

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
October 27, 2024 – November 2, 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
11:15 AM Youth Handbells; Sanctuary
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 D; Founder’s Hall
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Christian to the Core; 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
12:30 PM Christian to the Core; Covert Room
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Handbells; Music Room and Sanctuary
6:00 PM GriefShare Ministry; Parlor B
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
4:30 PM Angel Tree Committee Meeting; 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

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

2:00 PM Visitation Arlene Lee; Parlor A
3:00 PM Funeral Service for Arlene Lee; Sanctuary
4:00 PM Light Supper Following the Service; Covert Room

Meet The Staff—Debbie Giambrone

It is good that God gives each of us different talents! In this case, **Debbie Giambrone’s** talent is accounting, and how lucky our church members are to have a person who is a good steward of our financial records. Debbie began working in the church office in 2013 and became the office manager in 2017. She keeps track of worship offerings, gifts, bequests, payroll, capital expenditures, endowments, and charitable contributions. There are over 100 line items in the church budget, from missions and outreach to trustees and maintenance, discipleship, worship, hospitality, and more. Don’t forget her time for computer technology management and the reconciling of bank statements. There is ordering supplies for the church building and program work, office equipment updates, monthly financial reports, and annual conference reports. Add in daily correspondence, phone calls, and administrative support for pastors, program staff, and preschool. She is an organized, **efficient** staff member, team player, and dedicated office manager. Thank you Debbie.

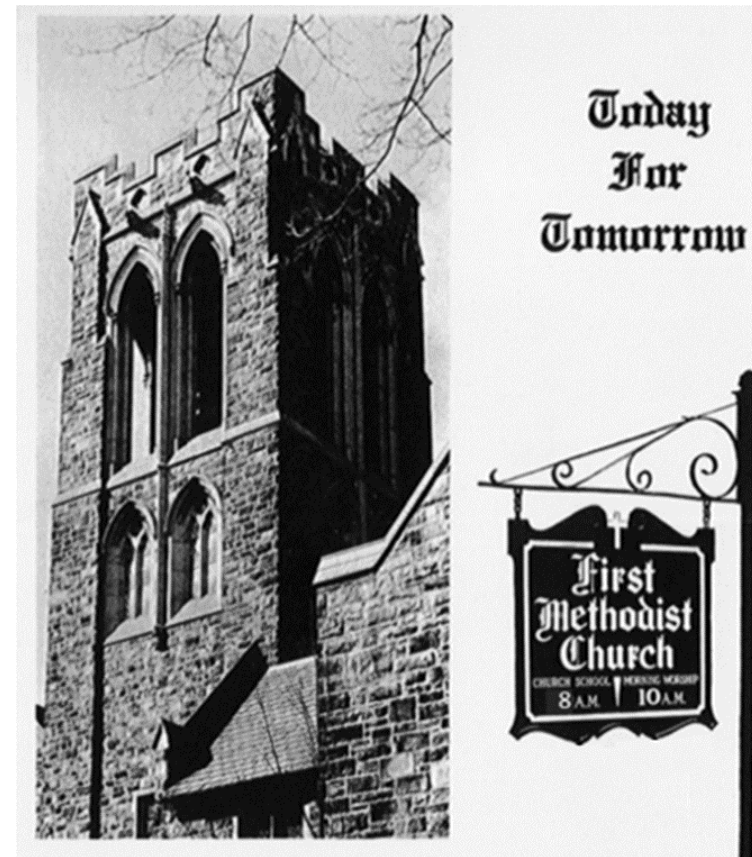
THE BOOK CLUB will be meeting Wednesday, November 6, at 1:00 P.M. in the Covert Room. Come and enjoy a fun afternoon and tell about the books you have been reading. New members are always welcome. Nancy Johnson is the hostess for the day.

REGISTER FOR AWAKEN ~ A spirit-filled lay-equipping training event on November 8th and 9th at the Charter Oak Church, where you'll encounter God through worship and teaching. This lay-equipping journey is a place to learn more about loving God fully throughout our lives. Find out more and register for any Awaken event at AlleghenyWestGMC.org/Awaken. The Charter Oak Church is at 449 Frye Farm Rd., Greensburg, PA.

MUSICALE POTPOURRI ~ Everyone is invited to a Musicale Potpourri on Sunday, December 8th, at 4:00 PM, in our sanctuary. Our entire music department promises an afternoon of entertainment. Following the program, a light supper will be available in Founder’s Hall. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office, or call the office at 814-723-4930 by November 17th for Dinner Reservations.

SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY~ November 24th, following the 10:00 AM worship. We will deliver to Pleasant Community Church following packing.

Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber	
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson	
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg	
Pianist	Cathy Peterson	
Carillon	Caroline Curren	
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone	
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young	
Coordinator of Community Programs	Heidi Ketzko	
Custodian	Bob Confer	
Acolytes	Caroline Curren and Kenna Nobles	
Liturgist	Bruce Parker	
Usher Captain Team 2	Denny Munksgard	
Ushers		
Bob Silzle	Bill Hannold	John Suppa
Laura Suppa	Rebekah Swart	Kate Conti



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
October 27, 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 “Morning Has Broken” arr. Hayes
“Come Christians, Join to Sing” arr. Hayes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you seek us out:

People: In the dead of night

Leader: And on this bright morning,

People: In the depths of despair

Leader: and in the valleys of worry.

People: Holy One, you shake us from complacency,

Leader: Wrestling fear from our souls

People: And caution from our plans.

Leader: Loving God, you draw near,

People: As close as our breathing

Leader: As present as the beat of our hearts.

People: Loving God, you jealously desire our attention,

Leader: Rejoice at our singing,

People: And welcome our worship.

*HYMN No. 35 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Ein’ Feste Burg

OLD TESTAMENT “Deuteronomy 6:4 - 9” Pew Bible Pages 162 - 163

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. 606 “All for Jesus” Constancy

SCRIPTURE “Matthew 7:24 - 27” Pew Bible Page 883

MESSAGE “Passing On Our Faith” Doug McCracken

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 603 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” Assam

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Blessed Assurance” arr. Bock

* 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 “Steal Away” arr. Giamanco
“Pie Jesu” Gabriel Faure
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” arr. Culli

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ANTHEM “Be Not Afraid” arr. Douglas Wagner

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” arr. Culli

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN No. 606 “All for Jesus” Constancy

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Amanda McCord

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BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE

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OUR VOCAL SOLOISTS today are Pam Lewis and Chad Betts. Flautist is Judi Danielson. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Jane Carter Betts, given by Rod Betts and Family.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Debbie Zaiko’s birthday, given by her sister, Heidi Ketzko and Family.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Janet Whipple, 55 Highland Drive #A2, Warren, PA 16365 - Please consider sending her a card.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE ~ Join us as we celebrate the life of Arlene Lee (Mother of Pat Murphy) November 2nd here at First Church. Visitation at 2:00 Parlor A, Celebration of Life Service 3:00 in the sanctuary, light supper in the Covert Room following the service”

THANK YOU TO OUR PASTORS as this “Pastor Appreciation” month is time to celebrate, acknowledge, and appreciate their hearts and minds. Thank you Dr. Mark Hecht, Mike Rutenber, Jon Swart, and Doug McCracken. Their ministry of love, grace, knowledge of the Bible, and time, all help to make our world, God's Kingdom, a better place to grow spiritually. ~ *from Staff Parish Relations Committee.*

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ The 2025 Stewardship Campaign mailing will be sent out early next week. As you prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year, remember that together as a congregation, we can positively impact the lives of those we serve.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP/ANGEL TREE ~ This year we will once again host a Christmas party for children in our area who are separated from a loved one during the holidays due to incarceration. There are lots of opportunities to get involved with this special event. Our initial meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30th, in the Covert Room at 4:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in helping but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Mary Jo Zubrod. There will also be sign-up sheets on the Bulletin Board in the coming weeks.

DECORATING ~ While Christmas still seems to be in the distance, preparations are already underway in our church. Decorating of our church will happen during the week of November 25th so we’re ready for the first Sunday in Advent on December 1st. If you are able and interested in helping with this, please add your name to the list on the SERVICE bulletin board outside Pastor Hecht’s office. We will call you with details.

THE GIVING TREE is coming soon. Preparations for it have started on the bulletin board across from the office. Sign up sheets to provide items for the food boxes for these families are already up. We encourage you to sign up for grocery items you will provide. **Our youth will be packing the food boxes on December 8th so we ask that you bring in those items by DECEMBER 1ST.** A box will be beside the nursery for your deposit. Names with children for Christmas gifts will be on the tree by next Sunday. We have had 11 families referred to us this year which is greater than we’ve ever had. Please think about where you are able to help and take that tag(s). Sign your name on the sheet beside the corresponding number on your tag. Shop, wrap the gift, write the child’s first name on the gift, and tape the tag from the tree on it to help us keep track of the families. Each family is a different color so if you want to look for siblings look for the color tags. While I’m not promoting shopping at Amazon or anywhere specifically, after I talked to each parent I did get specific on some of the gifts and referenced Amazon and the cost hoping that would help you givers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ruth Nelson 814-688-8238. Gifts should be returned to the office or desk in the music room **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**. Thank you for your help.