can contact Dee Tucker, Laura Drake, Donna Bumbarger, or Phyllis Wright

Hymnals



Next Sunday September 10th we will begin using our NEW Hymnal! We literally have hundreds of old hymnals that will need to be removed this week so that the new hymnals can be in place for worship on the 10th. Following worship this morning you are **INVITED** and **ENCOURAGED** to take home with you as many hymnals as you would like for your personal use and to share with others.



LOGOS

Kickoff

September

13th

3:10 PM

First Methodist Church is excited to offer the LOGOS program to all students in Grades kindergarten – 6th.

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MARTY'S BUBBLEGUM MACHINE

5:15 PM -6:00 PM

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**It's not too late to sign up!
Contact Heidi Ketzko at 814-723-4930
and get signed up today!**

We hope to see you on the 13th!!