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WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11 AM SERVICE
MARCH 1, 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE "Aria in E Flat" Wold
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Young

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. 269 "Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days" Land of Rest

*GREETING

Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

People: Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when life comes forth; the making of a new covenant.

Leader: Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon ourselves as a community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God-with-us.

People: Lent calls us to confession, accountability and preparation.

Leader: Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the new earth.

People: Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.

ANTHEM "Such Is the Love of God" Paul Williams

CHILDREN'S SERMON Maria Zurcher

(Children may come forward during "Jesus Loves Me")

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

*PSALTER	"Psalm 32"	Hymnal Page 766

*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. 629	"You Satisfy My Hungry Heart"	Gift of Finest Wheat
SCRIPTURE	"Matthew 4:1-11"	Pew Bible Page 879
MESSAGE	"Turning Bread into Stones"	Rev. Doug Knopp

GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES TO GOD

Offertory	"Above the Hills of Time"	arr. Carl Strommen

*Doxology No. 95
*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN No. 377	"It Is Well with My Soul"	Ville Du Havre

*BENEDICTION

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE	"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"	arr. Hustad

*** Indicates please stand if able**

MUSIC TODAY is provided by organist Michele Sandberg and our Chancel Choir. The handbell ringers on the offertory are Aubrey Carrington, Attie Corey and Maya Philhower.

LITURGIST TODAY is Kayla Giambrone.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK are in loving memory of Kara Donaldson, as this would have been her 40th Birthday, given by her family.

OUR CONCERN FOR THIS WEEK-is Mrs. Florence Barton, 682 Pleasant Dr., Rm. 30, Warren, PA 16365. Why not send her a card?

CONGRATULATIONS–to Morrie and Carolyn Kintner on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on February 20th.

NEW BIBLE STUDY— Starting on Thursday, March 5th, at 6:30 PM and running through April 2nd, entitled **"The Me I want to Be"** By John Ortberg and led by Anna Bielawski. The study will help you discover spiritual vitality like never before as you learn to live in the flow of the spirit. But, if God has a perfect vision for your life, why does spiritual growth seem so difficult? John Ortberg has some intriguing answers to that question. This book will show how God's perfect vision for you starts with a powerful promise. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.

NURTURE MEAL PROGRAM-The Nurture Committee has decided to restart the Meal Program in a way that will include all of us. i.e., You don't have to use a computer!

Lyn McDaniel, Nurture Chair, is going to be the primary contact for the Meal Program at lynriggs@verizon.net or 814-757-8069. If you can provide meals for families in need, please contact Lyn, even if you were previously signed up. She is compiling a list of willing cooks.

If you find that some meals would be useful to you after a surgery (or whenever needed), contact Lyn. Let her know of any dietary restrictions, how often you need a meal, and for how long. She will contact the cooks to meet the needs of the family.

PASTA DINNER BENEFIT-bring your friends and enjoy a Pasta Bar Dinner! The dinner will be in Founders Hall on Friday, March 27, from 4:30-7:00 PM. It will include a salad, bread, a variety of pastas, and homemade cookies. The cost of the dinner will be $10 for adults, $5 for children 6-10 years old, children 5 and under free with their family. The dinner will benefit Julie (Merenick) Ellis and her children. Julie is recovering from a serious infection last fall and recent heart surgery. Questions can be directed to Tawni Betts 726-3638.

INCARCERATION SUPPORT GROUP-This group is for friends and family members of currently incarcerated or recently released prisoners. The mission of the support group is to provide a supportive, safe, non-judgmental and confidential environment, in a Christ-centered program. **TIME**: 6:00-7:30PM **PLACE**: First United Methodist Church, 200 Market Street. **Please use Watson St. entrance off 3rd Avenue. Group meeting will be on the 2nd floor in Founders Hall. CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

INCARCERATION SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHILDREN BEGINNING MARCH 2nd-this group is for **children of** currently incarcerated or recently released prisoners. The mission and goals are the same as the Incarcerated Support Group and will be meeting on the same day and times; only the group will meet in the Everts Room.

DISTRICT YOUTH FUN DAY-on Sunday, March 20th, from 2:00–5:00 PM, FUMC will be the meeting place for the Kane District UMYF Fun Day. Fellowship, Food, Fun, Games and Worship for all youth grades 6-12. See Jason Wood for more details.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE-applications for the Keller Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic school year are now available for graduating high school seniors and currently enrolled college students. Forms may be picked up in the Church Office. Deadline for ***ALL*** applications is Thursday, April 30, 2020.

NOON LENTEN SERVICE-the 2nd Lenten Service is this Thursday, March 5th, with Dorothy Hilliard, Faith Fellowship Church of God as speaker. Doug McCracken, Warren Alliance Church is Liturgist. Organist is Jack Hemick and special music by Carolyn Worley, both from First Lutheran Church. The lunch is provided by FUMC.

SEWING MISSION UPDATE-the children's clothes sewing mission group is reaching many places. In Feb., the First Church of God volunteers took 40 outfits to the Dominican Republic. In March, the Christian Ministry for Students at Edinboro University, Chi Alpha Chapter is taking 95 outfits. In April, the Grace United Methodist Church mission group is transporting 50 outfits to preschool and kindergarten children at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

If you would like to sew at home, already cut out children clothes, contact Dee Tucker, Phyllis Wright and Donna Bumbarger (our organizer). Special thanks to sewers Pat Campbell, Laura Drake, Debbie Edling, and we especially remember Marti Casteel, who sewed many outfits.

Our preschool is also sharing a box full of "like-new books" for the Red Bird Kentucky children to take books to their homes --- their very own books. How special!

MAN CAMP RETREAT AT WESLEY WOODS-is scheduled for April 3rd through the 5th. Enjoy a spiritual weekend retreat of fun and fellowship with other men. Ages 18+ or 14+ with a guardian. Information and sign up are in the office hallway. Questions...please call Rick Larson @ 688-3023.

A FUMC WESLEY WOODS WORK WEEKEND-is being planned for April 30th to May 2nd. We hope to gather a work crew that might be willing to stay over night in beautiful cabin accommodations, along with meals provided by Wesley Woods. Please sign up in the office hallway if you can help get the camp ready for our youth this summer. We are looking at possibly gardening, painting, cleaning and curtains for the dining room as possible projects for our group. Questions... please call Rick Larson @ 688-3023.

United Methodist Outreach-An **Appalachian Spring** is just around the corner for you at **RED BIRD MISSION** in Southeastern Kentucky. This United Methodist outreach has been active since 1921, and now **YOU** can join the team from Warren, headed there from **April 26–May 2.** Consider coming with us to enjoy the fellowship, fun and, service and LAVISH in the beautiful Kentucky springtime! There are opportunities to help with community improvement projects (usually involving construction/remodeling), assisting in the on-campus Community & Craft Stores and Conference Center. Anyone interested with any ability is encouraged to pray about their involvement in this essential mission.....and then, please talk to or e-mail Keith Price (723-3953 or rkeithprice@hotmail.com) with any questions or interest in this outreach.

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PLD: Rusty & Cindy Blodgett

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Chris Widdowson
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First United Methodist Church-Warren

Prayer for the Week of March 1, 2020

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." [John 10:11]

LORD Jesus,

You are amazing! You endured betrayal by fellow Jews, interrogation, scourging, beating & agonizing death on a Roman cross. You endured all of that for my sin. You went to the cross--as the only perfect sacrifice—so we can be clothed in your righteousness. You care for us because you created us, & we belong to you. [John 10:12] You deserve all the praise & glory we can offer. You are Love without conditions or limits. [John 3:16]

You offer us a place in your kingdom here & now. You will work through your Holy Spirit within us to build your kingdom on earth.

<u>We lift up specific prayers today for</u>:

The UMC- May we return your love for one another.

FUMC Warren, Millport UMC, Jesus is Coming Soon Methodist Church (Jinotega, Nicaragua), & Rene Cisneros Church (Managua, Nicaragua)-May we place our trust in you & be clothed with your righteousness.

For worship services & activities within these walls & in the community-May You alone be praised.

The people of Nicaragua, especially our Christian brothers & sisters-May they hear your voice.

For our country's leaders & leaders around the world-May they recognize You as their shepherd.

For Heidi Ketzko, Director of Christian Education & Nurture, & Chad Betts, Trustee Chair-May they know the joy of your presence.

FOR:_____

You know me completely. [John 10: 14-15] I cannot hide anything from You. We cannot surprise You or shock You. [Psalm 103: 14] When You call, we can respond-listen to your voice. [John 10: 16] Help me LORD to listen. Forgive me my sins & help me to forgive others. Do not allow me to be overcome by temptations, LORD please, but deliver me from evil.

Your Word promises us that You guard & keep those who come to You-that we cannot be snatched out of your hand. [John 10: 29-30] You the wise, all-knowing God, love beyond comprehension those you have created. The pain You bore is immense. You are the great High Priest [Hebrews 4:14-16], the Lion of Judah [Revelation 5:5], the Lamb of God [John 1: 29]...Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

March 1, 2020—March 7, 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	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	Following Jesus Study, Covert Room
	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	UMYF Jr. High, Everts Room
	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	UMYF Sr. High, Everts Room
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Incarceration Meeting, Covert Room
	6:00 PM	Incarcerated Support Group, Founders Hall
	6:00 PM	Incarcerated Support Group for Children, Everts Room
TUESDAY	8:30 AM-11:15 AM	Creative Preschool
	1:00 PM	Study Group, Covert Room
	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting, Parlor B
	2:15 PM	Handbell Ensemble
	5:30 PM	Covenant Discipleship Group, Covert Room
	6:30 PM	Epworth Handbells, Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	6:45 AM	Men's Breakfast, Covert Room Leader: John Crone Cook: Mark Hecht
	8:30 AM-11:15 AM	Creative Preschool
	8:45 AM	Covenant Group, Mark's Office
	1:00 PM	Book Club, St. Paul's Lutheran Church
	3:00 PM	Cherub Choir
	3:10 PM	LOGOS-Girl/Boy Scout Recognition
	3:30 PM	Aldersgate Choir
	4:00 PM	Wesleyan Handbells
	6:00 PM	Asbury Handbells
	6:00 PM	Madrigals
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
THURSDAY	8:30 AM—11:15 AM	Creative Preschool
	Noon	Lenten Service
	12:30	Lenten Luncheon
	1:00 PM	Discipleship Covenant Group, Covert Room
	1:00 PM	Watercolor Class, 2nd Fl., Side Room
	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	DivorceCare, 2nd Fl., Side Room
FRIDAY	Noon	Senior Citizen Lunch in the Covert Room
SATURDAY		Private Function, Covert Room & Parlor B