

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
October 6, 2024 - October 12, 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  
4:00 PM Charge Conference; Covert 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 A; 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 - 1:30 PM Christian to the Core; Covert Room  
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary  
3:30 PM Youth Handbells; Music Room and Sanctuary  
5:00 PM Worship Commission; Covert Room  
6:00 PM Griefshare Ministry; Parlor B

**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  
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage  
6:30 PM Chancel Rehearsal; Music Room

**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  
4:30 PM Discipleship Committee 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

**Blood Drive**

**First Methodist Church  
Sunday, October 13th**

**8:00am to 12:00pm**

To schedule an appointment call Raven @  
**814.596.3395**

**Community  
Blood Bank**

**Donors Must:**

- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with parent consent.
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- No tattoo or piercings in the past 3 months
- Be in general good health and eat before donating.
- PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Visitation Pastor

Director of Music

Organist/Pianist

Pianist

Percussionists

Flautist

Office Manager

Office Assistant/Streaming Tech

Coordinator of Community Programs

Custodian

Acolytes

Liturgist

Usher Captain Team 2

Ushers

Bob Silzle

Laura Suppa

Bill Hannold

Rebekah Swart

Rev. Mike Rutenber

Ruth Nelson

Michele Sandberg

Cathy Peterson

Tracy Brieger and Allison Conti

Pat Murphy

Debbie Giambrone

Barbara Young

Heidi Ketzko

Bob Confer

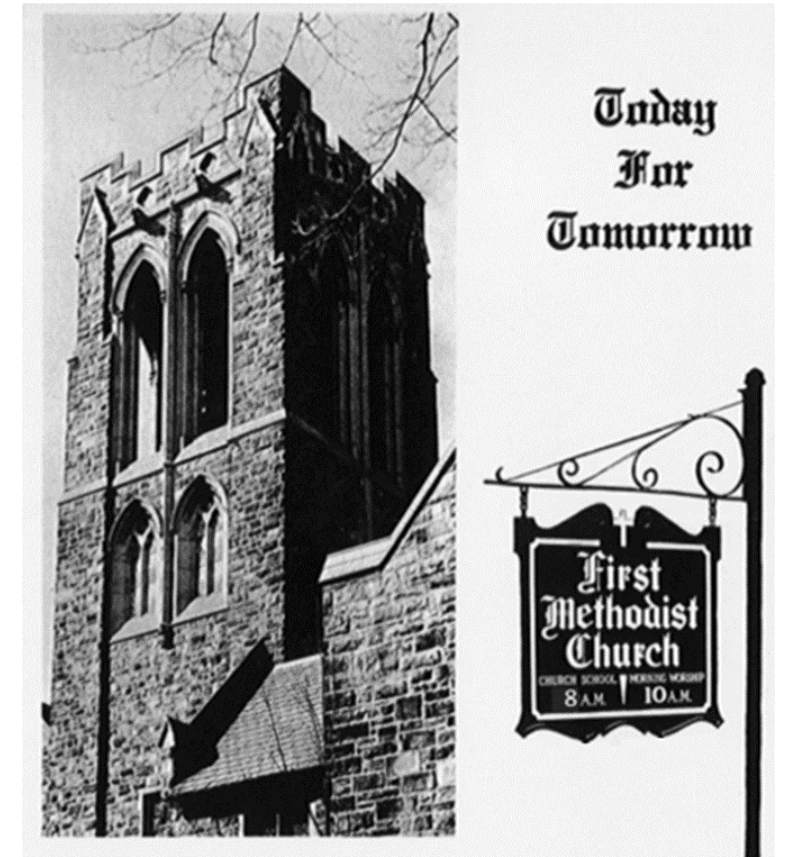
Allison Conti and Gavin Rex

Kayla Giambrone

Denny Munksgard

John Suppa

Kate Conti



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
October 6, 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

## Worship Service 10:00 AM

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

**IN SYMPATHY** ~ We extend our sympathy to the Family and friends of Mildred “Millie” Spencer, who passed away on September 28, 2024. We also extend our sympathy to Brent and Nancy Jones in the passing of Brent’s brother-in-law, Tom Scarcella.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Ed and Marilyn Derby, 615 Rouse Ave., Room 112, Youngsville, PA 16371 - Please consider sending them a card.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** ~ The Chancel Choir will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 22nd, during the 10 AM worship service. We would welcome additional singers. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings at the start of our regular weekly rehearsal from approximately 6:00 - 6:20 PM. If you are interested or want additional information, please contact Ruth Nelson (814-688-8238) or Micky Sandberg (716-969-7953).

**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.

**SEWING MISSION UPDATE** ~ Our church continues to donate sewn children’s clothes around the world. In 2024, 84 outfits were sent to the Dominican Republic with Janet Adolph and the Church of God this Spring, and another 80 outfits will be sent in October with their mission work. For the “Operation Christmas Child Boxes,” organized by Pleasant Community Church, 245 children’s dresses, shorts, and tops were donated for the international program. Thanks to all that donated fabric, trims, and sewing supplies, especially for their time spent creating cute outfits. Let us know if any other groups need children’s clothes. To become involved - contact Laura Drake, Dee Tucker and Donna Bumbarger.

**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.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE** ~ A brief charge conference will be held this afternoon at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to attend, but only administrative council members can vote.

**VOTER REGISTRATION** ~ Are you aware that only 1 in 3 Christians vote? Today, after the 10:00 AM Sunday worship service, there will be a brief voter information session in the Covert Room. Registration forms and mail-in ballots will be made available. October 21st is the last day to register to vote.

**WORLD WIDE COMMUNION** ~ Today we celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday. Hope Punsky and Nettie Swart from our Worship Commission have displayed cloths and scarves on the altar from the countries of France, Mexico, Israel, Sweden, Italy, Peru, Africa, and Russia, and Nettie has baked breads from Sweden, Portugal, Finland, Norway, Mexico, Germany, Israel, and America to represent our unity as Christians in this World. Members of our Worship Commission will remove the breads from the altar during the last hymn and take them into Parlor B where you are all invited to sample these breads. We thank the following families for sharing their heritage with us: Punsky, Swart, Dorn, Mickle, and Nelson.

**PRELUDE** “Let My Words Be Few” arr. Keveren  
“We Worship and Adore You” arr. Hayes

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ever-present God, forever seeking and always teaching:

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Leader: Open our hearts to the gentle caress of your love;

**People: Open our lips to share stories of faith;**

Leader: Open our hands to create beauty, do justice and show kindness;

**People: Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;**

Leader: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

**\*HYMN No. 76** “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” Duke Street

**NEW TESTAMENT** “Romans 8:35 - 39” Pew Bible Page 1030

#### 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.*

**SCRIPTURE** “Luke 8:43 - 48” Pew Bible Page 943

**MESSAGE** “Overcoming Obstacles” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**\*HYMN No. 452** “Go, Make of All Disciples” Lancashire

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Let It Be Said of Us” arr. Tornquist

**\* 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.

**PRELUDE** “Loving Spirit” arr. Rowland-Raybold  
“March” George Blake  
“Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. Johnson

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “One World, One Communion” Pepper Choplin

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*Doxology No. 682

\*Offertory Prayer

*(Children are welcome to come forward after the Offertory Prayer  
for the Children’s Message)*

**A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** Karen Hecht

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Hymnal Pages 730 - 734

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#### BEARING OF LIGHT

**POSTLUDE** “May Jesus Christ Be Praised” arr. Wyrzten

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