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A church worship poster for Warren United Church of Christ. The poster features a dark red background on the left with the text "All the time, GOD is good." and a circular image of a cross. The main background is a light, textured grey with the church's name and address at the top. The central text invites worship every Sunday at 9:30, with refreshments at 8:45 and a nursery at 9:15. A quote from Psalm 150:6 is at the bottom, and the date "October 1, 2019" is written vertically on the right side.

All the time,
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WARREN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
202 East Second Street

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 FOR
WORSHIP
Refreshments served at 8:45
Nursery available at 9:15

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."
Psalm 150:6

October 1, 2019

Thoughts from the Pulpit

Homecoming Time has Arrived!!!

As we enter the month of October here at Warren United Church of Christ, I am excited for all the opportunities to fellowship as a church family and invite those in search of a church, and especially those that are in search of the Lord, to experience our congregation.

Fall has arrived; many anticipate the change of seasons. Farmers hope for a bumper crop and mother's have sent youngsters back to school. Homemakers add an extra quilt or comforter to beds, and all dread higher heating bills.

Our church, meanwhile, is preparing for homecoming festivities. If you have never attended our homecoming gatherings, you have really missed a treat! This year, we will be featuring Suellen, Joyce, Barry and our entire Praise team at our morning worship service (9:30 am)! Following worship service we will have a get together in the fellowship hall for refreshments. You need no formal invitation, only a hearty appetite and a hunger for God. We hope this will be a "Fill the Church" Sunday gathering. If anyone would like for me to contact or invite a, just special someone, let Sarah or I know.

"The believers met together in the Temple every day. They all had the same purpose. They broke bread in their homes, happy to share their food with joyful hearts. They praised God, and all the people liked them. More and more people were being saved every day; the Lord was adding those people to the group of believers (Acts 2:46-47 NIV)."

I am often asked *“Why go to Church?”*. Church has always been a regular part of my life. As a young child, I remember the smell of the hymnals as I sat next to my Granny, watching her hold the book close and sing as if she and God were the only ones in the room. I drew imaginary pictures on the back of her thin hands. I loved the rattling of the pages of the Bible that sounded like rain as everyone followed wherever the preacher was taking them. Even back then, though I sometimes found it boring, there was no place that I would rather be.

As I grew older, I embraced the social aspects of it all. Our church was our family, sharing in one another's weddings and being present as soon as they heard of the births of our two children. We celebrated as one when a family member returned after being away from home for a long period of time, or mourned as one when we lost one of our own. When someone was sick, the Church, as a family, came to their knees to ask for healing.

Going to church is about so much more than a worship event on Sunday morning. Worship should always remain the focus, and if allowed, it can truly change lives. But there are no moments like that of squeezing the hand of a loved one during a prayer or holding a young child in your lap while they quietly accent the church bulletin with their own artistic creations. Singing songs about Heaven on Sunday somehow allows those precious words to interrupt your thought processes throughout the week.

My own children grew up with the luxury of having both sets of grandparents sitting beside them on the pew, usually on the third row (never in the front row). They took turns sitting in the laps of the people who loved them most in the world. They learned about the love of Jesus while surrounded with the love of family. They showed off their new baby sister, and later led her to Bible class as she learned to walk. The memories wrapped in that church building in Valparaiso, Indiana are impossible to measure.

So, I always hope to find you and yours at church on Sunday mornings. Work schedules, sporting activities, and travel attempt to interfere with that weekly appointment from time to time. But, doesn't your week seem empty for those times that you have been absent, for whatever reason? It is obvious that something is missing.

The truth is that Jesus is everywhere, as long as you are looking for him, and is never contained to a building. So, it is not necessary to be at church in order to get to know Him, to become a Christian, or to get to Heaven. But worshiping together allows us to forget ourselves and our busy schedules for a few minutes, marvel at all God has done and continues to do, and perhaps learn something we did not realize that we still needed to know.

So, what is the big deal about going to church? For me, it is the chance to kneel at the foot of the cross, where we all become equals. It protects my Sundays and Wednesday evenings by keeping them holy, and my heart focused on what matters most. But more than this, it confirms that we were not created to face the trials in this life alone. We definitely need a church family to share life with us. Join us, won't you?

(Matthew 18:20) For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

H+MECOMING
Sunday, October 13th, 2019



Greetings to our church family,

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Wednesday Night Live is going great!! We have spent lots of our time this summer at the Civic Center park. Thanks to the town for supporting such a great place for families to have fun!! The great weather has allowed us to use this park for witnessing. We have talked before that being a witness for Christ requires relationship building and time to be together. You can share a lot with children while you are pushing them on a swing or a merry-go-round. The kids love to interact and play with each other. Last Wednesday, Pastor Troy was encouraging the kids to show off their "rolling down the big hill the fastest" and we had 2 teenagers and a little girl with her dad.... join us. After we introduced ourselves, we invited them to join us back at the church for ice cream sundaes. It was so cool to see God opening doors for other children in the community to now become our new friends. I love to see God plant seeds.

We want to THANK EVERYONE for your support of Youth Sunday. The kids did great!!! Thanks to parents for making the extra effort and encouraging your children to participate.

Blessings, Pastor Troy and Mindy





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HOMECOMING

October 13, 2019

Please join us for Worship & Fellowship

*For where two or three gather
in my name
there am I with them.
Matthew 18:20*

Worship Service begins at 9:30am
Service will be followed by a carry-in dinner
in our Fellowship Hall.

Please bring guests, all are welcome!

202 East Second Street, Warren

Scarecrow Festival

Warren's Scarecrow Festival is on Friday, October 25th, from 5-8pm. The costume parade kicks off the festivities at 5pm at the corner of 3rd and Wayne. Stop by WUCC's hotdog booth for a free hotdog!



Benefit Fundraiser

Location: 111 East 1st Street, Warren

For Jessica Stucky Family

October 15, 2019

5:00-8:00 pm

Sponsored by:

Warren United Church of Christ
Mission Committee



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PROCEEDS,
INCLUDING ALL TIPS,

TO BE RECEIVED
BY JESSICA STUCKY FAMILY

MOVIE NIGHT

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

FREE
EVENT



Location: WUCC
202 East 2nd St.

Warren United Church of Christ is hosting a **Movie Night** featuring "War Room"

Thursday, October 17th, at 6:30pm

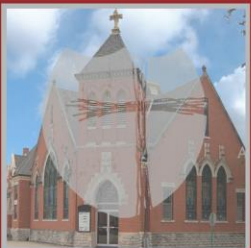
(We will also have a movie playing in the lounge for the kids!)

5 Week Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, October 22nd

6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

From the award-winning creators of *Fireproof* and *Courageous* comes *War Room*, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.



Find us
on Facebook!



New Website
Coming Soon!



**Warren United Church of Christ
MARKETPLACE**

"A Taste Down Memory Lane"

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019
WUCC Fellowship Hall
202 East 2nd Street
10-2 pm

**DELI ITEMS,
BAKED GOODS
& NOODLES**

All made with recipes
from the past!

Cook Book available for purchase.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Free Will Donation

Served from 11-1pm.

Veterans eat Free!

Waldo Knight
Les Ackley
Betty Parker
Lou Ann Shafer
Kyle Dahlquist
Barb Stevens
Norma Gayle Chambers
Aaron Rittenhouse
Gerri Zickafoose
Jacob Deweese
Ann Jackson
Rosemary Zeller
Jessica Stucky Family

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of Bread of Life Food Pantry. Please continue to bring in crackers.

If you would like to volunteer your time, WUCC work day at the pantry is October 16, 2-4pm and 6-8pm.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our youth sunday school will begin October 6th, following the children's message during service. We still need volunteers to help teach classes. Materials will be provided and our goal is to have 6 people on rotation. Please contact Sara Okuly or Sarah Thiele if you are interested in helping. Thanks!!!



Thank you for all your support before and during our Missions Committee Auction and Spaghetti dinner. We are overwhelmed and grateful for all who attended! It was definitely a successful night raising approximately \$6500! We enjoyed a wonderful meal, had great auction baskets and the tables were full with participants! All the donations collected will be used to support the Food Pantry, Remnant Ministries along with other local missions in the area as needs arise. Thanks you again for supporting WUCC Mission Committee. All the Time, God is Good!

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FALL PARTY & HAYRIDE!

At The Wilson's
6780 E. State Road 218 Lafontaine

A FUN NIGHT
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!

COME ONE, COME ALL!
Saturday, October 26th, 5:30 pm

All the food will be furnished. There will be an apple bob
and pumpkin decorating. We will have Hot Chocolate and
roast marshmallows after the hayride. Dress according to
the weather. You might need a blanket for the hayride!

We will be in the barn rain or shine!!



You crown the year
with a bountiful harvest;

even the hard pathways
overflow with abundance.

Psalm 65:11





OCTOBER

when you find me, i'll be kickin' da leaves



2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 Laura Summers	2 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30 pm	3 Dale & Sondra Zabel	4	5 Scott Nedberg
6 Sunday Service 9:30 am Communion Served Begin Youth Sunday School	7	8 Luke & Brittney Eppard	9 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30 pm Matt Norris	10 Ella Leas	11	12 Dan & Jackie Norris
13 Sunday Service 9:30 am HOMECOMING	14 Columbus Day Matt & Angie Norris	15 EOC Fundraiser 5-8 pm Kimberlee Stroud	16 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30 pm	17 Movie Night 6:30 pm Shaylyn Suchcicki	18 Scott & Kristen Flanagon Carol Nunn	19 Larry & Roselyn Poulson Maddy Thiele Ruth Brooks Luke Eppard
20 Sunday Service 9:30 am Chris & Carly Brubaker Daniel Paxson	21	22 Bible Study 6:30 pm	23 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30 pm	24	25 Scarecrow Festival 5-8 pm	26 Wilson's Hayride 5:30 pm John & Brenda Tolen
27 Sunday Service 9:30 am Richard & Janice Brubaker	28 Austin Laux	29 Bible Study 6:30 pm	30 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30 pm Janet Sneed	31 Halloween	1	2

GENERAL OFFERING
 August ~ \$11,563
 (Through August 22nd)
 AVERAGE MONTHLY
 ATTENDANCE
 Sunday ~ 80
 Contemporary ~ 30



K-5th Grade
 Following Children's Message

TEACHER VOLUNTEERS
 NEEDED!



We are still collecting
 children's coats and
 bottle caps. They can
 be dropped off in the
 church office. Thanks.