

# CROSS




# WORDS

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All the time,  
GOD is good.



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

November 1, 2019

## Thoughts from the Pulpit

### *Turn Those Prayer Requests To Thanksgiving*

The past few months have been a very trying time for many of us at WUCC. We have been involved in difficult situations, conversations and demonstrations. Currently, We have a Tuesday Night Bible Study going on entitled "War Room". It is written from the movie "War Room" and allows for a true self evaluation of how we individually pray and what we hope to gain from prayer.

With the elections coming up in November, both for community leaders and church leaders and with Thanksgiving soon to come, I'm hopeful we all turn to prayer and discernment in our voting and giving thanks to God.



***Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God - Philippians 4:6 (NKJV).***

Have you been praying and it's as if your prayers are not being answered? This can depress or discourage one if one is not grounded in God's love and word. It's time to switch to thanksgiving and praise for a change of story.

People have prayed for things to the point they think that God does not answer prayers or God doesn't want to answer them; yet it's not true.

***When you pray according to God's will, He hears you. Since He hears you, you know that you have received the petitions that you asked of Him (1 John 5:14-5).***

So, the next thing to do is to thank Him till you see the manifestation of what you asked for. It's time to turn those prayer requests into thanksgiving. Instead of asking for those things again and again, start thanking God for them. Thank Him for hearing your prayers and for their manifestation. This shows that you actually believe that God has answered your prayers and that it would soon be a reality. Start celebrating as if you already have them. Thanksgiving is an express indicator of your faith in God.

Thanksgivings upholds your faith till the end. It keeps the picture of your answered prayer ever before you, making it so real. It may not be so immediate, but as you continue to give God thanks the picture will become more real to you, to the point that no matter what happens you will be fully persuaded that God is more than able to do what He had said.

We have a loving caring church family here at WUCC. This is an answered prayer of mine, when 10 ½ years ago I was praying for a divided church to come together as ONE FAMILY to love and do the work of God. This Thanksgiving, I'm reminded of and very grateful for God's answered prayer.

May we always remain in **THANKSGIVING!!**

In Christ,

*Pastor Scott*





Hello church family,

We are definitely enjoying some beautiful fall days. It's amazing to see how God paints the trees with amazing color. I want to share this verse and some thoughts.

*"I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless.  
I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me." Psalm 101:3*

# Youth

On my route to White's, there has been some road construction on SR 124. They have repaired some pretty long stretches of new road and made it really nice. As I have been traveling that road in the early morning when it's dark, there was only the middle yellow hash marks. It was difficult to make sure I was in the correct lane and not too far on the side. In the last week, the construction crew as painted the solid white lines on the right side of the road for better clarity and those lines reflect my lights in the morning. Now as I travel it's much easier to stay focused on the right path and get to my destination. This morning, God reminded me that I need to stay close to Him in Word and Prayer. God will get me those "white lines" to stay on the right path and clear my path clear of things that draw me away from Him. We need to model to our children how to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ. Having devotions and prayer together as a family. Keep praying for our youth!! They need YOU ☺

Blessings, Mindy and Pastor Troy.



**Waldo Knight  
Les Ackley  
Betty Parker  
Lou Ann Shafer  
Kyle Dahlquist  
Barb Stevens  
Norma Gayle Chambers  
Ann Jackson  
Rosemary Zeller  
Jessica Stucky Family  
Taylor Reed  
Roselyn Poulson  
Geri Zickafoose**



## HOMECOMING 2019



Thank you to all who joined us!



## DELI ITEMS, BAKED GOODS & NOODLES

All made with recipes  
from the past!

Cook Book available for purchase.

## 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

## Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Free Will Donation

Served from 11-1pm.

Veterans eat Free!

There will be featured items for sale made from recipes by members of our church that have passed on. Some of those that will be showcased are Helen Freck, Dorothy Coolman Chaney, Ruth Gebhart, Elizabeth Good, Patty Butler and Cody Baker just to name a few. There will be deli items, baked goods and noodles available for sale.

## BIBLE STUDY

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON



Warren United Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall, 202 East Second Street

### 5 Week Bible Study

*On Tuesday's, November 5th, 12th, 19th  
6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall*

Based on movie clips, session topics in this 5-session study include lukewarm faith, accountability, gospel, grace, spiritual warfare, and prayer.

## FOOD PANTRY

*Boxes of  
Stuffing Mix*

*200 boxes needed  
By November 13th*



## Congratulations Carrie Miller

Carrie was recently approved by our board to serve as our New Treasurer at WUCC

Here are Her Qualifications! "I have been working for Innovative Packaging since December 20, 1993. I have worked my way up from the plant floor to the office in 1995. In the next 3 years I ran the customer service department until I took over the accounting department in 1998. My job duties in the accounting department include, daily entry of receivables, payables, payroll, preparing journal entries, and preparing Monthly P&L reports. In the 21 years that I have been doing the accounting for our multimillion dollar manufacturing business, our business has doubled in size. As of January 2019, I along with my brother Chris Fleck and sister Lori Cox have taken over part owners with our father Gene Fleck."

Thanks for serving our church, Carrie!





It was a raining night with no hayride this year but those who came had a wonderful time! Thank you Peggy and Jerry for another great party!



Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees  
November 22, 2019  
5-8pm



Be sure to stop in at the church during the Holiday Walk! We will have a church tree and a youth tree for you to vote for. Refreshments will be served and Ruth Brooks is setting up her Christmas Village this year again! Jay Dee will also be out front with his horse and buggy for rides.

**Share the Warmth**

We will continue to collect children's coats throughout the year for our Fall Coat Drive. Now is a good time to buy coats on clearance! We will also accept money donations for coat purchases. Donations can be given to Julie Korporal or dropped off in the church office.



Thank you to Craig Mounsey, Jackie Norris & Marcia Stroud for handing out our free hot dogs at the Scarecrow Festival. \$141 was collected in donations to be given to the Food Pantry.



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# WE WANT YOUR CAPS!



## 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



## OUR GOAL:

500 pounds of caps  
to build 2 benches!

Benches to be placed  
in front of church.

## 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

**NEVER ANY METAL,  
TRASH or DIRTY CAPS!**