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All the time,
GOD is good.



WARREN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
202 East Second Street

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

September 1, 2019

Thoughts from the Pulpit

Thought: Fear in Disguise

"Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore." Psalm 105:4

As we here in Huntington and Wells county, Indiana prepare to start the 2019-2020 school year, some are approaching this with much fear and anxiety. Whether it be the parents of our community, here in Warren, or parents and students all over our land, one thing that is in all of us is this superficial fear. So I thought I would share a recent experience in my life and perhaps address of Fear is regarded in the Word of God.

"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

Fear--it doesn't always come marching into our lives wearing a T-shirt labeled "fear." Sometimes fear takes on disguises and appears as a welcome guest. Yet beware: disguised or not, fear enslaves wherever it goes.

I recently found this intruder taking on the noble-sounding disguise of wanting to get it right. I wanted to say the proper thing. I didn't want it to be taken wrong or misunderstood. That all sounded noble, yet it was the voice of fear, not the Lord.

Deep down, I was afraid I would mess up, say the wrong thing, or cause someone else to stumble. Those fears--disguised as they were-- were enslaving me, keeping me from speaking and acting in God's freedom and truth.

God has not given us a spirit of fear. He's called us to "stir up" the gifts He's given us--to serve Him wholeheartedly, without fearing our mistakes, other's opinions, or anything else. It's His love--not fear--that we want to govern each action.

If you find fear trying to sneak its way into your heart, yank its mask off with the truth. Remind yourself of God's unconditional love--that He is leading and guiding you and is over even your mistakes. Focus on His greatness. Recognize His power over every circumstance. And walk forward in His love--trusting Him and obeying His call.

To combat fear successfully God has given believers a wonderful trilogy of spirits in a glorious combination. We should rejoice at such a trilogy and marvel at God's care and compassion for our well-being. This magnificent trilogy is as follows:

1. The spirit of power
2. The spirit of love
3. The spirit of a sound mind

"...Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5: 16

"Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." 1 Corinthians 13:7

"...cannot be intimidated and driven to helplessness for it rests in and is part of God, "...for God is love." 1 John 4:8

Some believers are powerless like that because God has given them all the tools to ward off fear but they fail to access those tools to do the job required.

What is lacking is not the tools but the willingness to use them.

1. Have **CONFIDENCE** in God and **REFUSE** to be intimidated (Psalm 27:3)
2. Don't **FEAR** Satan; resist him and **MAKE** him flee (James 4:7)
3. Let Jesus **HELP** you and **DISMISS** fear of any man (Hebrews 13:6)
4. **PERFECT** (mature) your love and **FREE** yourself from fear (1 John 4: 18)

It is God's will that every believer lives without fear, and so he has given us the means to do so. We are therefore responsible for using all these mighty tools as best we can; for the spirit of power, the spirit of love, and the spirit of a sound mind are effective tools against fear, and can do the job but that is entirely up to us. Enough said. Parents and Students alike, we at Warren United Church of Christ wish you an exciting school year!

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

God is Love



Hello Church family

The youth of this church are pretty amazing!! I love to see them involved in activities and wanting to be a part of community. I commend all the parents, grandparents etc. that encourage and support their interests such as 4-H, choir etc. It takes a village to raise a child and help them become strong examples for Christ.

Troy and I have almost finished our 2nd year here at WUCC. We praise God for this opportunity to serve this community in our part-time capacity. We will be looking for individuals that want to walk with us as we build a youth team. We need help and commitment so our youth can thrive and not just survive. Please be in prayer for us and those that God will call.

God's Blessing, Pastor Troy and Mindy



Congratulations to all our 4H youth!

Josh Adam
Grant Adam
Keagan Trout
Haley Trout
Burdie Trout
Keaton Jones

Logan Stucky
Blake Stucky
Caden Brubaker
Colsen Brubaker
Ceaten Brubaker
Devin Suchcicki

Claire Eckert
Anikah Eckert
Sierra Tolen
Sophia Tolen
Shaylyn Suchcicki
Colin Suchcicki

BASKET THEME AUCTION and Spaghetti Dinner

Warren United Church of Christ
202 East Second Street

Saturday, September 21st

Doors open at 5:30pm

Auction at 6:30pm

LIVE AUCTION AND DINNER!



Free will donation meal.

Fundraiser proceeds
to support:

- Warren Food Pantry
- Remnant Ministries
- Local Missions

Basket Themes:

Arts & Crafts
Sports
Beach Bash
Baker's Dozen
Car Care
Tee Time

Tailgate party
BBQ Galore
Tool Time
Chocolate Lovers
Puzzles
Movie Night

Pet Basket
Fast Food Feast
Caffeine Lover
Family Fun Night
Mexican Dinner
AND SO MUCH MORE!



WE ARE COLLECTING COATS!

Our share the warmth project was amazing last year. With your donations we were able to distribute over 70 coats! So we are going to do it again. Our main need is children's coats of all sizes, new or gently used. They will be distributed again at the Bread of Life Food Pantry. They can be dropped off at any time at the church. Thank you in advance for your support on this project!

Wear It With Pride

Warren United Church of Christ Apparel

Orders due by Sunday, September 15, 2019



Heather Maroon
Unisex Jersey
T-Shirt

\$14.50 each

T-shirt also available
in youth sizes.



Jersey is the new
lighter weight
t-shirt.

Maroon Unisex
Jersey V-Neck
T-Shirt

\$17.50 each



Maroon Unisex
Sponge Fleece Hoodie

\$32.50 each

Check must accompany order form
and be payable to
Warren United Church of Christ.



Maroon Men's
Polo Shirt

\$22.00 each

Maroon
Women's
Polo Shirt

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Find us on Facebook!

Share our page with your friends!

Stay updated with events!

Order your shirts today!

Contact Sarah in the church office.

260-375-2102

Or pick up your order form on Sunday!

PICNIC & TRACTOR PULL

It was a perfect day for our WUCC Church Picnic and Garden Tractor Pull! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the day with us. We had over 100 in attendance! A lot of people came together to make this day happen. Thank you to John Brooks for providing the location, garden tractor pull and bounce house. The kids all loved the activities! We had a carry-in meal with so many wonderful dishes brought in. We would like to give a special thank you to Jerry and Diane Brooks, Ruth Brooks, Cammy Ackley and Julie Korporeal for setting up for our meal and providing the meat and drinks. Jerry did the grilling for us! Thank you, Deb & Jay Shaw, for announcing the tractor pull, and to Cole Campbell and Logan Stucky for helping during the pull also. Thank you to Gary Yount and Craig Mounsey for helping set up tables and chairs ahead of time and to many others who helped make this day possible. The results from the youth tractor pull are as follows, 1st place Jazmine Plummer, 2nd place Landon Green, 3rd place Maddy Clark. Watch for all the pictures to be posted on Facebook.





**ADULT
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
CLASSES**

**Beginning
September 22
Following Service**

ACCEPTABLE PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS

ANY PLASTIC CAP/LID WITH A RECYCLE NUMBER OF



CAPS must be CLEAN and DRY

Any Drink Bottle Caps
(soda, water, juice, tea, sports drinks)

Applesauce Pouch Caps

Baby Food Caps

Deodorant Caps

Detergent Caps

(White foam gasket and labels must be removed)

Flip-Top Caps

Hair Spray Caps

Marker Caps

Milk Jug Caps

Ointment Tube Caps

Medicine Bottle Caps

(Prescription & OTC / paper info packets and any cardboard must be removed)

Plastic Sheeting Spool Caps

Spout Caps

Shampoo/Conditioner Caps

Spray Paint Caps

Toothpaste Tube Caps

Water Bottle Caps

Cool Whip Lids

Ice Cream Bucket Lids

(8" and under)

Peanut Butter Jar Lids

Cottage Cheese Lids

Cream Cheese Lids

Butter Lids

Coffee Can Lids

Mayonnaise Jar Lids

Nestea Lids

Yogurt Lids

Pringles Lids



WAMA Contemporary Community Service Located at Riverside Park (Rain location at WUCC Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm

Music Provided by
WUCC Praise Team



We hope you can join us
for our first outdoor
service at the park!
Bring your lawn chairs
and be ready to
praise Jesus!

Speaker will be
Pastor Scott Nedberg

WAMA
Warren Area Ministerial Association

These items are NOT ACCEPTABLE:

Medicine "BOTTLES"
(prescription or OTC bottles are not acceptable)
the actual drink "BOTTLES"
(bottles are a different kind of plastic than the caps)

any Cap with a Silicon Lining
(from chemicals/cleaners, this would include some
bleach and motor oil caps)

"Pumps & Trigger Sprayers"
(soap/lotion pumps, they may be plastic, but they have
pieces inside them that are not acceptable)

"Fast-Food Drink Lids"
(these are the wrong type of plastic. This includes fast-food cup lids
& coffee drink lids, as well as the lids from deli items at Wal-Mart)

"Bags"
(Plastic Ziplock bags or Grocery Bags)

Any "Food" Container
(even if the plastic recycle number is a 2, 4 or 5)
K-Cups, Straws, Medical Supplies,
plastic pieces that are not a lid/cap

We will continue to collect
bottle caps. Please note some
of the items accepted have
changed. We will announce
soon what project the caps
will be used for. They can be
dropped off Sunday morning or
weekdays in the church office.

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THE DIFFERENCE

*I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't take time to pray.*

*Problems just tumbled about me
And heavier came each task;
Why doesn't God help me," I wondered.
He answered, "You didn't ask."*

*I wanted to see joy and beauty —
But the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me,
He said, "But you didn't seek."*

*I tried to come into God's presence,
I tried all my keys at the lock;
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."*

*I woke up early this morning,
And paused before
entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take
time to pray.*

—Darlene Estlow

September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Service Communion 9:30 am George & Lois Dye Jalyn Campbell 1	2	3 Bill & Linda Shuttleworth	Youth Group Contemporary 6:30 pm Bob & Barb Jones 4	5 Mike & Karen Johnson	6 Neil & Wendy Laymon Larry Poulson	7 Jensen Lassiter Todd Jones John Brooks
Sunday Service 8 9:30 am Madison Knight Sophia Tolen	9	10 Missy Tyner Andy Gebhart	Youth Group Contemporary 6:30 pm 11	12	13	14 Trenton & Lacie Detro
15 Sunday Service 9:30 am	16	AB Board Meeting 6:30pm 17 Connie Mounsey Paul Kiel	Youth Group WAMA Service Riverside Park 6:30 pm 18 Maxton Shape Wendy Laymon	19 Marcia Stroud	20	Spaghetti Dinner 21 & Auction Adam Jones Shelbia Deakyne
22 Sunday Service 9:30 am Natasha Grover	23	24 Adam & Melissa Jones	25 Youth Group Contemporary 6:30 pm	26 Martha Shafer	27	28
29 Sunday Service 9:30 am Elizabeth Shape	30					

Public Holidays: 2: Labor Day

GENERAL OFFERING
August ~ \$8,246
AVERAGE MONTHLY
ATTENDANCE
Sunday ~ 74
Contemporary ~ 30



Prayer Requests

Waldo Knight
Clara Mossburg
Les Ackley
Betty Parker
Lou Ann Shafer
Kyle Dahlquist
Barb Stevens
Norma Gayle Chambers
Aaron Rittenhouse
Geri Zickafoose
Jacob Deweese
Ann Jackson
Curly & Pat Boxell
Rosemary Zeller

FOOD PANTRY

Please bring
CRACKERS
for the Food Pantry!

