

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent—Hope

PRELUDE

(8:00 am)

“Veni Emmanuel”

Plainsong. Arr. Mary McDonald

PRELUDE

(10:00 am)

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Arr. Childs

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Arr. Page

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Arr. Pethel

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN No. 211

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

verses 1—4

ANTHEM

(10:00 am only)

“Advent Noel”

Patrick Liebergen

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

Leader: Advent is time to be filled with anticipation and hope.

People: We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the darkness.

Leader: Advent is a time to remember that God's love extends to all people.

People: We wait and hope for the One who will bring justice.

Leader: Advent is a time to renew our determination.

People: We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.

Leader: Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

People: We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Come, Lord Jesus, Come”

Joel Raney

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rachel Beach

*PSALTER

Psalm 25

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*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.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 am only)

*Doxology No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN No. 213**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Truro

SCRIPTURE

“Mark 13:24-31”

MESSAGE

“He Is Coming!”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

***HYMN No. 219**

“What Child is This”

Greensleeves

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

(10:00 am only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 am)

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

POSTLUDE

(10:00 am)

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Arr. McConnell

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, flautist Laura Whitten, and our Chancel Choir. The 8 AM pianist is Nettie Swart.

LITURGIST today is Kayla Giambrone.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES today are John and Laura Suppa (8:00AM) and Michael Giambrone, Debbie Giambrone, Nicholas Giambrone, and Kayla Giambrone (10:00 AM).

ACOLYTES today are front candles: Annika Wyman and Tage Wyman and aisle Candles: Jayna Baldensperger and Sophie Olson.

USHERS today are Team 1, Ed Rickerson—Captain.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in honor of the family of Ed and Marilyn Derby, given by Ed and Marilyn Derby.

PRAYER CONCERNS can be found in our weekly email Newsletter.

Offering plates **WILL NOT** be passed during worship but instead will be available at the door.

SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the family of John Suppa in the passing of his father, Frank D. Suppa, who passed away on November 21, 2021.

CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW ~ Join us TODAY at 4:00 PM for a celebration of the gifts and talents God has given to our youth. They will make you laugh and challenge you through skits and music. Fellowship time will follow in the parlors.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ Our stewardship campaign for 2022 is coming to a close. Please remember to return your pledge card to the church office. If you need a pledge card, you may pick one up at the office or visit our website at www.firstumwarren.com.

HANGING OF THE GREENS ~ We invite you all to join in preparing our church home to celebrate Advent and Christmas. Following today's worship service. We will have a light snack and then "hang the greens." Please lend a happy hand!

GIVING TREE AND ANGEL TREE ~ Our church has a long tradition of supporting those in need, and this Christmas Season, the demand continues to be great. In addition to our **Giving Tree**, which helps children who attend the Warren Area Elementary Center, Beaty Warren Middle School, and Warren Area High School, we are partnering with the **Angel Tree** program, which provides gifts to children in the Warren and surrounding areas who have a parent currently incarcerated. The gifts for the Giving Tree are given to parents for children to receive on Christmas morning. The Angel Tree gifts will be given to children at a Christmas Party to be held in Founder's Hall on Saturday, December 11th at 1:00 PM. More specific directions for each tree can be found on the bulletin boards across from the church office.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY ~ First United Methodist Church will be portraying an outdoor Nativity on Friday, December 3rd between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM in the front of our church. This is the night of the downtown Christmas Walk. Exact times to follow, but will begin after the downtown parade. Please come and support your church family and local animals during this enjoyable Christmas event. Call Mark Nelson at 814-688-0540 with any questions.

CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ December 5, 2021 at 3:00pm there will be a cluster charge conference at First United Methodist Church in Kane, PA for the churches in the Kane District. This will be a special called charge conference for the express purpose of voting on next steps in the Boy Scout of America's bankruptcy plan. This conference is only open to church council members.

UMYF ~ Christmas party (all ages combined) 6:00 PM—8:00 PM on December 19th. There will be games, snacks, and a white elephant gift exchange. With the gift exchange we invite the youth to bring something from home that they don't use anymore or a gag gift. On December 29th, we will have a game and gym day here for grades 6-12 from 11:30 AM—3:30 PM. If students need a ride they can contact Jason Wood, Director of Student Ministry.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
November 28, 2021 – December 4, 2021

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Chapel
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens
4:00 PM Christmas Variety Show; Sanctuary
NO UMYF

MONDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
3:30 PM Jason Meeting with Youth; The Crossing
6:30 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir; Sanctuary

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
12:30 PM Tuesday Study Group; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Children & Youth Music Program; Choir Room
6:00 PM Anxiety Group Meeting; Old Nursery
6:30 PM Epworth Handbells

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group
1:45 PM Lay Ministers Meeting; Covert Room
3:30 PM LOGOS—Ugly Sweater /Shirt Night
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
12:00 PM Blue Christmas Service; Sanctuary
12:30 PM Thursday Lunch; Founder's Hall
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
6:00 PM Divorce Care Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 PM SPRC; Parlor A

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Live Nativity; Market Street Entrance
6:30 PM Nativity display walk-thru; Parlor A
6:30 PM Hot Chocolate in the Narthex
7:15 PM Live Nativity; Market Street Entrance

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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POINSETTIAS

I would like to participate in the Poinsettia Fund.

The cost of each plant is \$10.00 if ordered through the Church.

MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.

MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)

Flowers given by _____

I wish to purchase _____ Poinsettia(s) at a total cost of
\$ _____.

I wish to give \$ _____ to the Flower Fund.

I will _____ I Will **NOT** _____ be picking up my poinsettia(s) up
after the service on December 26, 2021.

LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS IS

December 12, 2021

No Orders will be accepted after this date.





Senior Christmas Party
December 21st

Menu

11:30 ~ Punch & Hors d'oeuvres

Noon ~ Dinner Served

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Twice Baked Potatoes

Green Beans

Cranberry Lemon Salad

Ice Cream & Christmas Cookies

Sign up sheet at First United Methodist Church or

call 814-723-4930



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We packed 30 boxes this past Sunday for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes were delivered to the Pleasant Community Church for distribution.

We will continue to collect items to pack shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** throughout the coming year. There is a list of items on the bulletin board across from the main office. Please drop off your items in the room across from the main church office and mark them for Shoebox ministry.

The cost of Operation Christmas Child, which includes processing, transportation, etc. is \$9 and can be turned into the office or put into the collection plate. If it's in the form of a check, please mark OCC shoebox in the memo line. Also, if you can help supply the items or make 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, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit 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 needy child in another country.