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WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11 AM SERVICE

DECEMBER 8, 2019

PIANO PRELUDE	“O Christ Child Sweet”	Bach
	“In Dulci Jubilo”	Bach
	“Sheep May Safely Graze”	Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad that you are worshipping at First United 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 have a chance to thank you for being with us.

*HYMN No. 220	“Angels from the Realms of Glory”	Regent Square
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ANTHEM	“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!”	Jeffrey Smith
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LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the peace you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Guide us in all that we say and do. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON	Rachel Beach
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(Children may come forward during “Jesus Loves Me”)

PRAYER CARDS will be collected by Acolytes during the Children’s Sermon.

*PSALTER	“Psalm 72”	Hymnal Pages 795-796, Response 1
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*GLORIA PATRI No. 71

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. 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St. Louis

SCRIPTURE "John 3:16-17" Pew Bible Page 968

MESSAGE "Peace" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES TO GOD

Offertory "Every Valley" John Ness Beck

*Doxology No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN No. 218 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Carol

*BENEDICTION

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

* I n d i c a t e s p l e a s e s t a n d i f a b l e

POSTLUDE "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" arr. McConnell

MUSIC TODAY is provided by organist Michele Sandberg and the Chancel Choir. Percussionist is David Dorn.

LITURGIST today is Jason Wood.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES TODAY ARE 8:00 AM Phyllis Wright & Pat Campbell
11:00 AM Tracy Brieger & Ed Rickerson

BANNER BEARER today is Rusty Blodgett.

THE PEDISTAL FLOWERS this week are given by the Dunham Family whose generosity continues to serve.

CONCERN FOR THIS WEEK is Ms. Darla Peterson, 205 Water St., Warren PA 16335. Why not send her a card? Darla is a member of the Kane, PA UMC and likes to keep up with what's happening in our community.

2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN—Just a reminder....The 2020 Stewardship Campaign deadline was December 1, 2019. With the Thanksgiving holiday being late this year it may have slipped your mind and by now we have all moved on to our Christmas planning. If you forgot to return your pledge or are undecided please take a moment to reflect on the needs of the ministries our church supports. If you are still desirous of making a pledge please return your pledge card or contact the church office with your information. Our pledge commitments for 2020 are nearly \$50,000.00 less than last year and we need your help to meet our budget goals.

CHRISTMAS Holiday Hot Meal Volunteer-sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. There are several options to choose from, please consider serving this Christmas.

ADVENT NOON SERVICE— The second in the series of noon Advent Services sponsored by the Warren Area Ministerial Association will be held on Thursday, December 12th. Rev. Doug McCracken will bring the message and Rev. Marcus Briggs will be the liturgist. Michele Sandberg will be organist while Heidi Ketzko and Patty Hannold will provide special music. Emmanuel United Church of Christ will serve the luncheon in Founders Hall for \$6.00. All are welcome.

SILVER WINDS FLUTE CHOIR-will present “A Patchwork of Seasons” concert today, at 2:00 PM in our sanctuary. Please join us for this free concert.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM-will be held this afternoon at 4:30 PM in the sanctuary. Plan to support our children and discover how we can have “Christmas 365 Days of the Year.” The Nurture Commission will host a light supper in the Parlors following the program. Children need to arrive and be in the Skylight Room by 4:00 PM.

BOOK SALE-this past year our Pastor Mark Hecht published his first book **Family, Friends and Faith: Lessons I Have Learned**. The book **Family, Friends and Faith** offers a series of messages reminding the reader of the numerous ways our lives are influenced and transformed as we walk with others. In the 187 page book there are messages that include stories of Mark’s childhood and those who nurtured him, as well as the stories of his wife and their four children whose faith they have attempted to nurture. Life for all of us is filled with memories of those from our past as well as hopes and dreams for those who follow. If you are looking for a meaningful gift to share with someone this holiday season, consider getting them a copy of **Family, Friends and Faith**. Copies are still available in the church office. Cost is \$15.

PRAYER/BIRTHDAY CALENDAR – Will be coming out soon. If you have any additions or corrections please submit them to the church office so they can make the 2020 calendar.

COOKIE WALK-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 9:00 AM - NOON-The Annual Cookie Walk is just around the corner and we need everyone's help in making this UMW venture a big success. This is one of two money making projects the United Methodist Women sponsors; the Cookie Walk and the Rummage Sale. Last year we sold out of cookies within the first hour, which means we need many more cookies. The women will be making calls just to remind everyone to please include the Cookie Walk when they are making plans for making their own cookies for the Holiday Season. Cookies should be brought to the Covert Room before 9:00 AM on the day of the sale; otherwise you may bring them on Friday.

Also needed is old jewelry and gently used Christmas items. These may be brought to the church office at any time. All the money the women receive is used to help fund their many missionary projects.

CREATIVE PRESCHOOL NEEDS-Creative Preschool advisory board asks that during this holiday season as you are sharing the joy of Christmas with others would you please consider contributing to help purchase new educational toys for the preschool? We are in need of two Wooden Block Sets at a cost of \$55 each. If you would like to support the purchase of these educational toys for the Pre School, please drop a check off at the church office. Checks may be written to FUMC and in the memo line, Pre-School Toys. Thank You.

THE GIVING TREE-wrapped presents are due back to the church by Sunday, December 15, 2019. If you have any questions, call Ruth Nelson at 688-8238.

THE CROSSING: HELP WANTED-The Crossing, located in the heart of Warren on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Hickory Street is looking to fill some staff positions. They are always in need of volunteers and also have some paid staff positions available.

If you are interested please contact Bill Hargenrader at firstcogwarn@atlanticbbn.net

PRAYER CROSS-please stop and visit the prayer cross and read about Advent. Feel free to add praises and prayer requests as well.

TOGETHER EVOLVING AS MEN - is a men's support group that gathers to share individual struggles, obtain solutions together and form bonds with other men who seek to grow and develop as individuals and carry forth the best version of themselves into their home, their community, and the world at large. The group meets in Parlor A on Sunday mornings from 10:00—11:00 am. Any questions please feel free to call Dan Kronenwetter (814) 730-7308.



First United Methodist Church-Warren
Prayer Week of December 8, 2019-Second week of Advent

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." [Luke 2: 13-14]

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. [John 14:27]

Heavenly Father,

There is no one like you among the gods, & nothing to compare with your works. All the nations you have made will come & worship before you, LORD, they will bring glory to your name. You are great & do marvelous things; you alone are God. [Psalm 86: 8-10] You alone are the Author of peace. You alone offer us true peace. Without your peace there is conflict, harm and division. With your peace, we work together to build your kingdom on earth. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We lift up specific prayers today for:

The UMC- May we heed your guidance to find peace.

FUMC Warren, Millport UMC, Jesus is Coming Soon Methodist Church (Jinotega, Nicaragua), & Rene Cisneros Church (Managua, Nicaragua)-May we not be troubled or afraid.

For worship services & activities within these walls & in the community-May You be glorified in our praises.

The people of Nicaragua, especially our Christian brothers & sisters-May they find rest in your peace.

For our country's leaders & leaders around the world-May their actions help build peace.

For Jason Wood, Director of Student Ministries, & Marcia Ziki, Worship Chair -May their service help build your kingdom on earth.

FOR: _____

Without your Holy Spirit's presence within me, I am tossed & turned by sin-like the waves on a stormy ocean. Help me to cling to you-not to my sin. Please forgive me, as I forgive others. Although my selfishness would have me yield to temptation, I ask you to help me not to yield, but ask that you will deliver me from all evil.

You are the green Shoot that sprouted from Jesse's stump, from his roots a budding branch. The life-giving Spirit of God hovers over you, the Spirit that brings wisdom & understanding, gives direction, builds strength, & instills knowledge & fear of the LORD. [Isaiah 11: 1-3] For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht
Pastor of Visitation	Rev. Michael Rutenber
Director of Music	Ruth Nelson
Assistant Director of Music	Michele Sandberg
Organist	David Powell
Director of Music/Organist Emeritus	John F. Slaney Jr.
Director of Student Ministries	Jason Wood
Director of Christian Education and Nurture	Heidi Ketzko
Office Manager	Debbie Giambrone
Office Assistant	Deb Rutenber
Custodian	Robert Confer
Preschool Teachers	Brenda Bertch Jane Crouch Cynthia Klenowski Lindsey Mealy Amanda Wellner

Acolytes

Front Candles: Lilly Newton
Grace Carr

Aisle Candles: Grady Corey
Tage Wyman

Greeters

FD: Kelly, Scott, Grant and Lilly Newton
PLD: Rich and Mary Schall

Usher Captain: Larry Loughlin

Ron Kelly
Nick Johnson
Jay Mengel

Brian Swanson
Carla Johnson
Lucy Nelson

PRAYER CONCERNS: David Armstrong, Sheryl Asamow, Dayetta Austin, Cathy Bertch, Brandon and Stacey Campbell, Marty Campbell, Zack Cassidy, Carol Davis, Catherine Donaldson, Keith Dunham, Jim Fitch, Lucy Gallo, Jenn Harris, Betty Hill, Laurel Hoch, Jim McCollough, Amanda Ohl, Larry Persing, Sandy Raymond, Katie Rodgers, Patti Rublee, Ronda Rublee, Ernest Seber, John Slaney, Alice Stiles, Butch Stiles, David Swanson, Marge Trubic, Cindy Tucker, Marilyn Whitcomb, Gretchen Winans, Karen Yourchisin, Connie Zagurski, Nancy Zirngibl, Maria Zurcher.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

December 8, 2019 – December 14, 2019

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Together Evolving as Men Support Group, Parlor A
11:00 AM Worship Service
2:00 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir Concert, Sanctuary
4:00 PM Children arrives for program, Skylight Room
4:30 PM Children's Christmas Program, Sanctuary
5:30 PM Light Supper following program, Parlors
6:00 -7:30 PM UMYF Junior High
7:00 PM-8:30 PM UMYF Senior High

TUESDAY

8:30 AM-Creative Preschool
11:00 AM Blue Stocking Club, Covert Room/Sanctuary
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group, Covert Room
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting, FH
6:30 PM Epworth Handbells
7:30 PM Madrigal Handbells

WEDNESDAY

6:45 AM Men's Breakfast
Leader: John Crone Cook: Paul Yourchisin
8:30 AM Creative Preschool
8:45 AM Covenant Group, Mark's Office
3:10 PM LOGOS/Christmas Theme
3:10 PM Cherub Choir, Music room
3:30 PM Aldersgate Choir, Music Room
NO PM Wesleyan Handbells
NO PM Asbury Handbells
6:30 PM Madrigals
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 AM Creative Preschool
10:30 AM WAMA Meeting, Covert Room
Noon Advent Service, Sanctuary
12:30 PM Advent Lunch, Founder's Hall
1:00 PM Discipleship Covenant Group, Parlor B
6:00 PM Divorce Care, 2nd Fl./Side Room

FRIDAY

Noon Senior Citizen Lunch

SATURAY

8:30 AM-Noon Breakfast with Santa, Founder's Hall
9:00 AM-Noon UMW Annual Cookie Walk, Parlors & Covert Room
1:00 PM Private Party, Everts Room & Gym