

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 20, 2022

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Give Me Jesus”

Traditional American Spiritual

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

“On Eagles Wings”

arr. Keven

Wilhelmi

Hayes

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN No. 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All you searching for something that lasts,

People: All you hungry for meaning,

Leader: All you thirsting for knowledge,

People: All you seeking a blessing,

Leader: Come home to God.

People: Here, find forgiveness and healing.

Leader: Here, find a community of care,

People: Here, find truth that is solid,

Leader: Here, sing with angels and pray with saints.

People: Here, find a home.

ANTHEM

(10:00 am only)

“If God Be for Us”

Williams and Barnard

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Anna Bielawski

*PSALTER

Psalm 67

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*GLORIA PATRI No. 71

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Lead Me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

“Psalm 63:1-8”

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MESSAGE

“Seeking God”

Rev. Douglas McCracken

***HYMN No. 451**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Slane

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel” Traditional American Spiritual

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

arr. Maynard

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by Nettie Swart, pianist 8:00 AM service, Michele Sandberg, organist and pianist at the 10:00 AM service, and our Chancel Choir.

LITURGIST today is Heidi Ketzko and Anna McCord.

ACOLYTES today are Annika Wyman and Attie Corey.

USHERS today are team 5, Erik Fincher — Captain.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Chester Devereaux, given by Cheri Devereaux

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in memory of Ralph Ord, given by Lynn Ord.

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PRAYER CONCERNS can be found in our weekly email Newsletter.

Offering plates **WILL NOT** be passed during worship but
instead will be available at the door.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ First United Methodist Church has been presented with another opportunity to serve others and share our faith! We have been asked to provide women to help lead a Bible Study at the Prison on Thursday evenings once a month. The materials will be provided, and a group of persons from the church will be involved. At present, we have two women from the congregation willing to participate, and we are hoping to involve another 3 or 4. Two persons will be needed for each month so that participation will be on a rotating basis. If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity, please call the church office or speak to Rev. Hecht or Molly Loughlin.

UKRAINE OFFERING ~ Russia's invasion of Ukraine has brought calls for prayer and statements of deep concern from United Methodists around the globe. During times of crisis we look for ways to make a difference in and for lives that are hurting. While we are certain that additional needs will be shared in the weeks and months ahead, we presently are aware of TWO initiatives through UMCOR.

1. Donations can be made to the United Methodist Committee on Relief's International Disaster Response and Recovery through [Advance #982450](#).

2. United Methodist Global Ministries' [Advance #14053A](#) supports pastors in Ukraine and Moldova.

If you are able and would like to contribute today to this great humanitarian need, envelopes are available at the door or please mark your offering envelope Ukraine Offering.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ~ Applications for the Mary F. & Melvin G. Keller Scholarship through the First United Methodist Higher Education Fund are now available. Applications must be received before April 30, 2022, for the 2022—2023 school year and can be printed off from the church website at www.firstumwarren.com or a link on the weekly newsletter.

2022 MID-WEEK LENTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ March 23rd at St. Paul, March 30th at St. Joe's, April 6th at Trinity.

HOLY SPIRIT STUDY ~ Every Friday at the Crossing from 1:30 PM—2:30 PM, until May 13, 2022.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS ~ Order forms for Easter Flowers can be found on the church website at firstumwarren.com, in the weekly newsletter, or outside the church office.

YOUTH CHOIR MUSICAL ~ Our youth choir will present the musical "Get On Board, Children" on Sunday, March 27th at the 10:00 AM Service.

LENTEN FAIR ~ Please join us for our Lenten Fair on Palm Sunday, April 10th. Come and enjoy the many activities we have planned for you and your family (for children of *ALL* ages). There will be egg decorating, pretzel making, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, and much more. So, don't miss the action beginning at 8:00AM in Founder's Hall (2nd floor). Come enjoy the fun and fellowship.

PROM DINNER ~ Our church will host a dinner for interested WAHS students on prom night, May 14th. If you'd like to help cook, serve, or are able to donate toward expenses, please let the office know at 814-723-4930.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 20, 2022 – March 27, 2022

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Sanctuary
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
3:00 PM Faith on Foot; YMCA
5:00 PM Confirmation Class; Covert Room

MONDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
5:30 PM Worship Meeting; Parlor B
6:00 PM Youth Incarceration Support Group; Upstairs
6:00 PM Adult Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir; Music Room

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:30 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
12:30 PM Tuesday Study Group; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
3:30 PM Children & Youth Music; Music Room
5:30 PM Lenten Soup Study; Founder's Hall
6:30 Epworth Handbells; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

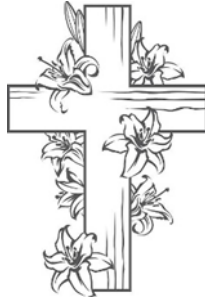
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8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry
3:30 PM LOGOS; Think Spring
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
6:00 PM Divorce Care Meeting; Covert Room

FRIDAY

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



**THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Market Street
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365**

ASSORTED EASTER FLOWERS

Our Sanctuary will be decorated this Easter with an assortment of flowers

The cost of each plant is **\$11.00** if ordered through the Church.

MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.

MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)

FLOWERS GIVEN BY:

I wish to purchase _____ assorted flowers at a total cost of \$ _____

I wish to give \$ _____ to the Flower Fund.

I will pick up a flower at the end of the Service Yes / No (Circle one)

**LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS:
April 11, 2022**

NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.



SAME MISSION, NEW HOPE:

*Thoughts From Your Bishops
Sandra Steiner Ball & Cynthia Moore-Koikoi*

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

MARCH 26:

10 am (First UMC: St. Marys)

3 pm (First UMC: Punxsutawney)

APRIL 23:

3 pm (Grace UMC: Grove City)

APRIL 24:

3 pm (Grace UMC Somerset)

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball and Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi have scheduled regional gatherings for clergy and laity of The Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Susquehanna Conferences.

The gatherings in Western PA are scheduled for:

- March 26 (10:00 am at First UMC, St. Marys)
- March 26 (3:00 pm at First UMC, Punxsutawney)
- April 23 (3:00 pm at Grace UMC, Grove City)
- April 24 (3:00 pm at Grace UMC, Somerset)

During this time, they will lead in worship, share their portfolios and how they will lead the three conferences in ministry and mission, provide any updates related to the General Conference, and share their vision for the United Methodist Church.

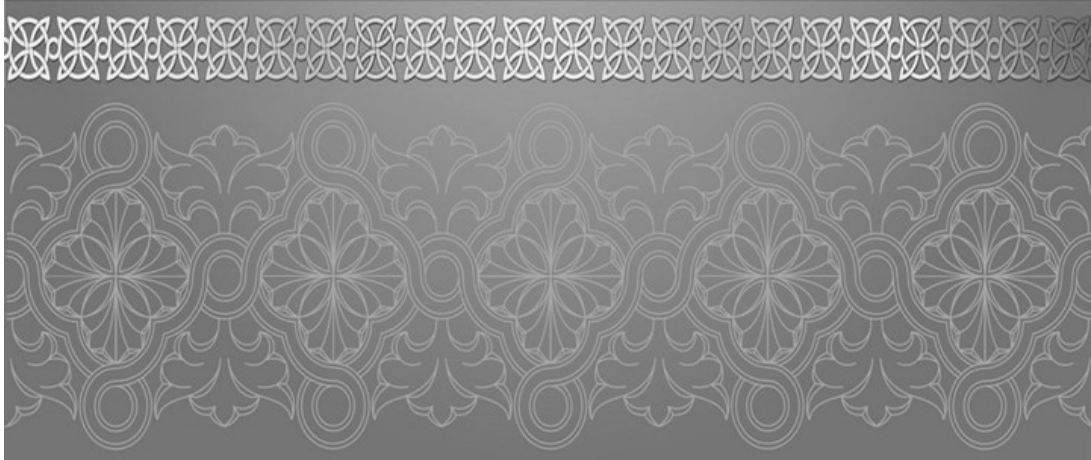
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ATTENTION MEN

Christian Men's Accountability Group Starting Monday Morning 7:00 AM, APRIL 11

For years now our church has encouraged participation in small groups as a way of growing in faith and relationship to others. One segment of the church population that is regularly underrepresented in these groups is MEN. The simple reality is that all men need accountability. We need to know that others are supporting, encouraging, and praying for us as we walk faithfully before God. This is why we are seeking to begin at least one if not multiple groups in the coming year!

An accountability group is a small group of five to nine men with whom you meet weekly for encouragement, accountability, and prayer. Our group will initially meet in the Covert Room at the church but once started we may perhaps move to another location. Because we know your time is valuable we will keep our gathering to 45 minutes.

The purpose is simply to get together and check in with each other. There is really no agenda other than being honest. Hopefully our discussion will center around sharing how our life in Christ is going. Over time, as trust develops we would hope to be able to share words of encouragement and support with others as well!

Both Mark Hecht and Mike Rutenber are looking forward to participating with these groups. If you have ANY QUESTIONS please talk with either or both of them to find out more about this exciting opportunity for spiritual growth.

Our initial information meeting will be Monday April 11 at 7:00 AM. Coffee and Donuts will be provided!

So that we can plan appropriately, it would be helpful if you called the church office or signed up on the sheet outside Dr. Hecht's office. Please consider coming to this initial gathering to hear more about the benefits of this ministry. And, consider bringing a friend as well!



LOGOS APPRECIATION NIGHT

We will be recognizing our volunteers on our last night at LOGOS (April 6th). You are invited to attend dinner this night. Please RSVP by March 30th if you plan to attend dinner and how many will be attending. Dismissal will be following dinner at 6:00 PM. Thank you for a great year. I'm so grateful we could continue with the program. Thank you for trusting your children to us. Praise God!

~ Heidi Ketzko, Director of Christian Nurture



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