

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
March 16, 2025 – March 22, 2025**

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 Warren Philharmonic Concert; Holy Redeemer Church

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
3:00 PM Eagles - Knight Soccer; Gym
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team D; Founder’s Hall
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Kids Soccer; Gym
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Everts Room
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Parlor A
6:15 PM Lenten Prayer Study; 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
12:15 PM Lenten Prayer Study; Parlor A
5:15 PM Soup and Study; Founder’s Hall

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
8:45 AM Moms of Minis; Covert Room
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
5:15 PM Finance Meeting; Parlor A
6:00 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 Outreach Meeting; Covert Room
6:00 PM DivorceCare 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

EASTER FLOWERS AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ~ Our sanctuary will be decorated this Easter with an assortment of flowers. If you would like to purchase flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please submit a completed order form, along with your payment to the office no later than April 1st. Order forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the office, the firstmwarren.org website, the weekly newsletter, on Facebook, and in the office. If you have any questions, please call the office at 814-723-4930.

EASTER HOLIDAY HOT MEALS will be delivered on Saturday, April 19th. We thank our volunteers and donors who make these meals possible. Your support enabled the Holiday Hot Meals ministry to serve around 370 meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days throughout Warren and Forest Counties. These meals were delivered to senior members of our communities, persons who are alone and or home bound, some that are homeless, first responders, and others that have been referred to us. If you would like to volunteer for the Easter Holiday Hot Meal program, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to Rev. Hecht’s office. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the delivery supplies on Friday, April 18th. On April 19th, volunteers are needed to cook, fill, take out containers, clean the kitchen, run the dishwasher, pack the delivery bags and deliver the meals. Please also pray for this meal, for those that volunteer and for those who receive the meals. For more information or to volunteer email rev.geo.mason@gmail.com.

MARCH MACARONI MADNESS ~ As a way to support the needs of local food pantries, First Methodist Church is continuing to collect macaroni throughout March. Bring any type of macaroni in to the church and place it into one of the “Macaroni Madness” containers.

EASTER EGG HUNT ~ First Methodist Church Youth will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13, 2025, Following the 10:00 AM worship service. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office, call 814-723-4930, or send an email to info@firstmwarren.org.

Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber	
Associate Minister	Rev. Jon M. Swart	
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson	
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg	
Pianist	Cathy Peterson	
Carillon	Nettie Swart	
Anthem	Madrigals	
Offertory	Chancel Choir	
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone	
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young	
Sunday Morning Hospitality/Monday Nite Meal Cook	Heidi Ketzko	
Custodian	Bob Confer	
Acolytes	Attie Corey	
	David Huffman	
Liturgist	Mary Schall	
Usher Captain Team 1	Denny Munksgard	
Ushers		
Bob Silzle	Bill Hannold	John Suppa
Laura Suppa	Rebekah Swart	Kate Conti



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Second Week of Lent
March 16, 2025**

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

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Hayes
"Amazing Grace" arr. Kingsmore

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come before the Lord, not as barren land, but as fields prepared to receive the seed of His Word.

People: May our hearts be open, honest, and good, that we might bear fruit with perseverance.

Leader: Let us worship the God who sows the seed of hope, and who cultivates our hearts to bear fruit.

People: Let us praise God for the promise of a harvest, and for the opportunity to be His instruments.

*HYMN No. 122 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

OLD TESTAMENT "Isaiah 55:10 - 11" Pew Bible Page 672

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 OF PROMISE (See Insert)

SCRIPTURE "Luke 8:4 - 15" Pew Bible Pages 941- 942

MESSAGE "Seed for the Sower" Rev. Jon Swart

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN No 464 "Bringing in the Sheaves"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "How Deep the Father's Love" arr. Tornquist

* 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

PRELUDE "Prelude on Southwell" Edward Landin
"An Irish Blessing" James Mansfield
"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" arr. Dale Wood

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ANTHEM "Gentle Shepherd" Molly Ljames

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OFFERTORY MUSIC "The Day the Cross Held Up the Sky" Doug Nolan

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682
*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN OF PROMISE (See Insert)

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dee Dee Tucker

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*HYMN No. 464 "Bringing in the Sheaves"

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Irish Blessing"

BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE "Ye Servants of God" arr. Deasley

* Indicates Please Stand if Able

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Marcy Kay and Milton & Eloise Kay, given by Tracy Brieger.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Nancy Rossman, 205 Water Street, Room 538, Warren, PA 16365 - Please consider sending her a card.

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY ~ We cannot thank you enough for the very generous gift of cash. These funds went towards our hospital bills and were such a huge help. It absolutely warmed our hearts. We can't wait for you all to meet little Ellie! ~ Matt & Alexa Hultquist

THANK YOU ~ I want to take the opportunity to thank the Trustees, Methodist Women, Staff and everyone else who helped with the renovation of the Pastor's office over the last several weeks! Your willingness to help update the office and your attention to detail has made for a wonderfully comfortable and welcoming space. I am so thankful for your kind and generous efforts. - Mark Hecht

ORGAN RECITAL ~ Please plan to join us next Sunday, March 23rd, at 4:00 PM to celebrate the completion of our organ renovation. Brian Bogey is a native of Jamestown, NY and is currently organist and music director at First Lutheran Church. He is a well-known organ recitalist, and today's recital marks his 28th Dedicatory Organ Recital program performed throughout Pennsylvania and New York State. A reception will follow the program. Invite your friends and neighbors to this afternoon of musical delight.

CONCERT ~ On Sunday, March 30th, at 4 PM, we will host the Astralis Chamber Ensemble featuring flute, viola, and harp. This group was here two years ago but with a harpsichord, not a harp. We ask that you invite your friends and neighbors.

LENTEN STUDY ~ Rev. Hecht will lead a study on prayer to help the participants grow deeper in their personal relationship with God through prayer. This study will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Classes will once again meet on Monday Evenings and Tuesday Afternoons beginning on March 10th. Each class will be 75 minutes in length. Books are available in the office, and sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board across from the office. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.

LENTEN SOUP STUDY ~ This year, for our Soup and Study, we will focus on several individuals who labored faithfully to lay the foundation and build the pillars of the Church. We will learn more about how their story connects with our own. Obviously, there are scores of individuals who have influenced the Church over the ages. The six weeks of Lent provide us an opportunity to focus on several of the more significant figures of the past. This study will begin on Tuesday March 11th. To make sure we prepare enough for all participants, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office. You can also contact the church office at 814-723-4930. Please see today's bulletin insert for more information.

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY BREAKFAST ~ Please join us for a family breakfast in Founders Hall between 8:45 AM and 9:45 AM. The menu will include egg casserole, ham, sausage, hash browns, fruit, pastries, juice, and coffee. At 9:45 AM, everyone who would like to be involved in the Palm Sunday Processional will meet at the Market Street doors with palms. Our handbells will lead us into the sanctuary. You do NOT have to be involved in the processional to enjoy the fellowship of the breakfast. Please sign up on the sheet across from the office to give us an idea of how many will attend.



THE FIRST 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 \$12.00 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 1, 2025

NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

DEATH & LIFE ETERNAL

Hymn of Promise

Unison F Gm7 F

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -

Gm7 F C7 F F

tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be
dy; there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni -

F F7 Bb C7 G E A Dm Gm6 A7

free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to
me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter -
ty; in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to -

Dm Bb C7 G E A Dm Gm7 C7 Bb F F

be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
ry, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13, 2024

First Methodist Church

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