

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
March 30, 2025 – April 5, 2025**

SUNDAY

Blue Bag Distribution 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
4:00 PM Astralis Chamber Ensemble Concert; Sanctuary

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 B; Founder’s Hall
6:15 PM Lenten Prayer Study; 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
12:15 PM Lenten Prayer Study; Covert Room
1:30 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Handbells; Watson Home & Pizza Hut
5:15 PM Soup and Study; Founder’s Hall
6:00 PM Griefshare; Parlor B

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 Moms of Minis; Covert Room
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark’s Office
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
6:00 PM DivorceCare Meeting; Covert Room
7:00 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
3:30 PM Father/Daughter Dance; Founder’s Hall

REV. KEVIN HALEY ~ was raised in Mercer, Pennsylvania. He earned A bachelor’s degree in communication arts (emphasis in speech and theater) at Grove City College. Upon graduation, he married his college sweetheart, Amy, and entered United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. During the forty two years of his ministry, Pastor Kevin served churches in Beavercreek (Ohio), Wilkinsburg, Dunlo, and Mineral Point (rural Johnstown), New Stanton, North Huntingdon, Warren, Clarion, and Greensburg. He also has served as a missionary on the island of Jamaica (building homes and working at orphanages), as well as taking active roles in community groups like Habitat for Humanity, Rotary International, and local ministeriums. He served in Christian camping by serving as a counselor in horse camps for 12 years, as a dean of a creative arts camp for 18 years, and on the board of directors for Wesley Woods and Camp Allegheny. Upon his retirement in February 2025, Kevin transferred his credentials to serve in the Global Methodist Church. He and Amy now live in Washington, Pennsylvania.

SAVE THE DATE ~ Warren Gives will take place on May 14, 2025, from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

CROSSING VOLUNTEERS ~ Steve Colvin from the Crossing is looking for volunteers to help with serving. They are also looking for individuals to be on a volunteer list for Saturday morning breakfasts. Those interested in volunteering, please contact Steve Colvin at The Crossing at 814-723-1771.



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Fourth Week of Lent
March 30, 2025**

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber
Associate Minister	Rev. Jon M. Swart
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg
Pianist	Cathy Peterson
Carillon	Caroline Curren
Soloist	Chad Betts
Handbells	Wesleyan Ringers
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young
Sunday Morning Hospitality/Monday Nite Meal Cook	Heidi Ketzko
Custodian	Bob Confer
Acolytes	Tage Wyman
	Matthew Stahlman
Liturgist	Beth Steva
Usher Captain Team 1	Denny Munksgard
Ushers	

Bob Silzle	Bill Hannold	John Suppa
Laura Suppa	Rebekah Swart	Kate Conti

*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 "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Lowry
"And Can It Be" arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: For once, we were lost and felt so far away; now, we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

People: AMEN!

***HYMN No. 48** "Like a River Glorious" Wye Valley

OLD TESTAMENT "Psalm 139:13-18 and 23-34" Pew Bible Page 566

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. 117** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Gordon

SCRIPTURE "Luke 15:1-32" Pew Bible Pages 952 - 953

MESSAGE "A Breakthrough for Broken Hearts" Rev. Kevin Haley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 504** "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "On Our Way Rejoicing" Osman

* **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 "Wondrous Love" arr. Dale Wood
"Praeludium and Fugue in A Minor" Johann Simon
"Prelude on Rhosymedre" Vaughan Williams

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ANTHEM "The Lions and Their Den-er Guests" Tammy Waldrop

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OFFERTORY MUSIC "Lead Me Back" Pepper Choplin

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

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BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE "Psalm XX" Marcello

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ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of Alyssa Morrison, given by Hannah and Heidi Ketzko.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in loving memory of James and Alpha Sherrife, given by Barbara Young.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Marty Campbell, 615 Rouse Ave, Memory Care - Rm. 7, Youngsville, PA 16371 - Please consider sending her a card.

CONCERT ~ Please join us this afternoon at 4 PM for a concert by the Astralis Chamber Group. This group is composed of flute, viola, and harp. Donations will be accepted.

LENTEN SOUP STUDY ~ This year, for our Soup and Study, we are focusing on several individuals who labored faithfully to lay the foundation and build the pillars of the Church. We are learning more about how their story connects with our own. Obviously, there are scores of individuals who have influenced the Church over the ages. This time of Lent provides us an opportunity to focus on several of the more significant figures of the past. Our Soup and Study takes place on Tuesday evenings, and soup is served at 5:15 PM.

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY BREAKFAST ~ Please join us for a family breakfast in Founders Hall between 8:45 AM and 9:45 AM. The menu will include egg casserole, ham, sausage, hash browns, fruit, pastries, juice, and coffee. At 9:45 AM, everyone who would like to be involved in the Palm Sunday Processional will meet at the Market Street doors with palms. Our handbells will lead us into the sanctuary. You do NOT have to be involved in the processional to enjoy the fellowship of the breakfast. Please sign up on the sheet across from the office to give us an idea of how many will attend.

EASTER FLOWERS AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ~ Our sanctuary will be decorated this Easter with an assortment of flowers. If you would like to purchase flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please submit a completed order form, and your payment to the office no later than April 1st. Order forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the office, the firstmwarren.org website, the weekly newsletter, on Facebook, and in the office. If you have any questions, please call the office at 814-723-4930.

EASTER EGG HUNT ~ First Methodist Church Youth will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13, 2025, Following the 10:00 AM worship service. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office, call 814-723-4930, or send an email to info@firstmwarren.org.

EASTER HOLIDAY HOT MEALS will be delivered on Saturday, April 19th. We thank our volunteers and donors who make these meals possible. Your support enabled the Holiday Hot Meals ministry to serve around 370 meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days throughout Warren and Forest Counties. These meals were delivered to senior members of our communities, persons who are alone or homebound, some who are homeless, first responders, and others who have been referred to us. If you would like to volunteer for the Easter Holiday Hot Meal program, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to Rev. Hecht's office. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the delivery supplies on Friday, April 18th. On April 19th, volunteers are needed to cook, fill, take out containers, clean the kitchen, run the dishwasher, pack the delivery bags and deliver the meals. Please also pray for this meal, those who volunteer, and for those who receive the meals. For more information or if you would like to volunteer email, rev.geo.mason@gmail.com.