

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
November 24, 2024 – November 30, 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**  
**11:00 AM Africa Presentation; Covert Room**  
**6:00 PM Youth Mystery Dinner; It's a Mystery**

**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**  
**3:00 PM - 5:30 PM Eagle Knights Soccer; Gym**  
**4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team D; Founder's Hall**  
**6:00 PM Decorating the Sanctuary & Chapel; Sanctuary & Chapel**  
**6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Christian to the Core; Covert Room**

**TUESDAY**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**10:00 AM Decorating of the Sanctuary Trees; Sanctuary**  
**12:30 PM Christian to the Core; Covert Room**  
**1:35 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B**  
**6:00 PM GriefShare Ministry; Parlor B**

**WEDNESDAY**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage**

**THURSDAY**

**Office Closed—*Happy Thanksgiving!***

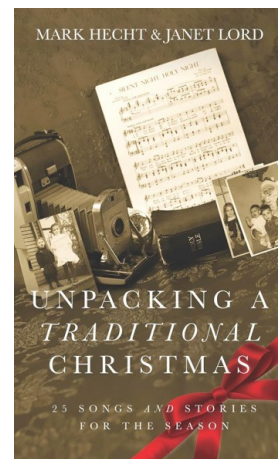
**FRIDAY**

**Office Closed**

**SATURDAY**

**10:00 AM Private Event; Founder's Hall**  
**1:00 PM Christmas Decorating; Founder's Hall**

**DEVOTIONAL** ~ Last year Rev. Hecht and Rev. Janet Lord published A Christmas Devotional entitled: Unpacking a Traditional Christmas: 25 Songs and Stories for the Season. This year Rev. Hecht will be sharing 8 selected stories from his book. These stories will be available on the firstmwarren.org website, the firstmwarren Facebook page, as well as the weekly newsletter. Each message will be accompanied by special music performed by Ruth Nelson and Michele Sandberg. Also Note: Copies of the book are still available in the church office for \$10 each. All proceeds from the sale of these books will go towards our hurricane relief effort!



**FLUTE CHOIR** ~ Join the Silver Winds Flute Choir at First Lutheran Church, 109 3rd Ave., Warren, for a FREE concert as they present “Classics and Carols,” on December 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Donations are accepted

**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.

**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.

Visitation Pastor	Rev. Mike Rutenber	
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson	
Organist/Pianist	Michele Sandberg	
Pianist	Cathy Peterson	
Judi Danielson	Flautist	
Carillon	Caroline Curren	
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone	
Office Assistant/Streaming Tech	Barbara Young	
Coordinator of Community Programs	Heidi Ketzko	
Custodian	Bob Confer	
Acolytes	Madalyn Nobles and Allison Conti	
Liturgist	Linda Hice	
Usher Captain Team 2	George Lilja	
Ushers		
Mike Giambrone	Nick Giambrone	Henry Dahl
Morrie Kintner		Harold Hice



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
November 24, 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** “For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. Keveren  
“We Gather Together” arr. John Carter

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When I think of God’s presence in the world, I am grateful:

**People: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

Leader: And when I think of God’s presence in my life, I am humbled:

**People: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

Leader: And when I think of God’s presence in this community, I am glad:

**People: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.**

Leader: Thank you all; thank you, God.

\***HYMN No. 83** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” St. George’s Windsor

**OLD TESTAMENT** “Ezekiel 34:11 - 16” Pew Bible Page 788

### 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. 84** “Now Thank We All Our God” Nun Danket

**SCRIPTURE** “John 12:9 - 19” Pew Bible Page 980

**MESSAGE** “Shepherd and King” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\***HYMN No. 509** “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” Woodworth

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** “Ode to Joy” arr. Petzold

\* **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** “This Is My Father’s World” arr. Ashdown  
“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Larson  
**BELLS PRELUDE** “With Thankful Hearts” Douglas Wagner

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Let Us Give Thanks!” Barrett/Nix

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*Doxology No. 682  
\*Offertory Prayer

\***HYMN No. 84** “Now Thank We All Our God” Nun Danket

*(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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**MESSAGE** “Shepherd and King” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

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### BEARING OF LIGHT

**POSTLUDE** “The Thankful Heart Rejoices” Lani Smith

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**IN SYMPATHY** ~ We extend our sympathy today to Tawni and Chad Betts in the passing of Tawni’s father.

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

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Helen Whitten, 205 Water Street, Room 548, Warren, PA 16365 - Please consider sending her a card.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** ~ The 2025 Stewardship Campaign has been mailed out. 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.

**THE GIVING TREE** is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. There are still a few tags remaining on it. If you wish to be part of this ministry, please take a tag, sign your name on the sheet next to the tree beside the number on your tag, shop, wrap the gift, and tape the round tag to the package. All gifts should be returned to the office or the music room desk no later than Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

**THE YOUTH** will be packing food boxes to go to the families on The Giving Tree. A sign up sheet for that is also on the bulletin board. Food items should be returned to the clear box on the floor beside the nursery by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to everyone for your help.

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

**AFRICAN ADVENTURE** ~ Recently, Rev. Hecht traveled to Kenya with a delegation of clergy and laity from the Allegheny West Annual Conference, to meet and plan with the GMC church in Africa. The ultimate goal is to create a partnership for performing ministry and sustainably fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ, who spread scriptural holiness across the globe. While there is still much to be organized and approved, Rev. Hecht would like to take time, following the 10:00 AM Sunday morning worship service on November 24th, to share some initial information regarding his trip, and our conference plans for the future. For those who are interested in learning more of Rev. Hecht’s African adventure and learn of the conference plans for the future, we welcome you to join him in the Covert Room, immediately following the worship service. Lite refreshments will be available.

**ADVENT SOUP AND STUDY** ~ There will be Advent noon Worship Services in Founder’s Hall on December 5th, 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!





**First Methodist Church**

**2024**

***POINSETTIA FUND***

**Last Day to Order is December 16th**

**\$12.00 Per Poinsettia**

Poinsettias can be purchased as  
**MEMORIALS OR IN HONOR OF**

**MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.**

Order forms can be picked  
up at the office, via the  
weekly newsletter, or on  
our website at  
[www.firstmwarren.org](http://www.firstmwarren.org)



**THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**

**200 Market Street  
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***POINSETTIAS***

I would like to participate in the Poinsettia Fund.

The cost of each plant is \$12.00 if ordered through the Church.

***MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.***

MEMORIALS OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_

Flowers given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) at a total cost of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I wish to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Flower Fund.

I will \_\_\_\_\_ I Will **NOT** \_\_\_\_\_ be picking up my poinsettia(s) up  
after the service on December 24, 2024.


**LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS IS**

**December 16, 2024**


**No Orders will be accepted after this date.**



First Methodist Church  
Chancel Choir Presents:



*The*  
**SEVEN NOELS**  
*Songs to Light the World*



**December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:00 AM**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

200 Market Street \* Warren, PA \* 814-723-4930