

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 29, 2024 – January 4, 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**

## 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 - 5:30 PM Eagle Knights Soccer; Gym**

**4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team A; Founder's Hall**

## TUESDAY

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

## WEDNESDAY

**Office Closed—*Happy New Year!***

## THURSDAY

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

## 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**

Visitation Pastor  
Director of Music  
Organist/Pianist  
Pianist  
Carillon  
Office Manager  
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech  
Coordinator of Community Programs  
Custodian  
Acolytes

Front Candles:  
Aisle Candles:

Liturgist  
Usher Captain Team 2  
Ushers

Ila Wilson

Rev. Mike Rutenber  
Ruth Nelson  
Michele Sandberg  
Cathy Peterson  
Nettie Swart  
Debbie Giambrone  
Barbara Young  
Heidi Ketzko  
Bob Confer

Sam McCord and Caroline Curren  
Grace Carr and Grady Corey  
Linda Hice  
Larry Loughlin

Carla Johnson

Patti Rublee

Nick Johnson



## WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

**December 29, 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

**PRELUDE** “Sing Joy” arr. Hayes

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

**People: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!**

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

**People: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!**

Leader: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

**People: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness. AMEN.**

\***HYMN No. 195** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” In Dulci Jublio

### READING

#### 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.*

#### \*CAROL SING

**SCRIPTURE** “Luke 2:8 - 20” Pew Bible Page 933

**MESSAGE** “Why Were They Here?” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\***HYMN No. 203** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Go Tell It

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” arr. Allison

**\* 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.

## Worship Service 10:00 AM

**PRELUDE** “Sing We Now of the Christ Child” arr. Drennan  
“A Manger Lullaby” arr. Drennan  
“Sing Joy”

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#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*Doxology No. 682

\*Offertory Prayer

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**IN SYMPATHY** ~ We extend out sympathy to the friends and family of Mike, Debbie, Nick and Kayla Giambrone, in the passing of Mike’s father, Charles Giambrone on December 19, 2024.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Jane Culver 615 Rouse Ave., Room 149, 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.

**GIRLS’ GAME NIGHT** ~ The New Year is almost here, so ladies, lets start it with a bang! Do you enjoy playing board games ? Would you like a night out? Does that sound like fun? Then gather with us in the Covert Room on January 10th at 6:30 for a Girls' Game Night and let the games begin. If you're interested, please contact either Patty California at 814-688-6680 or Patty Hannold at 814-706-7768. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**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.

**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.

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