

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 15, 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE

“The Love of God”

Jason W. King

“If Thou Art Near”

J.S. Bach/ Arr. By L.N. Porter

“Love Is the Only Power”

Lani Smith

Meditation on “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Mary McDonald

PRELUDE

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Arr. Martha Mier

(8:00 AM Only)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN No. 698**

“God of the Ages”

National Hymn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you seek us out:

People: In the dead of night

Leader: And on this bright morning;

People: In the depths of despair

Leader: and in the valleys of worry.

People: Holy One, you shake us from complacency,

Leader: Wrestling fear from our souls

People: And caution from our plans

Leader: Loving God, you draw near,

People: As close as our breathing,

Leader: As present as the beat of our hearts.

People: Loving God, you jealously desire our attention,

Leader: Rejoice at our singing,

People: And Welcome our worship.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Walking in Sunlight”

Mary McDonald

(10:00 am only)

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:00 am only)

Mary Jo Zubrod

A MODERN AFFIRMATION No. 885

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

SCRIPTURE

“Ecclesiastes 8:1-9”

MESSAGE

"Compass Point and Weather Vanes"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

***HYMN No. 697**

“America”

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

(10:00 AM ONLY)

POSTLUDE

“Crown Him Lord of All”

Mary McDonald

POSTLUDE

“God Will Take Care of You”

Arr. Cindy Berry

(8:00 AM Only)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist David Powell; the duet is sung by Patty Hannold and Pam Lewis. The 8:00 AM pianist is Ruth Nelson.

LITURGIST today is Tawni Betts

ACOLYTE today is Grace Carr

USHERS— TEAM 3, Larry Loughlin—Captain

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of our parents, given by the Anderson and Nelson Families.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING ~ On August 29th, there will be a Church Council Meeting in the Covert Room, directly following the Sunday Worship Service.

CHURCH MOUSE ~ COLLEGE STUDENTS, please go online to our website, firstumwarren.com, under the Outreach Ministries tab or contact the church for a survey to fill out for the coming year to be a recipient in the Church Mouse Program. We want to make this an excellent year for you and support you in your future endeavors!

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY ~ Lay Servant classes will be offered at two different sites (Evans Memorial and FUMC) this fall. Flyers are available with information on our website and on the table at the Sunday school entrance to the Sanctuary. These classes are being offered on six consecutive Sundays –Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Drinks will be provided at both sites. The Deadline to register is September 27, 2021.

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

Please get in touch with Heidi Ketzko through the church office or by email hketzko@firstumwarren.com for more information.

CHICKEN BBQ ~ Mark your calendars for September 12, 2021, Rally Day Celebration & Chicken Barbecue. We invite you to join us after the 11:00 AM Worship Service on **Sunday, September 12th**, for a **chicken barbecue** on the side lawn of the church. Plan to bring your lawn chair and enjoy some fellowship and good food. If you are not able to stay and eat, takeout's will be available to take home. Donations Appreciated. We hope to see you there!

WARREN COUNTY’S FRONT PORCH DAYS ~ As a way to celebrate the Warren County Community, this August 14th and 15th, you are invited to sit out on your front porch and chat with passers-by as well as walk around the block and engage with your neighbors. On August 15th at 2:00 PM, there will be a gathering at the First Lutheran Church for a sing-along with the folks who started it all 30+ years ago. For more information, you can go to the Facebook Page: Warren Front Porch Day.

RUTH M. SMITH CENTER ~ Currently, the Ruth M. Smith Center needs Men’s Deodorant, Toothpaste, and Shampoo. There is a box in the Covert room for any donations dropped off at FUMC.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
August 15, 2021 – August 21, 2021

- SUNDAY** **8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Chapel**
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
- MONDAY** **8:30 AM -12:00 PM Office Hours**
6:00 PM LOGOS Parent Meeting; Covert Room
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Founder’s Hall
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Parlor A
- TUESDAY** **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
10:00 AM Youth Meeting with Jason Wood; The Crossing
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
4:30 PM Nurture Meeting; Covert Room
- WEDNESDAY** **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group
6:30 PM FUMC Warren County Prison Support Group
7:30 PM Worship Meeting; Covert Room
- THURSDAY** **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
- FRIDAY** **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder’s Hall

August 31 INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
6:00 PM Prayer Service at the Front Steps of First United Methodist Church
“Time to Remember.”
“Time to Act!”

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on the 31st of August each year and aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death. It also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends, remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury due to a drug overdose. International Overdose Awareness Day spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable.