

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
March 9, 2025 – March 15, 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
11:00 AM Reception of New Members; Parlor B
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
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team C; Founder’s Hall
3:00 PM Eagles - Knight Soccer; Gym
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Kids Soccer; Gym
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
1:00 PM Blue Stocking Group; Covert Room
3:30 PM Youth Handbells; Music Room and Sanctuary
5:15 PM Soup and Study; Founder’s Hall
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leader’s Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 Epworth Bellringers; 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
4:15 PM Hospitality Meeting; Covert Room
4:30 PM Discipleship Meeting; Parlor B
6:00 PM DivorceCare Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder’s Hall

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
3:00 PM—6:0 PM Warren Philharmonic; Founder’s Hall

SATURDAY

12:00 PM—4:00 PM Warren Philharmonic; 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 of 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 Meal 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.



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
First Week of Lent
New Member Reception
March 9, 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.*

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	
Cellist	Chad Betts	
Handbells	Peals of Praise Handbell Choir	
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone	
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young	
Sunday Morning Hospitality/Monday Nite Meal Cook	Heidi Ketzko	
Custodian	Bob Confer	
Acolytes	Sam McCord	
	Abby McCord	
Liturgist	Kayla Giambrone	
Usher Captain Team 1	Denny Munksgard	
Ushers		
Bob Silzle	Bill Hannold	John Suppa
Laura Suppa	Rebecka Swart	Kate Conti

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Service of Word and Sacrament 8:00 AM

PRELUDE “Create in Me a Clean Heart” arr. Hayes
“The Wonderful Cross” arr. Tornquist

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross,

People: We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity.

Leader: In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ’s example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,

People: To embrace trust in God and love for humanity.

Leader: So we may make our journey, and let us worship God.

***HYMN No. 226** “Lift High the Cross” Crucifer

OLD TESTAMENT “Psalm 32” Pew Bible Page 496

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. 102** “My Hope Is Built” The Solid Rock

SCRIPTURE “Luke 6:47 - 49” Pew Bible Page 940

MESSAGE “Upon a Rock” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 46** “How Firm a Foundation”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*** 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 Cwm Rhondda" arr Dahl
The Great Commission" arr Hugh Livingston

HANDBELL PRELUDE
“Seek Ye First with Pachelbel’s Canon” Karen Lafferty

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ANTHEM “At Calvary’s Cross” Mary McDonald

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (See Insert)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC “One By One” Shayla Blake

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN No. 102** “My Hope Is Built” The Solid Rock
(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last verse.)

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Amanda McCord

SCRIPTURE “Luke 6:47 - 49” Pew Bible Page 940

MESSAGE “Upon a Rock” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

***HYMN No. 46** “How Firm a Foundation”

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE "Postlude in G Minor"
*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Kara Donaldson, given by Her Family.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ LaDonna Johnson, 205 Water Street, Room 544B, Warren, PA 16365 - Please consider sending her a card.

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS ~ Please join us in the parlors following the 10:00 AM worship service as we welcome our new church members.

CONCERTS ~ Our church is hosting two wonderful afternoons of music in March. First, we are very excited that Brian Bogey will present an organ recital on Sunday, March 23rd at 4 PM as we rededicate our renovated pipe organ. A reception will follow this recital. Then, 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 to these concerts.

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.

MARCH MACARONI MADNESS ~ As a way to help support the needs of local food pantries, First Methodist Church will be collecting macaroni throughout March. Bring any type of macaroni in to the church and place it into the “Macaroni Madness” container.

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 EGG HUNT ~ First Methodist Church Youth will be having 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.



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.



THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

2025

Easter Flower Orders

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Order forms are available on the bulletin board
across from the office.

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April 1, 2025



Global Day of Prayer for Burma

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for God to grant safe shelter to displaced people, offering them a secure place to rest and a sense of belonging amidst uncertainty.
2. Pray for God to deliver medical care to the sick and wounded, bringing healing and comfort to those suffering from physical pain and trauma.
3. Pray for God to give protection to children living in Burma, shielding them from harm and providing them with a future filled with hope.
4. Pray for God to bring peace to families torn apart by war, offering them healing from grief and the strength to rebuild their lives.
5. Pray for God to provide resources to those in desperate need, such as food, water, and medicine, ensuring their basic survival in times of crisis.
6. Pray for God to end the violence in conflict areas in Burma, replacing hatred with reconciliation and bringing an everlasting peace to broken communities.
7. Pray for God to restore justice to those oppressed by the war in Burma, bringing freedom to the captives and a sense of dignity to the marginalized.
8. Pray for God to bring comfort to the mourning, granting them solace in their pain and guiding them through the darkness of loss.
9. Pray for God to send aid and relief to those displaced by conflict, providing them with new hope and opportunities for a fresh start.
10. Pray for the Gospel to reach those suffering in war-torn areas, that many may come to know Jesus and experience His peace and salvation