

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## July 7, 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** “Wonderful Words of Life” arr. Hayes  
(8:00 AM) “Song for the Nation’s” arr. Hayes

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION** “America the Beautiful” arr. Cindy Berry  
(10:00 AM) “My Country ’Tis of Thee” arr. Gary Lanier

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

**People: May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.**

Leader: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

**People: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

**People: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

**\*HYMN** “America the Beautiful” (See Insert)

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** “The Nicene Creed” Hymnal No. 693

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Gary Lanier

### 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 MUSIC**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Gene Roberson

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(10:00 AM only)

\*Doxology No. 682

\*Offertory Prayer

(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message following the Offertory Prayer)

**A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SCRIPTURE**

“John 20:19-31”

Pew Bible Page 989

**MESSAGE**

“We Believe in the Resurrection. . .”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

\***HYMN No. 283**

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” Battle Hymn of the Republic

**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

**POSTLUDE**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

arr. Berry

(8:00 AM)

**POSTLUDE**

“Festive Praise”

Lloyd Larson

(10:00 AM)

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** today is provided by trumpet soloist Mikki Gifford. Mikki is working on her Master’s Degree in special education. We thank her for sharing her talents with us.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Gloria and Loved Ones, given by Klaus.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Mrs. Shirley Witherell, 418 East Street, Warren, PA 16365. Please consider sending her a card.

**NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP CLASS** ~ For those considering joining First Methodist Church, we invite you to our New Member Fellowship Class, which will start soon. Please call the church at 814-723-4930 if you are interested in joining First Methodist Church.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** ~ Community VBS will take place at First Lutheran Church, 109 W. Third Ave., from July 28th to August 1st. VBS will run from 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM each day. Registration forms are available via the weekly newsletter, the website at [www.firstmwarren.org](http://www.firstmwarren.org), and the First Methodist Facebook Page at <https://facebook.com/firstmwarren.org>. Organizers are still in need of donations of large blue solo cups, goldfish crackers, and gummy worms. Volunteers are also needed to assist with VBS.

**EVENING OF PRAISE** ~ In July and August, we will be offering communion and an opportunity for prayer at our Sunday Evening of Praise events. We hope you'll "Come and Bring a Friend." Make sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming Sunday praise events on Sunday, July 21st and Sunday, August 18th. If weather permits, these events will take place outdoors.

**WHAT WE BELIEVE** ~ Our pastors will be sharing a series over the summer months highlighting key aspects of "The Catechism of the Global Methodist Church." following worship each week, our pastors will be available in the Covert Room to meet with and answer questions you may have regarding the points of doctrine being shared that day. Please consider committing to participating in this worship and study experience.

**DONATIONS NEEDED** ~ The Warren County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) needs snacks for the children who utilize its services. They are looking for donations of individually wrapped fruit snacks, gold fish, animal crackers, Capri Sun drinks, or any other snacks that would appeal to children. Donations can be dropped off in the Covert Room, the office, or to Heidi Ketzko. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC** ~ Mark your calendars for August 4, 2024, All Church Picnic from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM at the Brokenstraw Valley Swimming Pool on Thatchers Lane in Youngsville. Please take special note of the change of location for our picnic.

**PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL SERVICE TIME** ~ On August 4, 2024, due to the community service at the Struthers Library Theatre, we will have one service at 9:00 AM, in the Sanctuary.

**COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE** ~ There will be a multidenominational Community Worship Service on Sunday, August 4, 2024 at the Struthers Library Theatre at 10:30 AM.

**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.

**BOOK CLUB** ~ The Book Club will meet at noon in the church parking lot on July 10th, to carpool to Crone's Camp.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## July 7, 2024 - July 13, 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 Accountability Group**  
**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**  
**4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team A; Founder's Hall**

### TUESDAY

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting; Mark's Office**

### WEDNESDAY

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**12:00 PM Book Club to Crone's Camp Carpool; Parking Lot**  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**

### THURSDAY

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**  
**9:30 AM Circuit Clergy Meeting; Covert Room**

### FRIDAY

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

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht		
Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber		
Associate Pastor	Rev. Bud Fickley		
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	Abby McCord and Anna McCord		
Liturgist	Bruce Parker		
Usher Captain Team 2	Larry Loughlin		
Ushers	Ila Wilson	Carla Johnson	Nick Johnson
	Patti Rublee	Mark Nelson	Nano Lopez
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## America the Beautiful

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of  
 2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing  
 3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the

grain; for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a -  
 strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and  
 years thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un -

bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!  
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!  
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!

God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with  
 May God thy gold re - fine, till all suc - cess be  
 God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con - firm thy soul in

broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine.  
 self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

# HOC (Helping Our Children)

While we are in the midst of summer, it's not too early to start planning ahead to the next school year. The HOC (Helping Our Children) committee recently met and needs were identified for the coming school year for students attending Warren Area Elementary Center, Beaty Warren Middle School, and Warren Area High School. There are paper sneakers on the bulletin board in the office hallway with sizes that we hope our church can supply. If able, please take a sneaker, sign your name beside the corresponding number from the sneaker toe, shop, and return to the box on the windowsill in the Covert Room by Sunday, August 4th. In addition, there are other needs besides sneakers this year.

We will be collecting the following items:

**Boys Boxer Briefs sizes 4/5, 6-8, and 10/12**

**Girls underwear sizes 4T/5T, 6/6x, and 7/8**

**Leggings for Girls - all sizes from x-small to women's x-large**

**Boys Athletic Pants or sweatpants sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10-12**

**Men's Athletic Pants sizes medium - X Large**

**Socks for BWMS - sizes men 6-12 and women 5-9**

**Personal Care Items - shampoo**

conditioner

deodorant

small containers of laundry detergent

body wash

**Food Items - mac and cheese**

microwave pastas ( not perishable)

ramen noodles,

cereal (any size)

granola bars

pop tarts

fruit rollups

snack crackers with cheese or peanut butter

individual containers of fruit, applesauce, and puddings

breakfast bars

shelf stable milk

**Backpacks - heavy duty for BWMS**

**Adult CROCS - any size and color for BWMS**

Items can be donated any time before August 4th. Please know that while we appreciate new sneakers and underwear, we also welcome "hand me downs" for the clothing. Feel free to watch for garage sales this summer as recycled clothing is wonderful. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238. Thanks for your support.



# Share Your Spare

My name is Erica Wellner and I am the pastor of Scalp Level Trinity and Windber Calvary (Global) Methodist Churches and I need a new kidney.

On April 2, 2024 I went to the ER with what I thought was possible heart issues. I would learn later that evening that I am in end stage kidney failure. I spent a week in the hospital under observation. Upon coming home, I was placed on dialysis three days a week. While this is helping my condition, my medical team has said that my best treatment plan is getting a new kidney. While I can receive a cadaver kidney, it would be best for someone my age to receive from a live donor.

Did you know you only need one kidney to live a normal life? My blood type is O+, and while having an O+ donor would be great, thanks to the National Kidney Registry, anyone can donate on my behalf and through the Registry I will receive a kidney that best matches my genetic makeup.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a donor, please call my living donor coordinator, Torrey at 412-359-4441 and she can answer any questions you may have. If you don't feel called to donate, can you please spread the word. You will not only benefit me, but many others who are in need of a kidney to give them back their life.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Pastor Erica Wellner

## Who can be a kidney donor?

Donors must be greater than 18 years old. They must not have a history of active cancer, diabetes or chronic kidney stones. There is a weight limit depending on the age of the donor.

Donors have to be in good physical health and free of cardiac and pulmonary disease. We screen donors carefully for medical and renal diseases. We also consider a potential donor's risk factors for developing future kidney disease (such as hypertension and obesity).

Donors need to be up to date with colon cancer and breast cancer screenings. We require donors to be non-smokers or to quit smoking at least 6 weeks prior to surgery.

Donors cannot have severe untreated mental health issues. People with HIV or hepatitis cannot be kidney donors at this time.



## The Donation Process

### Pre-operative evaluation

All donors are carefully screened for medical and infectious diseases during an initial consultation. You will meet with the surgeon and the nephrologist. At this appointment you will be asked detailed questions about your medical and surgical history. You will also begin the testing process including blood and kidney function tests.

### Surgery

Surgery is often scheduled on a day selected by the donor. The surgery is performed through small incisions using the newest robotic technology. A bladder catheter is placed during surgery and remains overnight. Donors typically spend 1-2 nights in the hospital. You will be out of bed and walking on the first day.

### Recovery

Recovery takes 2-6 weeks after which you can return to normal activities. You will be given pain medication and stool softeners to take at home as needed. There are no dietary restrictions after donation. You will have a follow up appointment two weeks after surgery.