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WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11 AM SERVICE
JANUARY 26, 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE	“Soliloquy”	Edward Broughton
HANDBELL PRELUDE	“Contemplation on Beautiful Savior”	Matthew Compton
ORGAN PRELUDE	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	Arr. Robert D. Vandall

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. 571	“Go Make of All Disciples”	Lancashire
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***GREETING**

Leader:	Ever-present God, forever seeking and always teaching:
People:	Open our minds to the truth of your care;
Leader:	Open our hearts to the gentle caress of your love;
People:	Open our lips to share stories of faith;
Leader:	Open our hands to create beauty, do justice and show kindness;
People:	Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;
Leader:	Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

ANTHEM	“Joy Overflowing”	Cindy Berry
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CHILDREN’S SERMON	Mary Jo Zubrod
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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 27”

Hymnal Pages 758-759

*GLORIA PATRIA 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. 568

“Christ For the World We Sing”

Italian Hymn

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 4:12-23”

Pew Bible Pages 879-880

MESSAGE

“The Straw that Broke the Camel’s Back”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

“Lead Me On”

Patsy Ford Simms

*Doxology No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN No. 572

“Pass It On”

Pass It On

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Lutkin

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE

“Joyful”

Ruth Elaine Schram
Hymn To Joy/St. Anne

* 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

MUSIC TODAY is provided by organist David Powell, the Chancel Choir, the Madrigals, and the Epworth Handbells. The piano offertory is played by David Powell and Michele Sandberg.

LITURGIST TODAY is Jason Wood.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK are in loving memory of Alan P. Crone given by Peterson Blick Funeral Home.

OUR CONCERN FOR THIS WEEK-is Mrs. Karen Yourchisin, 701 Rouse Ave., Room 301A, Youngsville, PA 16371. Why not send her a card?

OUR SYMAPTHY-is extended to the family of David W. Winans and his wife Gretchen with the passing of David's sister, Martha Winans. Martha passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Martha was Aunt and Great aunt to David G. Winans and wife Chrissie and to Julia McTavish and her husband Scott and Great aunt to Rachel McTavish.

Lisa Blair and husband David, with the passing of Lisa's sister, Victoria Ann Hanson. Victoria passed away Sunday, January 19, 2020. Victoria was Aunt to JB and Vicki Cawthon.

CONGRATULATIONS-to Dan and Pat Harpster who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on January 23rd.

“ABOUT FACE” CHURCH OUTREACH-The Church Council of First United Methodist Church voted last month to partner with John and Christiane Zimmerman of About Face Church Outreach Consultants for a wonderful ministry opportunity later in 2020. John is a Conference evangelist who will be with us for several months this fall to help us at First Church implement new outreach opportunities that make new disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. John and Christine will be here at First Church for an informational introduction to this ministry on THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6th. Any interested persons are invited to come at 5:30 for a Chili Dinner in the Covert Room followed by a presentation by John and Christine beginning at 6:00. This meeting will be immediately followed by the Church Council meeting. We look forward to how God is planning to use us as individuals and a community of faith in 2020 and beyond!

REHEARSAL FOR EASTER CONTATA-Before the month of February ends, we will have finished the season of Epiphany, observed Transfiguration Sunday, and entered the season of Lent. The music will have gone from the joyous celebration of Christ's birth to the reflective and solemn music of Lent. This year the Chancel Choir is bringing you a new spin on an Easter Cantata. They will be sharing with you on Sunday, April 19th, the Pepper Choplin work entitled “Once Upon a Morning.” It's filled with fire, plenty of text, and rhythm. The musical sunrise begins with the Resurrection and takes us through the days after Christ arose to Pentecost. Our children will be part of this musical as well as Chancel Choir.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING, YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN PREPARATION. Rehearsals will begin on January 29th and continue weekly from 7:00 PM until around 7:25 PM in the music room. For more information, contact Ruth at 688-8238.

CODY HILLER CONCERT-Cody Hiller will be in concert with guest Violinist, Eric Mrugala, at 3:00 PM on Sunday February 16th in our Sanctuary. A reception in Parlor B is to follow the concert.

THE ALDERSGATE AND CHERUB CHOIRS-will sing for the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, February 2nd. Please have your children to the robing area by 10:30 AM. Thank you.

CREATIVE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION - Open to Church Members and current Creative Preschool Families for the month of January. Registration will open to the public on February 1, 2020. For more information you can contact Lindsey Mealy at lmealy@firstumwarren.com or call Brenda Bertch at 814-730-2684.

HAND-MADE VALENTINES-we will be creating hand-made Valentines to share with residents in local nursing homes during the month of January; please consider making some to help us out. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office to help deliver the valentines on Sunday, February 9th. We will have a light lunch that day following worship and then head out to deliver the valentines.

OFFERING ENVELOPES-For 2020 are available to pick up in the hallway by the church office.

2020 PRAYER/BIRTHDAY CALENDAR-is available. Pick up your family's copy outside the church office door, and PLEASE sign your name when you do. This will help cut down on mailing costs. Thank you.

COLLEGE STUDENTS-Please remember to submit your first semester grades to the church office so you can receive the second disbursement of your scholarship.

REMEMBER RUTH HIGGINBOTHAM-she is looking for a few good people to join her on a Mission trip to Honduras!

It will be April 18-25, 2020, to help children with their English at a Methodist School.

No knowledge of Spanish is needed. Please contact her at; druthhigg@gmail.com, 814-598-8011 or Ruth Nelson at 814.688.8238.

FOLLOWING JESUS STUDY/NEW MEMBERS CLASS-Beginning January 26th, "Following Jesus: Steps to a Passionate Faith" will be offered as a class for new members, youth of confirmation age (10th grade and above) and anyone who has not yet participated in the study. The class will be taught by Tawni Betts, with Reverend Hecht covering some topics (communion, United Methodist beliefs, etc.). This is an excellent beginner Bible study, as well as a great renewal class for church members.

The classes have had a variety of ages involved. There have been participants new to our church, new to the Christian faith, and long-time members of our church. The youngest participants were able to see that adult members still had questions about their beliefs and that faith in Jesus Christ is something that we work out in the course of our lifetime, not all at once.

The topics in the study include Rediscovering Jesus, Growing in the Spirit, and Living in Faith and service. The class will be held Sunday evenings from 5:30 PM-6:45 PM for 10 weeks, beginning January 26th through March 29th. Confirmation and Reception of New Members will be held on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. Questions about the class can be directed to Tawni Betts or Reverend Hecht. Please call the church office at 723-4930 to sign up for the class.

"IMMIGRATION 101"-News stories of refugees fleeing strife are never-ending, and we in Northwestern Pennsylvania are often touched by them. Paul Jericho associate director of the Multicultural Community Resource Center of Erie will address this issue and its impact on our state and region in a talk entitled "Immigration 101" at the Warren Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 from 1 to 3 p.m. The enlightening program, free to the public, will be held in the Slater Room, and light refreshments will be available. Mr. Jericho has accompanied groups of refugees, who now reside in Erie, to Warren County for outdoor recreation over the past two years.

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
Acolytes	Alex Durante Graham Carr
Greeters	FD: UMYF PLD: Tom & Dottie Lobdell
Usher Captain: Gary Kell Russell Blodgett Ted Morrison Bill Tucker	Tom Lobdell Amy Morrison
February Ushers: Team 5-Captain: Erik Fincher. Thomas Giegerich, Dawn Larson, Brent Jones, Susie Zimmerman, Stephanie Tannler.	
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, Marilyn Whitcomb, Gretchen Winans, Karen Yourchisin, Connie Zagurski, Nancy Zirngibl, Maria Zurcher.	



First United Methodist Church-Warren

Prayer for the Week of January 26, 2020

“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

[2 Chronicles: 7:14]

Father,

You are our gracious & compassionate LORD, slow to anger & rich in love. [Psalm 145:8] You, LORD God, are in our midst, the mighty One who will save; the One who will rejoice over us with gladness, quiet us by your love & exult over us with loud singing. [Zephaniah 3:17]

We lift up specific prayers today for:

The UMC- May we be slow to anger & rich in love toward you & toward one another.

*FUMC Warren, Millport UMC, Jesus is Coming Soon Methodist Church (Jinotega, Nicaragua), & Rene Cisneros Church (Managua, Nicaragua)-*May we be quieted by your love.

*For worship services & activities within these walls & in the community-*May we rejoice in you.

*The people of Nicaragua, especially our Christian brothers & sisters-*May they recognize you as a gracious & compassionate LORD.

*For our country's leaders & leaders around the world-*May they recognize you as the One who can save.

*For The Rev. Michael Rutenber, Pastor of Visitation, & Mary Jo Zubrod, Lay Leader -*May they know that You delight in them.

FOR: _____

Your Word tells us: “Humble [ourselves}, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” [1 Peter 5:6-7] But, I confess LORD that I often give place to pride & selfishness. You have proven over & over again that You are a God who can carry any burden-You are the God who is able! But still LORD I try to live on my own. Change me LORD! Help me to live as your child. Forgive me LORD, & help me to forgive others as well. Please deliver me from evil & temptations.

LORD, you tell us:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

[Matthew 11:29]

Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

January 26, 2020—February 1, 2020

SUNDAY	8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Together Evolving as Men Support Group 11:00 AM Discipleship Building Service 6:00 PM-7:30 PM Jr. High UMYF 7:00 PM-8:30 PM Sr. High UMYF
MONDAY	6:00 PM Girl Scouts, Scout Room NO Church Council
TUESDAY	8:30 AM-11:15 AM Creative Preschool 1:00 PM Staff Meeting, Parlor A 1:00 PM Study Group, Covert Room 5:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting, Parlor A 5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group, Covert Room 6:30 PM Epworth Handbells, Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	6:45 AM Men's Breakfast Leader: John Crone Cook: Brent Casey 8:30 AM-11:15 AM Creative Preschool 8:45 AM Covenant Group 3:00 PM Cherub Choir 3:10 PM LOGOS-Super Bowl Night 3:30 PM Aldersgate Choir 4:00 PM Wesleyan Handbells 6:00 PM Asbury Handbells 6:30 PM Madrigals 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
THURSDAY	8:30 AM—11:15 AM Creative Preschool 1:00 PM Discipleship Covenant Group, Covert Room 1:00 PM Watercolor Class, 2nd Fl., Side Room 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Divorce Care, 2nd Fl., Side Room
FRIDAY	Noon Senior Citizen Lunch in the Covert Room
Upcoming	February 6th Church Council, Parlor A 6:00 PM