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DEADLINE

The deadline for the **MARCH** Newsletter will be February 12, 2018.

Can I Help You?

I remember an afternoon years ago...I was out in the back yard doing some end of the season yard work when my then five year old son Aaron came running up to me and asked "Can I help you Daddy?" My first response was to say, "But Aaron, you're not big enough to help."

He replied, "Yes I am Daddy. I am five years old you know!" Aaron proceeded to help me rake the leaves, put away the swings and clean off the deck. And through it all, there was a smile on his face because he was allowed to help. Aaron was more ready to give than I realized. He was "big enough" to do his part. And in helping he was able to feel good about himself.

Think of that phrase, "Can I help you?" We hear it a lot don't we? From the grocery store cashier, from the service man at the repair shop, and even from a little child following his daddy. But how often do we ask it ourselves?

To the kids:	Can I help you with your homework?
To the spouse:	Can I help you with the dishes?
To a Co-worker:	Can I help with those reports?
To an elderly neighbor:	Can I help you with those groceries?
To my church:	Can I help on this committee or give to support that ministry?

Helping, caring, sharing, giving and tithing should never be seen as chores. Instead we should go about each with joy in our hearts and smiles on our faces because we are allowed to participate in the lives of others. The spiritually mature seek out opportunities to share and give. Thank God we have a heavenly parent who knows we are "big enough" for the job before us. And thank God for allowing us to serve him as we help others in His name.

Where does God need your help today?

Mark

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

The Cherub and Aldersgate Choirs will sing for the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, February 3rd. Children should be robed and in the music room no later than 10:35 AM.



united methodist youth fellowship

February 3rd, following the 11:00 AM Service, UMYF will travel to Valley Bowling in Youngsville PA, for an afternoon of bowling. There will be no regular UMYF that evening.

UNITED METHODIST WOMENS NEWS

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP will continue reading "The Book of Joy." Dates will be February 5th, 19th and the 26th at 1:00 PM in the Covert Room. New members are always welcome.

BOOK CLUB will meet at the home of Shirley Crone, 605 Madison Ave., Wednesday, February 6th, at 1:00 PM. Come to share and trade any new books you have been reading. If you read, you should join this lively group of ladies.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the wonderful cookie bakers who supplied cookies for our past Cookie Walk. Most of the cookies were gone by 9:30 AM, so that means for the next Cookie Walk in December 2019 we will need a greater supply! Thank you also for all the wonderful donations of jewelry and Christmas items. The morning was a busy and fun filled time.

Lay Servant Ministry Classes – are being offered at 2 different sites on 2 consecutive Sundays, February 10th & February 17th from 2:30 PM – 8:00 PM with dinner included at both sites.

The classes being offered at Kane First and Russell UMC: Advanced Class "***Justice in Everyday Life***"- *A Look at the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church*, by Rev. Neal Christie" and the Lay Servant Basic Course.

The Advanced Course Instructor at Kane First is Rev. Doug Brink and the Basic Instructor is Robert Bierbaum.

The Advanced Course Instructor at Russell UMC is Rev. Jerome Kennedy and the Basic Instructor is Melissa Kraus.

Flyers are available by the Sunday School doors to the Sanctuary with the information for registration, etc. Please contact Heidi Ketzko through the church office or by email hketzko@firstumwarren.com for more information.





then we will have a “Packing Party” in November. **For the month of February we will be collecting accessories (jewelry, hair ties, sunglasses**

etc.). Please drop off your items/shoeboxes in the room across from the main

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each, if paying in the form of a check please mark OCC shoebox in the memo line. If you can help with supplying the items or making a donation to cover

fine. If you can help with supplying the items or making a donation to cover this cost, it would be greatly appreciated.

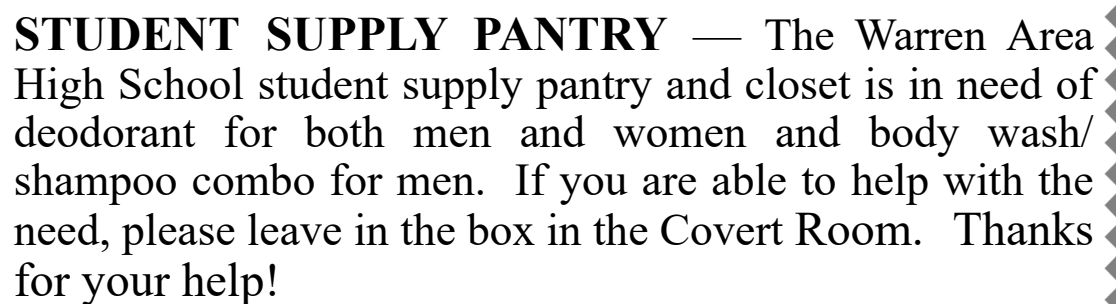
 **REMINDER:** Please **DO NOT** include the following items: Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, 

toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or

snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans.

What a wonderful way to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a

What a wonderful way to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a needy child in another country. **We packed 50 boxes last year!** Thank you to



♥♥ **DELIVERY OF VALENTINES** — Valentines made at the Tailgate Party ♥♥
♥♥ in January will be delivered to the area Nursing Homes on **February 10th** ♥♥

in January will be delivered to the area Nursing Homes on **February 16 , 2019**. We will be having a light lunch following worship and then form into groups to head out to the nursing homes for delivery of Valentines.

♥ There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church ♥
♥ office ♥



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our new member class will start on Sunday, February 10th at 9:30 am in Parlor A.

We will be using the book "Following Jesus: Steps to a Passionate Faith". Even if you are not ready to join the congregation at this time, this study provides a great opportunity to learn about the church and our Wesleyan heritage. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the church and see where God might be calling you to participate. New members will be received on Easter Sunday (April 21st).

Dr. Hecht will be the primary leader of this class. So that we can have enough materials please let the church office know you will be participating or use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.

BIRTHDAY ADDITIONS

Please add the following birthdays to your Prayer/Birthday Calendar. Judy Knopp – April 23rd and Doug Knopp – September 23rd. If you have a birthday addition please let the office know so it can be added to the calendar.

Calendars are available in the office if you have not yet received one.

SEWING MISSION OUTREACH

In January, the Warren Alliance Church mission to Dominican Republic lead by Rev. Steve Chapple, transported two suitcases (81) children's clothes. We thank them for helping with our sewing mission work and blessings for the work they are doing for the Dominican people.

Our sewing team has been cutting children's patterns from donated fabric. You can do this mission work in your own home by sewing the simply made clothes. Just arm and neck openings (no facings) for dresses and tank tops, elastic waist for shorts. The clothes are sent with mission teams to families with limited income in the USA or globally. To pick up the "cut and ready to sew" clothes at our church - contact Phyllis Wright 726-1198 or Dee Tucker 726-3140. A great idea when home these cold winter days ... to sew an outfit for a child.

- Our next **Community Blood Drive** is **Sunday, February 17th, 2019** from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM in Parlor A.
- The Eligibility Requirements are:
- You must be 17+ years old or 16 years old with a parental consent form (there are some available at the church)
- Must show Photo ID
- Must be in good general health.
- Must weigh at least 110 pounds.
- Must be at least 56 days from you last whole blood donation
- Must wait 1 year after tattoos or piercings received from a tattoo parlor
- **Please eat well before donating**

Please contact Heidi Ketzko through the church office at 723-4930 or there is a sign up on the church bulletin board to donate.



FROM THE DESK OF
THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/NURTURE

Sunday Morning Study Opportunities at 9:30AM

Covert Room-this class for adults of *ALL* ages will begin the study entitled “**Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus – How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith**” It will be led by Rick Larson & Elsie Giegerich. What would it feel like to sit at the feet of Rabbi Jesus, learning firsthand about His kingdom? By immersing yourself in the culture, customs, prayers, and feasts of first-century Jews, you can enrich your understanding of the Bible and of Jesus – drawing near to the greatest of all rabbis.

Young adults, meeting in Parlor B – will begin a new study entitled “***Who You Are In Christ***” by Shane Raynor. *Who You Are in Christ* takes a look at how our faith in Jesus radically changes who we are and our relationships with God, each other, and the world. Using passages from Paul’s New Testament letters, this study explores our identity in Christ as well as how our self-perception affects who we become and what we accomplish when we choose to live according to God’s ways of justice, mercy, and love.

Children ages Pre-K – 5 are meeting in Founders Hall for study and activities.

Jr. High – Grades 6-8 (led by Anna Bielawski) is meeting in Parlor A.

Sr. High – Grades 9-12 (led by Tawni Betts) is meeting in the Office of Student Ministries.

ATHENS – Paul’s Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth! Get ready to explore ancient Athens through the eyes of Paul when you attend our **COMMUNITY** Vacation Bible School program at First UM Church, at the corner of Market and Second Avenue, (for children Ages 4– Grade 5)!! There will be childcare offered to ages 3 & under for children of volunteers. Our VBS program is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! They’ll also play team-building arena games and learn cool Bible songs. So, grab your friends and come to First UM Church *beginning July 21st through Thursday, July 25th from 6:00-8:15pm. (Early registration will begin at 5:30 on Sunday).* For more information, please contact Heidi at FUMC 723-4930.

LOGOS UPCOMING DINNER THEMES

2/6	Breakfast Club/Pajama Night (bring your pajamas)
2/13	Valentine's Day Celebration
2/20	LOGOS Live – Talent Show (No Recreation)
2/27	Back to Bedrock

LOGOS MINISTRY for Children & Youth ages 4 – 12th Grade

We will be heading into the second semester of LOGOS. We look forward to working with your children to grow in their faith and become disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue to need parent help with the program. If you can help in any way, we would greatly appreciate it. Especially in the kitchen. Please pray about where you feel called to serve!

GRADES	3:10 – 3:30	3:30 – 4:10	4:10 – 4:30	4:30 – 5:15	5:15 - 6:00	6:00 – 6:30
Pre-K	Music/Worship Skills	3:30 – 3:45 Snack	Craft	Recreation/ Games	Dinner	Free Play/ Homework
K & 1 st Grades		3:45 – 4:30 Bible Study				
2 nd -6 th Grades	Arrival & Snack	Music/ Worship Skills	Homework or Asbury Chimes	Bible Study	Dinner	Recreation or Wesleyan Handbells
7 th – 12 th Grades	Organized	Free Time	Shepherding	Mentoring		

EDUCATION BEYOND SUNDAY MORNINGS...

Divorce Care – Find Help – Discover Hope – Experience Healing! The DVD based series features in-depth interviews with leading **experts** on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. All of these people are deeply committed to help you heal. These video seminars are combined with the support of group discussion of the materials presented during the video. If you know anyone who's going through divorce or separation, please tell him/her about our Divorce Care program. People are welcome to join anytime.

There are 13 sessions, which meet on **Thursday** evenings beginning February 28th from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM (**contact Heidi for more information**). If you are in need of our DC4K (DivorceCare4Kids) program, that program meets at the same time as the adults and is available upon request.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
3 8:00 am Service of Word & Sacrament 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Disciple building Worship Service COMMUNION Noon-3:00 pm UMYF Bowling	4 4:30 pm Endowment Meeting, Covert Room 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Covenant Group	5 8:30 am-11:15 am Preschool 1:00 pm Study Group, Covert Room 2:15 pm-3:00 pm Handbell Ensemble 6:00 pm GS Leaders, FH 6:15 pm Boys Basketball, Gym 6:30 pm –7:30 pm Epworth Handbells
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Noon Senior Citizen Lunch	2 1:30 pm-3:30 pm Private Party, Covert Room
6 6:45 pm Men's Breakfast 8:30 am-11:15 am Preschool 8:45 am Covenant Group, Mark's Office 1:00 pm Book Club, Shirley Crone's home 3:10 pm LOGOS, Breakfast Club/Pajama night 3:10 pm Cherub Choir 3:30 pm Aldersgate Choir 4:10 pm Asbury Hand chimes 6:00 pm Wesleyan Handbells NO Madrigals 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	7 8:30 am-11:15 am Preschool 1:00 pm Watercolor Painting Class NO Divorce Care 6:00 pm "Church Wide" Mission/Outreach 6:15 pm Boys Basketball, Gym 6:30 pm VBS Organizational Meeting	8 Noon Senior Citizen Lunch	9
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20 6:45 pm Men's Breakfast 8:30 am-11:15 am Preschool 8:45am Covenant Group, Mark's Office 3:10 pm LOGOS, Live-Talent Show (no recreation) 3:10 pm Cherub Choir 3:30 pm Aldersgate Choir 4:10 pm Asbury Hand chimes 6:00 pm Wesleyan Handbells NO Madrigals 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	21 8:30 am-11:15 am Preschool 1:00 pm Watercolor Painting Class 6:15 pm Boys Basketball, Gym 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting	22 Noon Senior Citizen Lunch 5:30 pm Preschool Advisory Board	23
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PRAYER CORNER

Cont. from: **Seven Reasons to Pray** by Dan Hayes

5. A WEAPON OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Fifth in our series of reasons to pray is that prayer is a major weapon in fighting the spiritual battle. Ephesians six, verses ten to twenty, outlines some of the armaments in the arsenal of God. We are reminded that ultimately our struggles are not against humans, but against powerful spiritual beings and forces in the “heavenly places” (the spiritual realm which directly influences the natural, material realm).

The picture here is that of a war. Life as a Christian is not a playground; it’s a battlefield. While there is much beauty and love in the world, it is often bent and twisted by our Fall and Satan’s machinations. Thus, the war for souls between God and Satan is fought with Christian co-combatants with Him.

We are instructed by Paul, an experienced soldier in this combat, to be appropriately clad and armed for our struggle. In this passage, he uses some of the most vivid imagery in the New Testament. Modeling a Roman Legionnaire, we put on the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, loins girded with truth, feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel, shield of faith, sword of the Spirit (the Word of God).

Now, it seems we have a complete set of armor and weaponry. And if I were writing this passage, I would say, “Now get out there and fight the battle!”

But interestingly, Paul does not say that. In fact, he waits until verse eighteen to get to the heavy artillery of this arsenal of God -persistent prayer. Notice what he says: “With all prayer and petition pray... with all perseverance and prayer... and pray...”

In two verses, we are commanded to pray five different times. Do you think he (and God) are trying to make a point? He is attempting to seize our attention concerning prayer's power in the defeat of Satan and his minions. Parallel to this text is II Corinthians 10:3,4: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses."

The weapon of prayer softens up Satan's fortress. Hell's gates cannot prevail. It is the cannon, reducing the wall to rubble so that the troops can go through. Too often, the gospel moves slowly because the softening-up process of prayer has been neglected. When practiced, however, prayer "puts the wind at the back" of Christ's soldiers.

A few years ago, at a prestigious American University, one powerful administrator was blocking the placement of additional full-time Christian workers on campus because of his own disbelief in the gospel. The Christian students on campus resorted first to prayer. Feeling that no one had the right to keep students from hearing about Christ, they prayed that God would either change this man's heart or remove him from his position. For six months they prayed faithfully.

Suddenly, for no "apparent" reason, he was transferred to a powerless position and a replacement named. Among the first questions the replacement asked was this: "Why aren't there more Christian workers?" The workers came, and the gospel flourished. Prayer is key to fighting this spiritual battle.

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/blog/spiritual-growth/prayer/seven-reasons-to-pray.5.html>

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 3rd	Alan Crone	His Family
February 10th	Bebe Warren's Birthday	Her Family
February 17th	Charles & Jane Frantz Charles R. Frantz	Their Family His Family
February 24th	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bailey Mr. Charles Tranter Miss Jeanne Louise Tranter Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. Tranter Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Tranter	Adele Tranter

FEBRUARY USHERS

CAPTAIN: Larry Loughlin

USHERS: Ron Kelly Brian Swanson
 Nick Johnson Carla Johnson
 Jay Mengel Mike Flick

GREETERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2019

February 3rd	FD: Mary Jo Zubrod	PLD: Open
February 10th	FD: Open	PLD: Stephanie Tannler
February 17th	FD: Open	PLD: Open
February 24th	FD: Open	PLD: Open

ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY

February 3rd	Jaidyn Crowe	Savannah Crowe
February 10th	Niko Usher	Tage Wyman
February 17th	Alex Huffman	David Huffman
February 24th	Ian Montour	Chris Gardiner



MEN'S BREAKFAST SCHEDULE February 2019



	LEADER	COOK
February 6th	Don Dorn	Mark Hecht
February 13th	Paul Yourchisin	Dave Oberg
February 20th	Mark Hecht	Brent Casey
February 27th	Dave Oberg	Ed Derby

8:00 AM PIANISTS

February 3rd	Michele Sandberg
February 10th	Cathy Petersen
February 17th	Ruth Nelson
February 24th	Cathy Peterson



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