

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

**August 11, 2024**

*Welcome to First Methodist Church.*

*Please use the Music of Preparation as an opportunity to prepare your hearts for worship. 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.*

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**      “This is Amazing Grace”      (arr. Tornquist)  
(8:00 AM)      “I Love You Lord”      (arr. Hayes)

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**  
(10:00 AM)

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** In the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome you to worship!

**People:** **It is a delight to be together in the house of God!**

**Leader:** We lift our voices with joyful hearts!

**People:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

**Leader:** May the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now in this hour and always.

**People:** **Amen.**

**\*HYMN No. 616**      “When We All Get to Heaven”      Heaven

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      “Colossians 3:1–15”      Pew Bible Pages 1073 - 1074

**SOLO**      “Lord, God of Abraham”      Felix Mendelssohn

**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.*

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

“My Tribute”

Andrae Crouch

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(10:00 AM only)

\*Doxology No. 682

\*Offertory Prayer

\***HYMN No. 99**

“I Sought the Lord”

Such Love

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

**A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Amanda McCord

**SCRIPTURE**

“John 8:1–11”

Pew Bible Page 975

**MESSAGE**

“We Believe in God’s Grace. . .”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(8:00 AM only)

\***HYMN No. 572**

“Amazing Grace”

New Britain

**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

**POSTLUDE**

(8:00 AM)

“When We All Get to Heaven”

(arr. Berry)

**POSTLUDE**

(10:00 AM)

**\*Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** ~ our soloist today is Graham Carr. Graham is a member of our church and a junior at Allegheny College. We welcome Graham and thank him for sharing his gifts with us.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in memory of our parents, given by the Anderson/Nelson Family.

**CONGRATULATIONS** ~ a girl, Carmen Elizabeth Dorn, was born on August 5, 2024, to parents Philip and Anna Dorn and grandparents David and Caroline Dorn.

**IN SYMPATHY** ~ We extend our sympathy to Nick and Carla Johnson in the passing of Nick’s father, David Charles Johnson on August 1, 2024.

**CONCERN FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Mrs. Jack Spencer, 31 N. Park Ave., #131, Meadville, PA 16335. Please consider sending her a card.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP** ~ There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those interested in providing snacks and/or goodies for our Sunday fellowship time.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** ~ Remember to complete your Church Mouse surveys and return them to the office ASAP so you can be assigned a Church Mouse. If you need a survey, you can fill out the form on our website at [firstmwarren.org](http://firstmwarren.org) under the outreach ministries tab.

**REFUGEE HOUSING ASSISTANCE NEEDED** ~ A Ukrainian mother and her son need temporary or permanent housing in the Warren area in order to come to the United States. If you know of any housing available or would like to share your home, please contact Richard or Mary Schall in person or by phone at 814 755-4908.

**KITCHEN HELP** ~ The Monday Nite Meal Ministry is looking for extra help in the kitchen. If you feel a calling to assist with the Monday Nite Meals, please contact John Swart at 814-757-5716 or Heidi Ketzko at [hketzko@firstmwarren.org](mailto:hketzko@firstmwarren.org).

**NEEDED** ~ We need additional acolytes to help lead worship services starting in September. If you are a youth going into grade 4 or older and you're willing to join the acolyte team, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

**YOU ARE SO VERY GENEROUS!** ~ Thank you for supplying sneakers, food, and personal items for our Warren City Schools. The children at Warren Area Elementary Center will "shop" this week and be so excited with sneakers, snacks, and new clothes. The middle and high school students will access these items through the guidance departments. So thank you for your help. Blessings, Ruth Nelson

**CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP** ~ A Sunday Sermon Series will be offered September 8th through the week of November 24th. This fall, we, as a congregation, will participate in a twelve week emphasis entitled "Christian to the Core". **Christian to the Core is a journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God's greater purposes for your life.** It is our goal to get as many people as possible to participate in these ONE HOUR studies. At the present time, we have set aside two optional times to meet for our study opportunities, Monday Evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 (Beginning September 9) and Tuesday Afternoon from 12:30-1:30 (Beginning September 10). If more times are needed for meetings, we will gladly add them as well. Everyone is encouraged to consider committing one hour a week to this next step for our congregation. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across from the office.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**  
**August 11, 2024 - August 17, 2024**

**SUNDAY**                   **8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel**  
**8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room**  
**9:00 AM Class Meeting; Parlors**  
**9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel**  
**10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary**  
**11:00 AM What We Believe; Covert Room**

**MONDAY**                   **6:45 AM Christian Men’s Group; Covert Room**  
**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM—4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**  
**4:30 PM Monday Night Meal—Team B; Founder’s Hall**

**TUESDAY**                   **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**5:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting; Covert Room**

**WEDNESDAY**                   **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**

**THURSDAY**                   **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**  
**6:15 PM SPRC Meeting**

**FRIDAY**                   **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**  
**9:00 PM - 12:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**  
**12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder’s Hall**

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht		
Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber		
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson		
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg		
Pianist	Cathy Peterson		
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Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young		
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Custodian	Bob Confer		
Acolytes	David Huffman and Holden Demers		
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