

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
March 23, 2025 – March 29, 2025**

SUNDAY

Blue Bag Distribution 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
11:15 AM Wesleyan Handbells; Sanctuary
4:00 PM Organ Rededication and Recital; Sanctuary
5:00 PM Organ Rededication Reception; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Youth Group; Everts 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
3:00 PM Eagles - Knight Soccer; Gym
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team A; Founder's Hall
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
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Wesleyan Handbells; Sanctuary
5:15 PM Soup and Study; Founder's Hall
6:00 PM Epworth Handbells; Sanctuary

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
6:00 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
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
5:00 PM Girl Scout Sleepover; Founder's Hall

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 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 ~ Don't forget to bring in your Macaroni!

LENTEN SOUP STUDY ~ This year, for our Soup and Study, we are focusing on several individuals who labored faithfully to lay the foundation and build the pillars of the Church. We are learning more about how their story connects with our own. Obviously, there are scores of individuals who have influenced the Church over the ages. This time of Lent provide us an opportunity to focus on several of the more significant figures of the past. Our Soup and Study takes place on Tuesday evenings with soup being served beginning at 5:15 PM.

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.

SILVER WINDS FLUTE CONCERT ~ "Flutes, Flags, and Flowers" will be held on Sunday, April 6th, at 4:00 PM at the First Lutheran Church on 3rd Ave. Please join us for this free concert.

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	
Soloists	Chad Betts	
	Mark Hecht	
	Bruce Parker	
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone	
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young	
Sunday Morning Hospitality/Monday Nite Meal Cook	Heidi Ketzko	
Custodian	Bob Confer	
Acolytes	Aiden Zawacki	
	Ashlynn Zawacki	
Liturgist	Tracy Brieger	
Usher Captain Team 1	Denny Munksgard	
Ushers		
Bob Silzle	Bill Hannold	John Suppa
Laura Suppa	Rebekah Swart	Kate Conti



WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Third Week of Lent
March 23, 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 “You Are Mine” arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

People: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

Leader: We come to you, O God to ask for help and restoration.

People: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***HYMN No. 67** “Blessed Be the Name”

OLD TESTAMENT “Psalm 16” Pew Bible Pages 485 - 486

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 No. 504** “Softly and Tenderly” Thompson

SCRIPTURE “Luke 15: 11—32” Pew Bible Page 953

MESSAGE “The Banquet” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No 506** “Only Trust Him” Stockton

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Blessed Assurance” arr. Knapp

*** 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 from Suite Bergamasque” Debussy
“You Are Mine” arr. Mark Hayes

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ANTHEM "I Thought by Now" Heather Sorenson

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OFFERTORY MUSIC “I Am He!” Mary McDonald

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Karen Hecht

MEN’S CHORUS “The Wedding Banquet”
Chad Betts, Mark Hecht and Bruce Parker - Soloists

SCRIPTURE “Luke 15: 11—32” Pew Bible Page 953

MESSAGE “The Banquet” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

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BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE “Blessed Assurance” arr. Knapp

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

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

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Dorothy Sutton, 701 Rouse Ave,
Room 108, Youngsville, PA 16371 - Please consider sending her a card.

WELCOME ~ This next Sunday, March 30, 2025, First Methodist Church will welcome back to Warren, Rev. Kevin Haley, who will preach at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM worship services. Rev. Kevin Haley was raised in Mercer, Pennsylvania. He earned A bachelor’s degree in communication arts (emphasis in speech and theater) at Grove City College. Upon graduation, he married his college sweetheart, Amy, and then entered United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. During the forty two years of his ministry, Pastor Kevin served churches in Beaver creek (Ohio), Wilksburg, Dunlo and Mineral Point (rural Johnstown), New Stanton, North Huntingdon, Warren, Clarion, and Greensburg. He also has served as a missionary on the island of Jamaica (building homes and working at orphanages), as well as taking active roles in community groups like Habitat for Humanity, Rotary International, and local ministeriums. He served in Christian camping by serving as a counselor in horse camps for 12 years, as a dean of a creative arts camp for 18 years, and on the board of directors for Wesley Woods and Camp Allegheny. Upon his retirement in February 2025, Kevin transferred his credentials to serve in the Global Methodist Church. He and Amy now live in Washington, Pennsylvania.

ORGAN RECITAL ~ Our Austin Organ will be rededicated this afternoon at 4:00 PM. Please plan to join us for an organ recital performed by Brian Bogey and the reception following.

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.

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.

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 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. If you have any questions, please call the office at 814-723-4930.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ~ must be received before April 30, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year. It is the student’s responsibility to procure the form. Applications are available in the church office and on the website at www.firstmwarren.org

CONFIRMATION CLASS ~ for senior high students will begin the first Sunday of April. The class will be taught by Rev. Hecht and Tawni Betts on Sunday evenings from 5:45-7:00 p.m. The class dates will be April 6, 13, 27 and May 4, 11, 18. Please let Rev. Hecht or Tawni know if you have any questions or if your child would like to be part of the class but hasn’t done so already.