

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 8, 2024 – December 14, 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**  
**9:10 AM Peals of Praise Warm Up; Sanctuary**  
**9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel**  
**10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary**  
**2:45 PM Epworth Warm up; Sanctuary**  
**3:00 PM Musicale Potpourri Warm Up; Sanctuary**  
**4:00 PM Musicale Potpourri and Dinner; Sanctuary and Founder's Hall**  
**6:30 PM Youth Packing Food Boxes; Youth Office**

**MONDAY**

**6:45AM Christian Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room**  
**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**  
**3:00 PM Eagle Knights Soccer practice; Gym**  
**4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal - Team B; Founder's Hall**

**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**  
**12:30 PM Blue Stocking Christmas Luncheon; Covert Room**  
**6:00 PM Girl Scout Leader's Meeting; Founder's Hall**  
**6:30 PM Epworth Bells; 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**  
**12:00 PM Preschool Christmas Program; Sanctuary**  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**  
**1:00 PM Staff Potluck Christmas Lunch; Covert Room**  
**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**  
**12:00 PM Advent Worship Service; 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**

**SATURDAY**

**1:00 PM Angel Tree Christmas Party; Founder's Hall**

**Meet The Staff - Cathy Peterson**

Our Staff Person of the month is **Cathy Peterson**. Cathy is a gifted musician who regularly plays piano at our 8:00 AM Sunday service in Crary Chapel. Cathy also plays for some of our church special occasions as well as other Warren area church services. In addition to her work at the church, she also gives private piano lessons in her home. Cathy is very active in our community with her items in craft shows, her participation in the Zonta Club committees and a counselor for the Philomel youth group. Cathy is retired from the YMCA as a human resource staff and past aquatic director. We appreciate her dedication and keyboard talents.

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

**PIANO RECITAL** ~ Mark your calendars for December 15th, as Cathy Peterson will be presenting a winter piano recital in the Crary Chapel at 1:00 PM.

**OPEN HOUSE** ~ Rev. Mark and Karen Hecht invite you to attend a Christmas open house at the parsonage on December 15th, from 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED** ~ A family is in need of furniture, household goods, and clothing. Please contact Laura Drake at 814-706-8001 with any questions, or drop off items to the Faith Inn. Thank you.

Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg
Pianist	Cathy Peterson
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young
Coordinator of Community Programs	Heidi Ketzko
Custodian	Bob Confer
Acolytes	
Front Candles:	Aiden Zawacki and Aiden Ellis
Aisle Candles:	Colin Ellis and David Huffman
Liturgist	Beth Steva
Usher Captain Team 2	Larry Loughlin
Ushers	
Ila Wilson	Carla Johnson
	Nick Johnson
	Patti Rublee



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
Second Sunday of Advent - Peace  
December 8, 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** “Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming” arr. Chung  
“Mary Did You Know?” arr. Hayes

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Emmanuel.  
**People: God with us.**  
Leader: Lifting the fallen,  
**People: Carrying the lame,**  
Leader: Preparing a banquet,  
**People: Turning dead ends into new possibilities.**  
Leader: Emmanuel, God with us,  
**People: Remembering the poor,**  
Leader: Challenging the rich,  
**People: Feeding the hungry,**  
Leader: Inviting all to sing and dance.

\*HYMN No. 171 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Truro

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

**Prince of Peace, you came to us in the form of a child, in the weakness and vulnerability of an infant. Your lowly birth reminds us that peace comes to us when we throw off our arrogance and put on instead the cloak of humility. May we have the courage today to discard our petty differences and to bury our long-held grievances as we worship you, the child of the manger. Amen.**

### 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. 179 “What Child is This?” Greensleeves

**SCRIPTURE** “Luke 2:6 - 7” Pew Bible Page 933

**MESSAGE** “Making Room” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*HYMN No. 197 “Away in a Manger” Mueller

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Christians, Carol Sweetly”

\* 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** “Hark the Glad Sound!” arr. J.W. Greene  
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” arr. Childs  
“Masters In This Hall” arr. Hughes

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**ANTHEM** “And the Glory of the Lord” Handel

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**HANDBELL OFFERTORY** “Let All Mortal Flesh” Susan Geschke

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*Doxology No. 682  
\*Offertory Prayer

\*HYMN No. 179 “What Child is This?” Greensleeves

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Mary Jo Zubrod  
*(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last verse.)*

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### BEARING OF LIGHT

### POSTLUDE

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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** today are Gary and Shari Rowe (8:00 AM) and Dee Dee Tucker and Rebekah Swart (10:00 AM).

**PEDESTAL FLOWERS** today are given in honor of Ruth Nelson and Micky Sandberg, given by Barbara Young.

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

**FUN AND FELLOWSHIP** ~ Don't miss this afternoon of fun and fellowship. The program of music will begin at 4:00 followed by a light supper in Founders Hall. It's not too late to plan to attend both the program and the supper.

**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.

**THE GIVING TREE** ~ Thank you to all who took tags from The Giving Tree. Gifts should be wrapped and returned to the office or music room desk no later than December 15th. If any questions, contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

**ADVENT SOUP AND STUDY** ~ There will be Advent noon Worship Services in Founder’s Hall on December 12th and 19th, with a meal immediately following. Each week we will remember another Christmas carol and see how the carols of the season speak to our hearts and have relevance for us in our faith walks as well.

**CONTINUING THE JOY OF ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS** ~ Last year, our congregation provided gifts to over 30 children in our area who were spending Christmas without a loved one due to incarceration. We have the opportunity to continue to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families. As we offer a gift and personal message of love on behalf of an incarcerated parent, family connections are strengthened, joy and hope are renewed and doors are opened for year-round ministry.

Angel Tree tags are on the Christmas tree in the hallway outside of the Parlors. Tags will continue to be added so please keep checking the tree. Gifts need to be returned, unwrapped, no later than December 5<sup>th</sup>. This year, our Angel Tree Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM (complete with a special guest-of-honor!). Please plan to join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas!

**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.

**CANTATA** ~ The Chancel Choir will present the cantata “The Seven Noels” by Pepper Choplin during the 10 AM worship service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We urge you to invite your neighbors and friends to hear the Christmas story using tunes from favorite carols and taking us from the prophecy to the birth of Jesus.

**POINSETTIAS** ~ Given in memory and in honor of, poinsettias can be reserved for the Christmas Eve worship services. The cost of each plant is \$12.00 and money must accompany the orders. Order forms are located just outside the office door, via the weekly newsletter, on the Facebook page, or on the website at [www.firstmwarren.org](http://www.firstmwarren.org).