

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

August 25, 2024

Welcome to First Methodist Church.

Please use the Music of Preparation as an opportunity to prepare your hearts for worship. 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.

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Knowing You” arr. Keveren
(8:00 AM) “Tis So Sweet / In Christ Alone” arr. Tornquist

MUSIC OF PREPARATION “Be Still, My Soul” arr. Pethel
(10:00 AM) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Burkhardt

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is a gift of a new day

People: Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.

Leader: A new day with surprising miracles;

People: With love to be given,

Leader: Kindness to be shared

People: And peace to be enjoyed.

Leader: This new day is a gift.

People: God’s gift to us.

Leader: What shall we do with it?

People: Let us receive it with joy, live it in expectation. . . And sing!

***HYMN No. 570** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” Assurance

STATEMENT OF FAITH “The Nicene Creed” Hymnal No. 693

SPECIAL MUSIC “If It Keeps Gettin' Better” Bill Gaither

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

"The Little Light of Mine"

arr. Joel Raney

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN No. 595**

"Living for Jesus"

Living

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mary Jo Zubrod

SCRIPTURE

"1 Corinthians 15:12 - 22"

Pew Bible Pages 1048 - 1049

MESSAGE

"We Look For. . ."

Rev. Jon Swart

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 627**

"The Unclouded Day"

BENEDICTION**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

"This is the Day"

arr. Hayes

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

"Chaconne"

Louis Couperin

***Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC ~ today is provided by vocalist Karen Danielson-Gray and flutist Judi Danielson. We thank them both for sharing their talents and gifts with us.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Robert & Gertrude Olsen and Fred & Millie Kelly, given by Ron & Shirley Kelly.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Betty Hill, given by Michael and Penny Hill. Pedestal flowers are also given in loving memory of Blanche Beebe-Kelsey and Marjorie Mourer, given by Barbara Young.

CONCERN FOR THIS WEEK ~ Darla Peterson, 701 Rouse Ave., Room 603 A, Youngsville, PA 16371. Please consider sending her a card.

CONGRATULATIONS ~ a girl, Kathleen Lynn Montour, was born on August 15, 2024, to parents Blake and Kirsten Montour and grandparents John and Sue Montour.

CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP ~ A Sunday Sermon Series will be offered this fall:
September 8th through the week of November 24th.

We, as a congregation, will participate in a twelve week emphasis entitled
“Christian to the Core.”

Christian to the Core is a journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God’s greater purposes for your life.

It is our goal to get as many people as possible to participate in these ONE HOUR studies. At the present time, we have set aside two optional times to meet for our study opportunities:

Monday Evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 (Beginning September 9)

Tuesday Afternoon from 12:30-1:30 (Beginning September 10)

If more times are needed for meetings, we will gladly add them as well. Everyone is encouraged to consider committing one hour a week to this next step for our congregation. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across from the office.

KITCHEN HELP ~ The Monday Nite Meal Ministry is looking for extra help in the kitchen. If you feel a calling to assist with the Monday Nite Meals, please contact John Swart at 814-757-5716 or Heidi Ketzko at hketzko@firstmwarren.org.

NEEDED ~ We need additional acolytes to help lead worship services starting in September. If you are a youth going into grade 4 or older and you’re willing to join the acolyte team, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S ~ The 2024 Warren Walk to End Alzheimer’s will take place on September 28th, at 9:00 AM at Betts Park.

CORE GLOW WALK ~ The 2024 CORE Glow Walk will take place on September 28th, beginning at 1:00 PM, with the Glow Walk starting at 8:00 PM. The Glow Walk Event will take place between Liberty and 2nd Streets.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

August 25, 2024 - August 31, 2024

SUNDAY **8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel**
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:00 AM Class Meeting; Parlors
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM What We Believe; Covert Room

MONDAY **6:45 AM Christian Men’s Group; Covert Room**
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM—4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
4:30 PM Monday Night Meal—Team D; Founder’s Hall

TUESDAY **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Covert Room

WEDNESDAY **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage

THURSDAY **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**

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

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht		
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	Lilly Newton and Attie Corey		
Liturgist	Mary Schall		
Usher Captain Team 2	Rusty Blodgett		
Ushers	Jim Reynolds	Larry Sutton	Ron Casteel
	Tom Lobdell		Bob White
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PGE Agreement Announcement

**120 Market Street at 2nd Avenue
Warren, PA 16365**

Pennsylvania General Energy Company (PGE) has recently agreed to permit parishioners to utilize their parking lot for parking during Sunday services and their lawn at the corner of East St. and Second Ave. for recreational activities subject to the following conditions:

The Church and users assume all risk of loss or damage to property, including, without limitation, property damage and all risk of personal injury, including but not limited to death, attributable to any cause other than unlawful conduct of PGE

The Church will use reasonable care to prevent damage to the Premises

PGE grants this permission at no cost to the Church

Parking

Parking lot is available to parishioners during Sunday services only

PGE has no duty to clear the parking lot of snow and ice on Sundays

Lawn

One week's prior notice must be given to PGE and use is subject to availability

I would like to thank the Team Leaders and all the volunteers for your service at the Monday Nite Meals. The time, energy, and love you put into this ministry is a blessing.

Also, thank you to Dean Berry for all the extra things you do and for being there each Monday.

A special thank you to Dottie Lobdell for graciously agreeing to help me with this ministry. Your kindness and support have meant the world to me.

Blessings to you all,
Christy Elicker

SPIRIT SUNDAY

September 8th!



Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday September 8th is SPIRIT SUNDAY

With the beginning of fall also comes the resumption of many programs and activities in the life of the church. We are especially excited about several new ministries and groups we have planned for this fall. Most importantly, we will participate in an all-church Discipleship focus entitled "Christian to the Core." This series is a journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God's greater purposes for your life.

Everything kicks off September 8th. Please plan on joining us for our combined worship service at 10:00 followed by an all church picnic in the parking lot! There will not be an 8:00 AM service offered on September 8th.

The Lion's Club will be providing Sausages and Hot Dogs with all the toppings. There will be plenty of sides and desserts for everyone!

(We are confident that the coming program year will be a blessing to this church, its members and the community. We hope you will want to be part of it!