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WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11 AM SERVICE
FEBRUARY 9, 2020
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

HANDBELL PRELUDE

“Compassion”

Jason Krug

PIANO PRELUDE

“The Giver”

Marco Belrami

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. 697

“America”

America

***GREETING**

Leader: From amidst our friends and family, God brings us here to participate in a community of faith,

People: Christ’s people, a new family.

Leader: From everyday conversations, talks, and chatter,

People: God invites us to engage one another in dialogue,

Leader: To speak in truth from the depths of heart and mind and to pray freely.

People: Let us heed God’s call and rejoice in what God enables.

ANTHEM

“Seek First the Kingdom”

Mary McDonald

CHILDREN’S SERMON

David Dorn

(Children may come forward during “Jesus Loves Me”)

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

*PSALTER

“Psalm 112”

Hymnal Page 833

*GLORIA PATRIA No. 71

SCOUTING MOMENT

Michael W. Crone

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. 557

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Dennis

SCRIPTURE

“Matthew 5:13-20”

Pew Bible Page 880

MESSAGE

“I’ve Got a Secret”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

“As Long As I Have Breath”

Sue Farrar

*Doxology No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

*HYMN No. 560

“Help Us to Accept Each Other”

Acceptance

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE

“Strong in the Faith”

Edward Broughton

* 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 Ruth Nelson, our Chancel Choir and the Epworth Bellringers. The piano solo today is being played by Judd Demers. Judd is a freshman at WAHS and is one of our acolytes. The guest choral director is Lois DeMarco. Lois is a member of our Chancel Choir and Madrigal Group. She and her husband Jay will soon be relocating to Delaware, and we are thankful she is able to lead our music today.

LITURGIST TODAY is Rich Schall.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK are in loving memory of Bebe Warren’s birthday, given by her family.

OUR CONCERN FOR THIS WEEK-is Dick and Marty Campbell, 615 Rouse Ave., Apt. 102, Youngsville, PA 16371. Why not send them a card?

UMYF-February 23rd, we will have Representatives from Wesley Woods bringing a camp presentation to each group at their usual times.

CREATIVITY CIRCLE-is having a meeting on Wednesday, February 12th, at 10:00 AM.

“BEATING THE WINTER BLAHS”- with Barbara McAfee. An intergenerational Community Sing-Along & Fundraiser will be held in Founder’s Hall at 4:00 PM today. This event is being sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Warren and all donations will support **Relay for Life**.

You can learn more about Barbara by visiting her website: www.barbaramcafee.com.

RED BIRD MISSION-an Appalachian Spring is just around the corner for you at the 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 while lavishing 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.

REHEARSAL FOR EASTER CANTATA-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 continue weekly, on Wednesdays, 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.

LIGHT LUNCH-will follow the 11:00 AM morning service for those delivering Valentine's.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER-Get ready for the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by our LOGOS program that is happening on Tuesday, February 25th, from 4:30 PM-6:30 PM in Founder's Hall. The menu is pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and jello. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults \$3.00 for children ages 5 & under.

We will need parents and students of LOGOS to make this fundraiser a success. The areas we will need in are: setting up, serving & clean up. Please contact Heidi to sign up. This is our ONLY fundraiser, so please lend a hand! Take Outs are available.

LAY PASTOR'S MEETING-is on Monday, February 17th, at 1:15 PM, in the Covert Room.

CREATIVE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION-Registration is now open to the public. For more information, you can contact Lindsey Mealy at lmealy@firstumwarren.com or call Brenda Bertch at 814-730-2684.

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.

FOLLOWING JESUS STUDY/NEW MEMBERS CLASS-Began January 26th. "Following Jesus: Steps to a Passionate Faith" is being 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 course 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.

Please call the church office at 723-4930 to sign up for the class.

The topics in the study include Rediscovering Jesus, Growing in the Spirit, and Living in Faith and service. The remaining classes will be held Sunday evenings from 5:30 PM-6:45 PM through March 29th. Confirmation and Reception of New Members will be on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. Questions about the class can be directed to Tawni Betts or Reverend Hecht.

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

Judd Demers
Holden Demers

Greeters

FD: Mary Jo Zubrod
PLD: Marcia Ziki

Usher Captain: Erik Fincher

Thomas Giegerich

Brent Jones

Stephanie Tannler

Dawn Larson

Susie Zimmerman

PRAYER CONCERNS: David Armstrong, Sheryl Asamow, Dayetta Austin, Cathy Bertch, Brandon and Stacey Campbell, Marty Campbell, Zack Cassidy, Carol Davis, Catherine Donaldson, Keith Dunham, Julie Ellis, 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, 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 February 9, 2020

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever & ever! Amen.

[Ephesians 3: 20-21]

Amazing Father,

You reveal your secret wisdom to your people, a wisdom that had been hidden & that you destined for our glory before time began. (1 Corinthians 2:7). Oh the depth of the riches of your wisdom & knowledge God! (Romans 11:33). For Your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are Your ways our ways, You declare LORD.

Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are Your ways higher than ours & Your thoughts than our thoughts. (Isaiah 55: 8-9)

We lift up specific prayers today for:

The UMC- May we believe that you will do more than we can ask or imagine.

FUMC Warren, Millport UMC, Jesus is Coming Soon Methodist Church (Jinotega, Nicaragua), & Rene Cisneros Church (Managua, Nicaragua)-May we look to you to discern Your thoughts.

For worship services & activities within these walls & in the community-May we give you praise & glory.

The people of Nicaragua, especially our Christian brothers & sisters-May they live revealing Your way.

For our country's leaders & leaders around the world-May they recognize Your presence in our world.

For David Powell, Organist & Elsie Giegerich, Treasurer-May they trust in Your Spirit's work through them.

FOR: _____

Your Word tells us that the evidence of our worldliness is found when we are jealous & quarrelling. (1 Corinthians 3: 3) LORD, please help me rely on Your Spirit to accept the things that come from You. (1 Corinthians 2:14) Forgive me LORD when I cling to the world's ways & help me to forgive others as well. Please deliver me from evil & temptations. Help me Jesus to submit to You. (James 4: 7)

You, LORD, humbled yourself & became obedient unto death. And, are exalted to the highest place that at your Name every knee should bow & every tongue confess that you are LORD. (Philippines 2:8-11) Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

February 9, 2020—February 15, 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 Noon Light Lunch, Valentine Delivery 4:00 PM Relay for Life Community Hymn Sing, Founders Hall 5:30 PM Following Jesus Study, Covert Room
MONDAY	9:30 AM Incarceration Meeting, Covert Room 6:00 PM Girl Scouts, Scout Room
TUESDAY	8:30 AM-11:15 AM Creative Preschool 1:00 PM Staff Meeting, Parlor A 1:00 PM Blue Stocking Club, Covert Room 5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group, Covert Room 6:30 PM Outreach Meeting, Covert Room 6:30 PM Epworth Handbells, Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	6:45 AM Men's Breakfast, Covert Room Leader: Paul Yourchisin Cook: John Crone 8:30 AM-11:15 AM Creative Preschool 8:45 AM Covenant Group, Mark's Office 10:00 AM Creativity Meeting 3:00 PM Cherub Choir 3:10 PM LOGOS-Valentine's Day Celebration 3:30 PM Aldersgate Choir 4:00 PM Wesleyan Handbells 6:00 PM Asbury Handbells 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
FRIDAY	Noon Senior Citizen Lunch in the Covert Room NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SATURDAY	NOON-Private Function, Founder's Hall