

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
February 16, 2025 – February 22, 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 New Member Class; Covert Room**  
**1:30 PM Youth Bowling; Youngsville Valley Bowling Center**

**MONDAY**

**6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room**  
**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**11:00 AM - Eagle Knights Soccer; Gym**  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**  
**4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team C; Founder's Hall**  
**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Kids Soccer; Gym**  
**6:00 PM Trustees; Covert Room**  
**6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group**

**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**  
**1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary**  
**3:30 PM Youth Handbells; Music Room and Sanctuary**  
**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**  
**8:45 AM Mom's of Minis; Covert Room**  
**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**  
**12:30 PM Warren Garden Club; Covert Room**  
**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**

Visitation Pastor  
Associate Minister  
Director of Music  
Organist/Pianist  
Pianist  
Handbells  
Soloist:  
Office Manager  
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech  
Sunday Morning Hospitality/Monday Nite Meal Cook  
Custodian  
Acolytes

Liturgist  
Usher Captain Team 5  
Ushers

Susie Zimmerman  
Brent Jones

Tom Giegerich  
Stephanie Tannler

Rev. Mike Rutenber  
Rev. Jon M. Swart  
Ruth Nelson  
Michele Sandberg  
Cathy Peterson  
Epworth Handbell Choir  
Melissa McCracken  
Debbie Giambrone  
Barbara Young  
Heidi Ketzko  
Bob Confer  
Annika Wyman  
Allison Conti  
Linda Hice  
Erik Fincher

Matt McCord  
Rebekah Swart



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
February 16, 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** “There Shall Be Showers of Blessing” arr. Talley  
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Hayes

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

**People: make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**People: tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

**People: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

Leader: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**People: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations. Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN No. 61** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Showalter

**NEW TESTAMENT** “1 Peter 1:3 – 9” Pew Bible Page 1103

**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. 334** “Trust and Obey”

**SCRIPTURE** “Psalm 121” Pew Bible Page 560

**MESSAGE** “Security Blanket” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN No. 346** “Be Still, My Soul” Finlandia

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Lord, Reign in Me” arr. Tornquist

**\* 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** “Andante” Mozart  
“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” Johan Konig  
**HANDBELL PRELUDE** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Heather Sorenson

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**ANTHEM** “Not One Falls” Heather Sorenson

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Rain Down” arr. John Carter

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\*Doxology No. 682

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*HYMN No. 334** “Trust and Obey”  
*(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last verse.)*

**A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** Karen Hecht

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**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

**POSTLUDE** “Rondo” John Bull

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by the Crary Flower Fund.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Nancy Rossman, 8 Hill Street, Warren, PA 16365 - Please consider sending her a card.

**THANK YOU** ~ As a thank you to everyone involved in assisting Bill Hosier in acquiring a new scooter, he has donated a decorative rose to the First Methodist Church.

**MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON** ~ 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. If you are interested and able to be a financial sponsor for either or both of these groups, please make your donation through the office by March 1st. Thank you for your support and PLEASE plan to come.

**YOUTH GROUP** ~ The Youth Group is bowling at the Youngsville Valley Bowling Center this afternoon. Youth in grades 6 - 12 will *meet at church at 1:30 and go to the Valley Bowling Center in Youngsville. The youth are scheduled to bowl from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM., They will return to church at about 4:30.* Bowling and shoes for the kids will be covered and snacks will be provided. If the kids want to purchase snacks or drinks at the bowling alley, they are welcome to bring money. (please make sure to bring or wear socks!)

**LUNCH FELLOWSHIP** ~ Hospitality will host a lunch fellowship on February 23rd, following the 10:00 AM worship service.

**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.

## A Lenten Study on Prayer “Prayer Begins with Relationship”

On Ash Wednesday (March 5<sup>th</sup>), we begin the holy season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day time of preparation for Easter. This year, First Methodist Church wants to be especially attentive to “HOW” we choose to prepare for Easter.

A word that is often used this time of year is “Repent.” To repent literally means to “turn back from”. The season of Lent is meant to help us “turn back” or away from our sinfulness and towards our God. We are given the opportunity to turn away from doing the things that are not of God and return to God.

One of the most important things we can do is pray. In fact, we believe prayer to be so important that we are offering a six week study on prayer during the six weeks of Lent. Last fall nearly 50 members of our church participated in our “Christian to the Core” study that focused us on the fundamental pieces of our life in Christ that help us be the church.

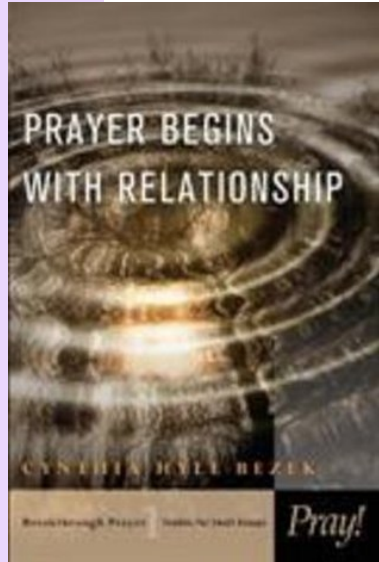
This study on prayer entitled “Prayer Begins with Relationship” is an excellent next step for many who participated previously. We would strongly encourage you to consider committing six weeks to this study. Dr. Hecht will be leading this study that will help the participant grow deeper in their personal relationship with God through prayer.

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As a community of faith, we are all invited to do our best to spend time in worship, personal reflection and the reading of the scriptures. This season we invite you to seriously focus also on PRAYER.

May we take this time to learn more about God and God’s ways and respond in faith.

Books are available in the office and sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board across from the office.



Monday 6:15 – 7:30	Tuesday 12:15 – 1:30
March 10	March 11
March 17	March 18
March 24	March 25
March 31	April 1
April 7	April 8
April 14	April 15

## First Methodist Church *Lenten SOUP Study*

**Tuesdays in Founder’s Hall**  
**Soup Served at 5:15 PM – Study Begins at 5:30 PM**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>**

The forty days of Lent are traditionally set aside to reflect on matters of faith and recommit to living out the faith we claim. We rarely, however, take the time to attempt to understand how that faith has been passed down to us! The simple reality is that Christianity wouldn’t be what it is if not for individuals who labored faithfully to lay the foundation and build the pillars of the Church.

This year, for our Soup and Study, we will focus on several of these persons and 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.

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Our study will include the following among others:

John Wycliffe  
“The Morning Star”

Jan Hus  
“Moral Integrity”

Martin Luther  
“Here I Stand”

Ulrich Zwingli  
“God and Country”

Ignatius Loyola  
“Care for the Least”

John Wesley  
“The World is My Parish”

Charles Wesley  
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**First Methodist Church**  
*Youth*  
**Bowling**

*Don't forget your socks!*

**Bowling Fee  
Shoe Rental Fee  
&  
Snacks  
Provided**

**February 16, 2025**  
**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
**Grades 6 – 12**

*Meet at church at 1:30 and then travel to Valley Bowling Center in Youngsville where we'll bowl from 2-4, and return to church about 4:30.*

***Bring money if you want to purchase snacks at the snack bar.***

**Valley Bowling Center, Youngsville**

