

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
October 13, 2024 – October 19, 2024**

SUNDAY

8:00 AM—12:00 PM Blood Drive; Parlor A
8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
8:45 AM Class Meetings Study; Parlor A
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM Private Event; Founder’s Hall
11:15 AM Youth Handbells; Sanctuary
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group; Everts Room

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men’s Accountability Group; Covert Room
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team B; Founder’s Hall
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Christian to the Core; Covert Room

TUESDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
12:30 PM Christian to the Core; Covert Room
1:35 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Handbells; Music Room and Sanctuary
6:00 PM GriefShare Ministry; Parlor B
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leader’s Meeting; Founder’s Hall
6:30 Epworth Bellringers; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 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
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
5:15 PM Finance Meeting; Covert Room
6:00 PM Chancel Rehearsal; Music Room
6:00 PM SPRC Meeting; Parlor B

THURSDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
4:15 PM Hospitality Meeting; Covert Room

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder’s Hall

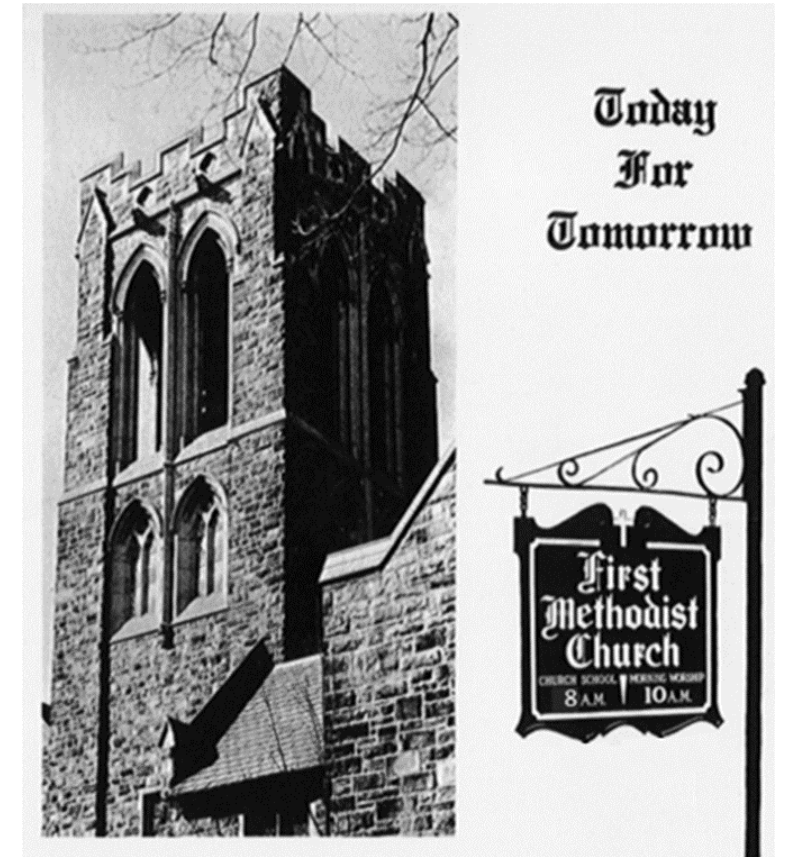
Meet the Staff – Rev. Mike Rutenber

Each month, the Staff Parish Relations Committee will highlight one of our staff’s ministries. Rev. Mike serves as our visitation pastor. Among other things, Mike provides monthly church services and communion to residents at Kinzua Health Care and Watson Home. He works with our “Care Ministry Team by helping to deliver Friday Senior luncheon meals to some shut in families. He visits those in Hospice care, local and regional hospitals, nursing homes as well as those at home. Much of his ministry is consoling grieving families and conducting funerals. As the current chair of the Outreach Committee, he also acts as our connection to the Salvation Army and Ruth Smith Home food pantries.

Mike networks with Warren Co. Jail Ministry, The Crossing Café, and consults with individuals needing “Mercy & Help” provided by the church. Rev. Mike helps with Bible Study at Warren Apartments and encourages residents as well as others to attend our church services and activities. He also has participated with ministry at our Sunday Night Praise and Prayer Services. Much of his time is spent on the phone, making contacts and speaking with individuals in need. God has given Rev. Mike – our part time pastor, the “quiet personality” and gift of teaching and helping others to know God.

To learn more about our First Methodist Church staff, go to <https://www.firstmwarren.org/meet-our-staff>.

Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber	
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson	
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg	
Pianist	Cathy Peterson	
Soloist	Melissa McCracken	
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone	
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young	
Coordinator of Community Programs	Heidi Ketzko	
Custodian	Bob Confer	
Acolytes	Tage Wyman and David Huffman	
Liturgist	Beth Steva	
Usher Captain Team 2	Denny Munksgard	
Ushers		
Bob Silzle	Bill Hannold	John Suppa
Laura Suppa	Rebekah Swart	Kate Conti



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
October 13, 2024**

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

*We are glad that you are worshipping with us 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.*

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Service of Word and Sacrament 8:00 AM

PRELUDE “My Jesus, I Love Thee” arr. Fetke
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Shackley

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the presence of God -

People: Toes Tap to some heavenly chorus,

Leader: Tears emerge from a hidden ache,

People: Silence descends like a gentle mist,

Leader: Joy ascends like a rocket in the sky.

People: God is here -

Leader: Glad hearts are refreshed,

People: Sorrowing hearts find comfort,

Leader: Broken hearts discover healing,

People: Searching hearts find home.

Leader: Here, in the presence of God,

People: We are made whole and sing our joyful songs of praise.

***HYMN No. 160** “I Love to Tell the Story” Hankey

NEW TESTAMENT “1 Peter 3:8 - 15” Pew Bible Page 1105

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.*

***HYMN No. 155** “Jesus Loves Me! This I Know”

SCRIPTURE “Matthew 28:1 - 10, 16 - 20” Pew Bible Page 909

MESSAGE “Your Story” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 578** “He Touched Me”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “I Love to Tell the Story” arr. Leonard

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

Please place offerings in the offertory plate as you exit the chapel.

We welcome you to share some fellowship in the Covert Room after the service.

Worship Service 10:00 AM

PRELUDE “He Leadeth Me” arr. Thompson
“Andante” Mozart
“Hornpipe” Handel

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ANTHEM “I Believe” Mark Miller

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Pew Hymnal Pages 724 - 729

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Contemplative Spiritual” arr. Donald Moore

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN No. 155** “Jesus Loves Me! This I Know”

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dee Dee Tucker

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BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE “May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

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BEING BAPTIZED TODAY is Elijah Mark Barrick, son of Annie and Chad Barrick, grandson of Karen and Mark Hecht & Connie and Jeff Barrick.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Deceased Members, given by the Allen Class.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ LaDonna Johnson, 205 Water Street, Room 510, Warren, PA 16365 - Please consider sending her a card.

PASTOR APPRECIATION ~ October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Show your appreciation by giving them an extra smile, good handshake with words of appreciation for their ministry, or greeting card thanking them how they have lifted your spirit or gave comfort in your life. Think of expressing your appreciation to Pastors Dr. Mark Hecht, Mike Rutenber, and Jon Swart all year long, but especially this month.

MONDAY NITE MEAL VOLUNTEERS ~ Volunteers are needed to help with the Monday Night Meals program. If you can volunteer your time, please reach out to Heidi Ketzko, Jon Swart, or the office.

DESSERTS ~ We are looking for volunteers to make desserts for our Monday Nite Meals. We will need (4) desserts each week to be at the church by 3:30PM. It can be anything from cake, brownies, or cookies. We will need each dessert to feed approximately 24 people. Cakes & brownies can be in a 9x13 pan. If you’re looking to help this ministry but can’t be here to participate, this is a wonderful way to help continue to make it a success. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the church office. Thank you in advance for helping with this very important ministry.

POWER OF PRAYER ~ A Community Prayer Open House will take place every Monday and Thursday from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM at the Crossing Café, in the back room. The Crossing Café is at 350 Pennsylvania Ave., W., Warren, PA.

HURRICANE RELIEF CHECKS ~ Please make checks for Hurricane Relief out to First Methodist Church and please include Helene Disaster Relief in the memo line.

PRAYING FRIENDS ~ As we journey forward together in Christ, we strive to be faithful in prayer. We are seeking God's direction for a January 2025 focus or study on prayer. Please prayerfully consider attending a meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 5pm to together discern the direction we should go. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mark or with Mary Schall. Thank you.

REGISTER FOR AWAKEN ~ A spirit-filled lay-equipping training event on November 8th and 9th at the Charter Oak Church where you'll encounter God through worship and teaching. This lay-equipping journey is a place to learn more about loving God more fully throughout our lives. Find out more and register for any Awaken event at AlleghenyWestGMC.org/Awaken. The Charter Oak Church is located at 449 Frye Farm Rd., Greensburg, PA.