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A church worship poster for Warren United Church of Christ. The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section has a dark red background with the text "All the time, GOD is good." in white, and a circular image of a cross made of twigs. The right section has a light grey, textured background with the text "WARREN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST" and "202 East Second Street" at the top. Below that, it says "JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 FOR WORSHIP" in large letters, followed by "Refreshments served at 8:45" and "Nursery available at 9:15". At the bottom, it quotes "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." and "Psalm 150:6". On the far right, the date "April 1, 2020" is written vertically.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

Hello church family,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing well and healthy. We are in the midst of uncertain times and yet we are reminded that in the Scriptures Jesus is always near, always comforting.

“For the believer there is hope beyond the grave, because Jesus Christ has opened the door to heaven for us by His death and resurrection.” -Billy Graham

“Easter always brings hope to all of us. For the Christian, the Cross tells us that God understands our suffering, for He took upon Himself at the Cross all of our sins and all of our failures and all of our sufferings. Our Lord, on that cross, asked the question, “Why?” “My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?” And he received his answer, he knew. To redeem the world, to save you and me from our sins, to give us assurance that if we died we’re going to heaven. He was saying from the cross, I love you and I know the heartaches and the sorrows and the pain that you feel.

Easter points us beyond the tragedy of the Cross to the hope of the empty tomb. It tells us that there is hope for eternal life for Christ has conquered death. It also tells us that God has triumphed over evil and death and hell. This is our hope and it can be your hope as well.”

Hope is found in the promises God has given us – promises of freedom from sin. We can find so much hope in Scripture through the gift of eternal life made possible through His son, Jesus Christ. No matter what trials, temptations or pain we may suffer, we can always hold onto the hope God extends to us.

Here are five verses that demonstrate the hope we can find in Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:13-14

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

1 Peter 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

John 4:13-14

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again, the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

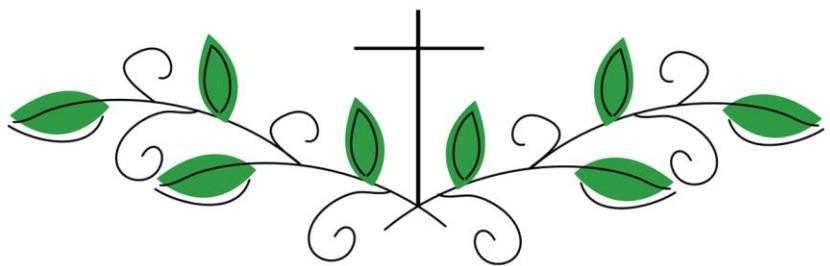
I am hoping and praying that the social distancing, in home lockdown, all the businesses with carry out only; will all be over by Easter, April 12th so that we can once again come together as a faith community to celebrate our risen Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

In the meantime I am available by phone, call or text me 260-228-0064. If I am unable to answer, I do have voice mail, please leave message and I will return your call just as soon as I can. I also have been asked by our congregation about giving of tithes and offerings. You can simply mail your gifts and donations to the church where Sarah will get them to Claudia for deposit.

We will rebound and be stronger as a church body from all the challenges we have faced in the last month. God is still on the throne!!! Let His peace come over you.



God's blessings to you, Pastor Troy Drayer



Hello to all our youth and families,

We have MISSED you so much!!!! This has been such a different time with the no school, Indiana lock down and not attending our church building. We are praying that we will get back to a new normal very quickly. During our time of "social distancing", please text or call us anytime. We are praying for each of you and know this is a difficult and uncertain time. Remember that the one thing that never changes is Jesus. He is in control and will give us a calm and peace. Love to all of you ☺

Mindy and Pastor Troy

YOUTH NEWS!





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!

ACCEPTABLE PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS
ANY PLASTIC CAP/LID WITH A RECYCLE NUMBER OF 2, 4 or 5

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



Volunteering at the Bread of Life Food Pantry is a rewarding way to give back to the Warren Community. All the local churches participate in a rotation of working at the Pantry. WUCC's next work day is Wednesday, April 29th. The pantry's hours are 2-4pm and 6-8pm. Just stop in if you would like to help!

Thank you everyone for collecting your caps! We are currently 100 pounds away from the 3rd bench!
KEEP THEM COMING!

FOOD PANTRY

Donation Item of the month...
Easy Mac

WARREN United Church of Christ
All the Way, 100% in Love

WUCC Contemporary Service
Tune in Wednesday Evening at 6:30pm to hear Pastor Troy's Message!

Join us, won't you!

Mindy is putting together fun packets for the youth. Please contact us if your child would like to receive one!



Find us on Facebook!

NEW WEBSITE
www.warrenucc.net

STAY INFORMED

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Psalm 150:6

We will have limited office hours.
Answering machine will be checked daily.
Church office: 260-375-2102
Emergency: Pastor Troy 260-228-0064

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PASTOR TROY'S MESSAGE WILL BE POSTED
ON FACEBOOK SUNDAY, 9:30AM

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Psalms 150:6



April

The Grace of God

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| Day 1 – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 | Day 20 – Romans 5:20-21 |
| Day 2 – Ephesians 2:8-10 | Day 21 – Ephesians 1:3-6 |
| Day 3 – Romans 6:11-14 | Day 22 – Titus 3:4-7 |
| Day 4 – 1 Corinthians 15:10 | Day 23 – Ephesians 4:7-8 |
| Day 5 – Hebrews 4:14-16 | Day 24 – 2 Corinthians 8:7-9 |
| Day 6 – John 1:16-17 | Day 25 – Hebrews 2:9-11 |
| Day 7 – Romans 3:22-24 | Day 26 – 1 Peter 1:13-16 |
| Day 8 – Titus 2:11-14 | Day 27 – Colossians 1:3-6 |
| Day 9 – Colossians 4:2-6 | Day 28 – Ephesians 1:7-10 |
| Day 10 – Ephesians 2:4-7 | Day 29 – Acts 20:32 |
| Day 11 – 2 Timothy 1:9-10 | Day 30 – 2 Peter 3:18 |
| Day 12 – Romans 6:1-4 | |
| Day 13 – John 1:14 | |
| Day 14 – Galatians 2:19-21 | |
| Day 15 – Hebrews 12:14-15 | |
| Day 16 – Romans 5:1-2 | |
| Day 17 – Romans 12:3-8 | |
| Day 18 – 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 | |
| Day 19 – Galatians 5:4-6 | |

Go, my people, enter
your rooms and shut
the doors behind you;
hide yourselves for a
little while until his
wrath has passed by.

Isaiah 26:20



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April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Larry & Janis Highley Guy Jackson	3	4 Leslie Fowler
5	6	7	8	9 Daxton Rooks	10 Greg Stucky Jo Spade	11
12	13 Carrie Miller	14 Kevin & Sarah Thiele Dan Norris	15 Craig & Connie Mounsey Kevin Rittenhouse	16 Bev Sneed	17 Shane Wright Bill Paxson	18 Don & Kristi Williams
19	20 Sarah Thiele Ruth Booher Machelle Suckcicki	21 Jay Dee Walters	22 Max Tyner Chris Brubaker	23	24 Jeff & Becky Souder	25 Kristi Williams John Sneed
26	27 Cylest Brooks	28 Melissa Jones	29 Janet Smith	30 Troy & Mindy Drayer		

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We will keep you updated through phone tree, emails and social media as to when we will meet again for services.

Youth are the Future of our Church

Contact the church office if you would like to volunteer!

Volunteers needed for:
Nursery
Sunday School
& Youth Group



Prayer Concerns:

- Waldo Knight
- Les Ackley
- Betty Parker
- Lou Ann Shafer
- Kyle Dahlquist
- Barb Stevens
- Ann Jackson
- Jessica Stucky Family
- Taylor Reed
- Geri Zickafoose
- Elliott Culwell
- Sandy Eichhorn
- Carol Yeiter
- Ronny Sheets
- Martha Shafer
- Roselyn Paulson
- Deb Baker
- Ron Wartzok
- Dick Groves
- David "Buck" Erwin
- Butch Arbuckle