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**WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**11 AM SERVICE**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 15, 2020**

ORGAN PRELUDE	“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast”	arr Price
	“Meditation”	L. Larson
	“Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven”	arr Wyrzten

**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. 57	“Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	Azmon
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**\*GREETING**

**Leader:** In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross,

**People:** **We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God and love for humanity.**

**Leader:** In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ’s example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,

**People:** **To embrace trust in God and love for humanity. So we may make our journey and let us worship God.**

ANTHEM	“We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray”	Lloyd Larson
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CHILDREN’S SERMON	Gary Kell
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(Children may come forward during “Jesus Loves Me”)

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

\*PSALTER

“Psalm 95”

Hymnal Pages 814-815, Response 1

\*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. 402

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

IWantToBeAChristian

### SCRIPTURE

“Acts 17:22-31”

Pew Bible Pages 1010-1011

### MESSAGE

“An Unknown God”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Vicki Wright

\*Doxology No. 95

\*Offertory Prayer

\*HYMN No. 399

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Messiah

## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

## BEARING OF THE LIGHT

### POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

arr. Wyrzten

**\* 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 Michele Sandberg, our Chancel Choir, and our Children’s Choirs. The instrumentalists are Michelle Betts, French horn, and Judd Demers, handbells. The quartet on the Offertory is Aubrey Carrington, Attie Corey, Maya Philhower, and Hayden Schuler.

**LITURGIST TODAY** is Jason Wood.

**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are in loving memory of Chester Devereaux, given by Cheri Devereaux.

**OUR CONCERN FOR THIS WEEK**-is Mrs. Joyce Mangini, 4 Stephens Road, Warren, PA 16365. Why not send her a card?

**ALTAR CROSSES**-are placed in recognition of the birth of :

Otto Larson, Son of Eric and Tiffany Larson and Grandson of Rick and Dawn Larson.

Jordin Daveigh Zurcher born on Wednesday, March 11th to Mark Zurcher and wife Jessica, Granddaughter of Eric and Patti Zurcher, Great granddaughter to Maria Zurcher.

**PRE-GC 2020 PROTOCOL BRIEFING**-Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, will be holding an informational session on the proposed Protocol for Separation of the denomination. The meeting will be held Sunday, March 22 @ Saint Marys First UMC (140 N. Saint Marys Street) from 3:00 PM–5:30 PM.

The informational meetings, open to laity and clergy, will focus on the “Protocol of Separation Through Grace and Reconciliation” because those who signed it represent advocacy groups who had proposed other plans but now unanimously support the Protocol. Because they all have agreed to work together for passage of the Protocol at the May 5-15, 2020 General Conference, it seems the most likely plan to be approved. There will be an opportunity for questions to provide clarification about the Protocol legislation and how our Conference will respond if it is passed.

**If you intend to attend this meeting, you MUST preregister on the WPAUMC.ORG website.**

**NEWSLETTER CHANGES**-In April of 2020, we will be unveiling a new **ELECTRONIC** format for our monthly **NEWSLETTER**. We are moving to deliver important church news and faith information to our *member's email* or mobile devices. There will be a transition period during this time as we work to gather members contact emails. Church leaders and staff will be communicating several ways during the next few months with members to ensure that no one is left out of the loop as these changes take place.

**If you want to update your email address with the church office drop them an email at FUMCWARREN@firstumwarren.com.**

**PASTA DINNER BENEFIT**-bring your friends and enjoy a Pasta Bar Dinner! The dinner will be in Founders Hall on Friday, March 27th, 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.

**ASSORTED EASTER FLOWERS**-please have your flower orders in to the office by Wednesday, April 8th. Additional forms may be found on the tables located at each door of the Sanctuary, in the March Newsletter or in the Office.

**HOLIDAY HOT MEAL**-the Easter Hot Meal Sign Up list is posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Please Check out the list and sign up! Responses will be sent in on April 6th. Needs available are: Cupcake donation, Organization on Friday, Setup/Serve early Saturday, Serve/Cleanup late morning and Hot Bag Return storage in afternoon Saturday.

There will be a Drivers briefing at 8:45 AM @ FLC. Seasoned drivers are not required to attend.

**NOON LENTEN SERVICE**-the 4th Lenten Service is this Thursday, March 19h, with Jeff Ewing, First Lutheran Church, as speaker, Bill Beatty, Grace UM Church as Liturgist, Mark Nelson of First UM Church is the Organist, LuAnn Saeli from Grace UM Church, Soloist and Grace UM will also Serve Lunch.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON STUDY CLUB**- is sponsoring a viewing of the film "Harriet" the life of Harriet Tubman, Tuesday, March 17th. The film will be shown in the Covert Room beginning at Noon. It would be best to arrive at 11:30 AM so the film can begin promptly at Noon. The length of the film is about 2 hours.

Bring a sandwich and join in the fellowship.

**DISTRICT YOUTH FUN DAY**-on Sunday, March 29th, 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.

**THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**-will be here before we know it on April 17th and 18th! Items may be brought to the upper areas of the gym beginning March 23rd. Work on sorting, arranging, and hanging will begin on April 6th and every morning for the next two weeks. Many workers will be needed for this big event; come and have some fun!

**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. The Deadline for **ALL** applications is Thursday, April 30, 2020.

**LAY SERVANT MINISTRY-** Lay Servant classes are being offered at two different sites in April/May. The sites are on the flyer that can be found by the Sunday school doors to the Sanctuary. These classes will be on three consecutive Sundays – April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM – 6:00PM and on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided at both sites.

**Basic and Advanced Courses will be at both sites. The Advanced Course entitled “Called to Preach”** is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor’s absence. This course is the required preaching course in the Lay Speaker track of study.

Please contact Heidi Ketzko through the church office or by email ***hketzko@firstumwarren.com*** for more information.

**MAN CAMP RETREAT AT WESLEY WOODS-**is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**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.

**This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month**

**TIME:** 6:00-7:30PM **PLACE:** First United Methodist Church, 200 Market Street. Please use Watson St. entrance off 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The Group meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in Founders Hall. **CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

**INCARCERATION SUPPORT GROUP FOR CHILDREN-**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 a basement classroom.

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	Tage Wyman Peyton Cabisca
Greeters	FD: Lyn McDaniel PLD: Patty California
Usher Captain: Ed Rickerson Leon Ochterski Kay Widdowson Todd Olson	Gary Wert Rick Larson

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** David Armstrong, Sheryl Asamow, Dayetta Austin, Cathy Bertch, Brandon & Stacey Campbell, Dick & Marty Campbell, Zack Cassidy, Carol Davis, Catherine Donaldson, Keith Dunham, Julie Ellis, Jim Fitch, Lucy Gallo, Jenn Harris, Betty Hill, Laurel Hoch, Otto Larson, Amanda Ohl, Larry Persing, Sandy Raymond, Patti Rublee, Ronda Rublee, Ernest Seber, John Slaney, Raneta Stevens, 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 March 15, 2020

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." [John 15:5]*

LORD who Saves,

You are the creator of life, & you give us sustenance day after day. By living in You, we have an ongoing source of strength, comfort & peace. You have chosen & appointed us to go & bear much fruit that will last. [John 15: 16] The Word you have spoken teaches us how to be clean. [John 15:3] You have loved us & desire that we remain in your love, which we do by keeping your commands. [John 15: 9-10] Apart from you, we can do nothing. [John 15:5] Through faith in you, your kingdom comes on earth.

We lift up specific prayers today for:

*The UMC-* May we draw sustenance from you-the Vine.

*FUMC Warren, Millport UMC, Jesus is Coming Soon Methodist Church (Jinotega, Nicaragua), & Rene Cisneros Church (Managua, Nicaragua)-*May we bear lasting fruit.

*For worship services & activities within these walls & in the community-*May we joyfully experience your presence.

*The people of Nicaragua, especially our Christian brothers & sisters-*May your Word be opened to them.

*For our country's leaders & leaders around the world-*May they come to desire you more than anything else.

*For Deb Rutenber, Office Assistant, & Rick Larson, Outreach Chair-* May they rely on you to accomplish the tasks you have set before them.

*For:* \_\_\_\_\_

You commanded us to love each other as you have loved us [John 15: 12] and to bear fruit that will last that you will be glorified. [John 15: 8] It is by the fruit that we can show the world that you live in us. [Matthew 17:16] Through your Spirit, we bear the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control. [Galatians 5: 22-23] Forgive me LORD when I fail to demonstrate your fruits. Please help me to live more fully in you, forgiving others as you have forgiven me. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

You are our daily sustenance, the vine. The Father is the gardener, cutting off branches that bear no fruit & pruning those that do so they will be even more fruitful. [John 15: 1-2] In this way your kingdom on earth will grow & flourish. For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**  
**March 15, 2020—March 21, 2020**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	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
	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
<b>MONDAY</b>	1:15	PM Lay Pastor's Meeting; Parlor B
	6:00	PM Trustee's Meeting;
	5:30	PM Girl Scout Adult & Child; Preschool Room
	6:00	PM Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall
	6:00	PM Incarceration Support Group for Children; Basement
<b>N E W S L E T T E R   D E A D L I N E</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:30	AM-11:15 AM Creative Preschool
	11:30	AM-2:00 PM Study Group, showing "Harriet"; Covert Room
	1:00	PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
	2:15	PM Handbell Ensemble; Sanctuary
	4:30	PM Nurture Committee Meeting; Covert Room
	5:30	PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
	5:30	PM Finance Committee Meeting; Parlor
	6:30	PM Epworth Handbells; Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30	AM-11:15 AM Creative Preschool
	8:45	AM Covenant Group; Mark's Office
	3:00	PM Cherub Choir
	3:10	PM LOGOS - FORMAL DINNER
	3:30	PM Aldersgate Choir
	6:30	PM Madrigals
	7:00	PM Chancel Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	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
	6:30	PM Study Group; Covert Room
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Noon	Senior Citizen Lunch in the Covert Room