

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Come to the Table”
“We Remember You”
“Close to Thee”

arr. Tornquist
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arr. Berry

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Broken and Poured Out”
“In Christ There Is No East or West”
“Prelude on Schmuckedich”

Leatherman
arr. Burleigh
Cruger

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN No. 64** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” Nicaea

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to worship, and remember what the Lord has done.

People: God makes us rich! God leaves no one behind, God keeps his promises.

Leader: The Lord led Israel in the desert by cloud and by fire

People: God made sure everyone had enough to eat and drink. God keeps his promises.

Leader: Let us sing with joy!

ANTHEM

(10:00 am only)

“Be Strong in the Lord”

Tom Fettke

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

No. 880

*GLORIA PATRI No. 71

SERVANT LEADER RECOGNITION

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 ANTHEM

“We Remember You”

arr. Lloyd Larson

(10:00 AM only)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 25:24-30”

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MESSAGE

“Frozen with Fear”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION***HYMN No. 582**

“Whom Shall I Send?”

Deus Tuorum Militum

BENEDICTION**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

arr. Berry

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, flautist Laura Whitten, soloist Melissa McCracken, and our Chancel Choir. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

ACOLYTES today are Grady Corey and Gavin Rex.

USHERS today are Team 2- Captain George Lilja.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by the Crary Family Flower Fund.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in memory of Hazel & Richard Giegerich and Pauline and Myron Rapp, given by Tom & Elsie Giegerich.

PRAYER CONCERNS can be found in our weekly email Newsletter.

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

INFORMATION FELLOWSHIP ~ There will be an information fellowship directly following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. The fellowship will be located in Parlor B and will last 45 minutes. All are welcome to attend.

NEW MEMBER CLASS ~ A class for those wishing to become members of First United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30. The class will be held on 10/4 and 10/11 and include a light supper. Topics include *Jesus and the Trinity, Grace, and Sacraments, Spiritual Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit, and church history and structure*. Senior Pastor Rev. Mark Hecht and Tawni Betts will lead the class. Please inform the church office at 814-723-4930 or byoung@firstumwarren.com if you plan to attend so that dinner and materials are adequately prepared.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR ~ We are looking for volunteers to supply snacks for our Sunday fellowship hour. It is more than coffee and donuts, It's fellowship and faith building. If you would like to share snacks and goodies with the congregation during our Sunday fellowship hour, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. —Thank you!

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

~ Matthew 18:20

WANTED ~ We have two openings in the handbell choir that meets Tuesday afternoons from 1:45—2:30. This is a two octave group. No previous handbell experience is required, but it is helpful if you have some musical background. Please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238 for more information.

LIONS CLUB GLAUCOMA SCREENING ~ There will be a free Glaucoma Screening Friday, October 14th, 2022, from 1:00pm to 5:30pm at the Warren Medical Group, Eye Care Center (Former Seneca Eye Care) across from the hospital. FREE PARKING. Call the Warren Lions Club office to schedule an appointment at 814-726-1381.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS ~ Warren Area Elementary Center has reached out to our HOC (Helping Our Children) committee to see if we would partner with the PTO to ensure that each child will be able to receive a book at the upcoming fall Book Fair. \$1.00 will provide a book to a child. If you are willing to participate in this effort, please place your donation in the container marked "Children's Books" on the table at the end of the office hallway. The container will be there each Sunday in October.

In addition, we have been made aware of children in great need who live in the hills of Kentucky. Our connection is through Aiden Neiport, child of Susie and Jim Spangler, who attend the First Presbyterian Church. Aiden has already taken clothing made by our sewing ladies to them and will send additional clothing in November. In addition, we hope to be able to send school supplies (notebooks, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, etc.) with the clothing. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please place school items in the box marked Kentucky Children, which will also be at the end of the office hallway during October. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
October 2, 2022 – October 8, 2022

SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday
8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Information Fellowship; Parlor B
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM - 11:45 Am Information Fellowship; Parlor B

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
6:00 PM Youth Incarceration Support Group; Upstairs
6:00 PM Adult Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Silver Winds; Sanctuary
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 9 Boy Scouts; Downstairs

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 yr. Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
12:30 PM Study Group; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:30 PM New Members Class; Covert Room
5:30 PM Madrigals; Choir Room
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 yr. Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship Group; Mark's Office
9:45 AM Nominating Meeting; Covert Room
1:00 PM Book Club; Covert Room
3:30 PM LOGOS; YMCA Field Trip
5:45 PM Endowment Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 yr. Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B
6:00 PM Divorce Care; Covert Room
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

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

**2022-2023 SERVANT LEADER RECOGNITION
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Study Opportunities

Day/Evening Studies:

Mark Hecht

New Members:

Tawni Betts

Faith On Foot:

Kelly Newton

Scott Newton

Cheri Kellogg

Harbor of Hope @ The Crossing:

Melissa McCracken

Doug McCracken

Bible Study @ Cambridge:

Mary Schall

Michael Rutenber

Children's Church:

DeeDee Tucker,

Laura Drake

Amanda McCord

Nurture Committee Chair:

Lyn McDaniel

**Director of Christian Education
& Nurture:**

Heidi Ketzko

LOGOS/Young Disciples Club:

Kindergarten:

Cindy Blodgett

Grades 1 & 2:

Libby Yaegle

Grades 3-5:

Patty California
Patty Hannold
Hope Punsky

Grades 6-12:

Michael Rutenber

Faith Building:

Karen Hecht
Libby Yaegle

Creative Preschool:

Lindsey Mealy, Director
Cynthia Klenowski
Brenda Bertch
Amanda Wellner
Jane Crouch
Miranda Walters

Music Program:

Ruth Nelson
Michele Sandberg

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
TO SERVANT LEADER RECOGNITION

We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for the educational ministry of this Congregation. We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry. We pledge ourselves to be learners with you, diligently studying with you the scriptures and traditions of the faith.



A number of years ago, perhaps as long ago as Christmas 1991, our church published an Advent Devotional written by members of our congregation. This was meaningful to so many, not just because it was a devotional to lead us through the Advent Season but also because it was written by people we knew. The Worship Commission would like to do one again this year. If you are willing to be a contributor, please contact Nettie Swart (814-779-5337), Dusky Merenick (814-723-7516) or Ruth Nelson (814-688-8238) by October 2nd to secure a date. Write your article adhering to the format below and submit to the church office either in hard copy or by email (rnelson@firstumwarren.com) no later than Sunday, November 6th. We trust many of you will use this opportunity to share your Christmas experiences with others.

SUGGESTED FORMAT

The date you would like to have your article printed.

Bible Scripture or Reference (or both)

Devotional (150 – 250 words)

Prayer

Your Name or Names if you write jointly with someone else

SAMPLE

December 24, 1991

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Luke 2:14

In 1958 we were stationed in Bad Canstatt, Germany as part of a two year stint with the U.S. Army. That December, as Christmas approached, we were both feeling homesick and lonely as this was the first time either of us had spent Christmas away from our families.

We decided to attend the Christmas Eve Service at the little chapel attached to the Army base. Since we did not qualify for housing, we lived with a German family about a mile away and had to trek up a steep hill to the base chapel. I don't remember much about the service that evening; I am sure it was the usual message and usual carols for a Christmas Eve. As we came out of the chapel it was cold, and still; not a sound could be heard and being on top of a hill we had the most magnificent view of the stars that I have ever seen. One could not help but think, “Was this what it was like the first Christmas Eve?” You could almost, with anticipation, vision the heavens opening up and hear the message of the angels to the shepherds.

It finally came to me that although Christmas is so filled with family, friends and familiar traditions, the true spirit is the wonder of that night and the glorious gift that was given to all who open their hearts and accept this. The spirit of Christmas is with us, no matter where we are.

Prayer: Lord help us to keep the true spirit of Christmas with us every day.

Shirley and John Crone