

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 15, 2024 – December 21, 2024**

**SUNDAY**

**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**  
**1:00 PM Recital; Crary Chapel**  
**3:00 PM Open House; The Parsonage**  
**3:00 PM Youth Christmas Party; Kane**

**MONDAY**

**6:45AM Christian Men’s Accountability Group; Covert Room**  
**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**  
**3:00 PM Eagle Knights Soccer practice; Gym**  
**4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal - Team C; Founder’s Hall**  
**6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Parlor A**  
**6:30 PM Outreach Meeting; Parlor B**

**TUESDAY**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary**

**WEDNESDAY**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**  
**5:15 PM Chancel Rehearsal; Music Room**  
**7:00 PM Choir Christmas Party; Shirley Crone’s Home**

**THURSDAY**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**  
**12:00 PM Advent Worship Service; Founder’s Hall**

**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**

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** – Please remember to turn in your fall grades to the church office to receive your second scholarship disbursement check.

**WINTER RECITAL** ~ Today at 1:00 PM in the Crary Chapel, students of Kristine and Cathy Peterson will be presenting a recital with some additional surprise guests. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**OPEN HOUSE** ~ Mark and Karen Hecht invite you to attend a Christmas open house at the parsonage this afternoon from 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED** ~ A family is in need of furniture, household goods, and clothing. Please contact Laura Drake at 814-706-8001 with any questions, or drop off items to the Faith Inn. Thank you.



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
Third Sunday of Advent - Love  
December 15, 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.*

Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg
Pianist	Cathy Peterson
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young
Coordinator of Community Programs	Heidi Ketzko
Custodian	Bob Confer
Acolytes	
Front Candles:	Annika Wyman and Abby McCord
Aisle Candles:	Gavin Rex and Grady Corey
Liturgist	Pam Lewis
Usher Captain Team 2	Larry Loughlin
Ushers	
Ila Wilson	Carla Johnson
	Nick Johnson
	Patti Rublee

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## Service of Word and Sacrament 8:00 AM

**PRELUDE** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” arr. Hayes  
“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine” arr. Hayes

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, open your hearts.

**People: Light the candles,**

Leader: Sing the carols,

**People: Rest in the prayers.**

Leader: Come, open your lives

**People: To the Light of the World,**

Leader: To the songs of blessing,

**People: To the prayers of healing.**

Leader: Watch, listen, feel.

**People: God is coming.**

Leader: God is here.

**People: Rejoice!**

\***HYMN No. 190** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Regent Square

### LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

**Eternal and loving God, pour out in our hearts this day the light of your love, warming us to one another, enlightening our understanding of others, and revealing the path of charity upon which you have called us to walk. Amen.**

### 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. 181** “Love Came Down at Christmas” Gartan

**SCRIPTURE** “Mark 13: 24 - 37” Pew Bible Page 925

**MESSAGE** “Signs” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\***HYMN No. 193** “There’s a Song in the Air” Christmas Song

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “In the Bleak Mid Winter/ Love Came Down at Christmas” arr. Hayes

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

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

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

## Worship Service 10:00 AM

**PIANO DUET** “In The Bleak Midwinter” arr. Gawthrop  
**PRELUDE** “Come Down, O Love Divine” R. Vaughan Williams  
“Away in a Manger” arr. Owens

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**ANTHEM** “Glory to God in the Highest Heaven!” arr. Lloyd Larson

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Pachelbel Noel” arr. Heather Sorenson

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*Doxology No. 682

\*Offertory Prayer

\***HYMN No. 181** “Love Came Down at Christmas” Gartan

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Dee Dee Tucker  
*(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last verse.)*

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### BEARING OF LIGHT

**POSTLUDE** “Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing” arr. Pethel

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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** today are John and Laura Suppa (8:00 AM) and Maria Cole and Sandy Mickle (10:00 AM).

**PEDESTAL FLOWERS** today are given in honor of our First Methodist Church Family, given by Mark and Karen Hecht.

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

**STEWARDSHIP** ~ Please remember to turn in your pledge cards for 2025. Our pledges are down from 2024 and the Stewardship and Finance Committee ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge to support our church and the many ministries we support.

**USHERS** ~ We are in need of additional ushers. Our December team is short two members. Our team that just completed November is short one member. Teams serve the church as ushers 2 to 3 months of the year. If you are interested in helping in this area, please let the church office know and someone will quickly contact you.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** ~ The offering envelopes for 2025 are now available and can be found in the side hall just outside the church office.

**ADVENT SOUP AND STUDY** ~ There will be an Advent noon Worship Service in Founder’s Hall on December 19th, with a meal immediately following. We will remember Christmas carols and see how the carols of the season speak to our hearts and have relevance for us in our faith walks as well.

**MAGNIFIERS** ~ The Worship Commission has purchased 2 lighted page magnifiers. Please ask an usher if you are in need of one and return to an usher following the service. We would appreciate it if you make sure the light is off. Thank you.

**CANTATA** ~ The Chancel Choir will present the cantata “The Seven Noels” by Pepper Choplin during the 10 AM worship service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We urge you to invite your neighbors and friends to hear the Christmas story using tunes from favorite carols and taking us from the prophecy to the birth of Jesus.

**POINSETTIAS** ~ Given in memory and in honor of, poinsettias can be reserved for the Christmas Eve worship services. The cost of each plant is \$12.00 and money must accompany the orders. Order forms are located just outside the office door, via the weekly newsletter, on the Facebook page, or on the website at [www.firstmwarren.org](http://www.firstmwarren.org). The last day to submit orders is December 16th.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASSES COMING SOON!** ~ We are excited to announce that our next “New Members Class” will be starting after the first of the year. There is much happening in the life of our church and we are thrilled so many persons desire to be involved in the ministries of First Methodist Church. Beginning in mid-January we will be offering a 4 session class that will help interested persons learn more about our church, our history and how we live out our faith! All interested persons can either sign up outside the church office or contact the office during the week.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION** ~ Our church will be celebrating Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Sunday, January 12, 2025, during the 10:00 AM worship service. This is our fourth year of recognizing those who work to protect all of us in our communities. Invitations have been sent to all those who are working in this area, inviting them to attend this worship service. We will be having a fellowship time in the parlors afterwards, and we hope you will consider attending the service and staying after to thank them for all they do to keep us safe.