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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

May 1, 2020

## Thoughts from the Pulpit

Hello church family,

I hope this note finds you and your family doing well and continuing to adjust to our new normal. Although at this time we can begin to anticipate some relaxing of the stay at home orders and maybe even begin to think of reuniting our faith community at church on Sunday's.

### **Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

### **Romans 8:18**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

God knows what's best for us and our current circumstances are no surprise for Him. He allows us the ability to choose our responses and reactions to the uncertainties of life. As we do begin to normalize over the next few weeks, what new habits you have learned that you will keep and which ones will you let go of? Make sure that your old normal is worth running back too.

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I am anticipating our future with excitement. This excitement comes because this church body, in all that we have endured in March and April, have remained solid and focused on its vision; being a light for Christ.

When life is going well it's easy to feel hopeful. But when this fallen world brings trouble into our lives, feelings of hopelessness can come in, too. Thankfully, the hope that God offers is much more than a feeling: It's the reality of His presence with you. You can experience that hope in any situation - even if your health fails, you lose your job, your spouse leaves, or some other tragedy hits you. Here's how to find hope in any situation:

**Stop simply surviving and start thriving.** Don't let difficult circumstances stop you from making the most of each day you're alive. Realize that even when times are tough, you can do much more than just endure your current situation. You can actually enjoy life to the fullest - even in the middle of the worst circumstances - when you remember that life is a gift from God and decide to embrace it. Ask God to help you notice His presence with you in every situation and rejoice when you sense Him nearby. Pray for the Holy Spirit to renew your mind each day so you can have the positive attitude you need to thrive no matter what is going on in your life.

God is faithful and will see us all through this time in our lives. Hold on; give your worries, frustrations, and feelings of hopelessness to Him.

Blessings to you all,  
Pastor Troy Drayer



Hello Kids and Parents

Happy May!!! We are so excited to be moving into warmer weather and the possibility of getting back to a new normal after Covid 19. We are praising God for His faithfulness and helping us navigate through some different routines and Oh yeah....elearning. ☺ We are missing each of you so much. We can't wait to get back together and have fun.

I want to share some things that I think are important to remember while we have experienced this pandemic:

- Be calm
- Communicate with your parents
- Keep to somewhere a routine and schedule
- Spend lots of time as a family
- Learn something new
- Be careful how much news you watch
- Most important, pray and memorize a new verse or two....

**Remember our Memory Challenge.**



Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Trust that no matter what happens, God is in control.

*Love and blessings. Mindy and Pastor Troy*





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Service 9:30am Contemporary Service Wednesday 6:30pm					1 Jerry & Diane Brooks	2
3	4 Larry Highley Karen Eltzroth	5	6 Lincoln Fowler John Suchcicki	7	8 Kennedy Bennett	9
10	11 Sierra Tolen	12	13 Colin Suchcicki	14 Blake Stucky Kim Nedberg	15	16 Vicki Lahr
17	18	19 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm	20 Danielle Martin	21	22 Terry Miller Kevin Thiele	23 Barb Stevens Ed Sneed Julie Korporal
24	25 Lou Ann Shafer Lois Dye Logan Stucky Sarah Jones	26 Bernard Gephart	27 Julia Grover	28	29	30 Jessie & Leslie Fowler
31 Richard Brubaker						



# May

## Friendship

Day 1 – Proverbs 18:24  
 Day 2 – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  
 Day 3 – John 15:12-14  
 Day 4 – Proverbs 27:17  
 Day 5 – Proverbs 17:17  
 Day 6 – 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
 Day 7 – Romans 12:15-17  
 Day 8 – Proverbs 27:9  
 Day 9 – Job 6:14  
 Day 10 – Proverbs 27:6  
 Day 11 – 1 Peter 4:8-10  
 Day 12 – Hebrews 10:24-25  
 Day 13 – Proverbs 16:28  
 Day 14 – Romans 12:18-21  
 Day 15 – 1 Corinthians 1:1-8  
 Day 16 – Proverbs 13:20  
 Day 17 – Luke 6:27-31  
 Day 18 – Proverbs 27:5-6  
 Day 19 – 1 John 4:7-8

Day 20 – Romans 12:9-10  
 Day 21 – Proverbs 22:24-25  
 Day 22 – Colossians 3:12-14  
 Day 23 – Philippians 2:1-4  
 Day 24 – 2 Corinthians 13:11  
 Day 25 – Romans 15:5-7  
 Day 26 – John 17:20-23  
 Day 27 – 1 Corinthians 1:10  
 Day 28 – 1 John 4:11-12  
 Day 29 – Romans 12:13-14  
 Day 30 – 1 John 4:19-21  
 Day 31 – Ephesians 4:1-6



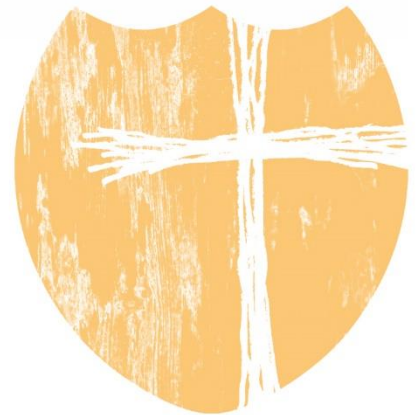
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## Search Committee

We would like to thank all who responded to our mailing concerning a search committee for hiring a full-time pastor. All the feedback we received is appreciated. Our plan is to have a committee in place the first of this month in order to begin the interviewing process. Pastor Troy Drayer will be the first to be interviewed. We will continue to keep the congregations updated with recommendations for hiring from the members of this committee.

## Are you ready? We are!!!!

Our hope and plan is to return to Sunday Services as soon as possible. We are so excited to see everyone and to get back to a normal schedule. With your safety in mind, we will follow the guidelines that are laid out for church services to resume. Updates will continue to be posted through social media, email, and with the phone tree.



*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 Poulson  
 Deb Baker  
 Ron Wartzok  
 Dick Groves  
 David "Buck" Erwin  
 Butch Arbuckle*



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Cammy Ackley is proud to announce the birth of her first granddaughter, Charlotte Rae Fowler born Tuesday April 21st. She weighed 5lb 8oz and is 18" long. Parents are Jesse & Leslie (Ackley) Fowler. Great grandparents Les & Ruthann Ackley.

## DIRECTORY

Please let Sarah know in the office if you have any information that needs updated for our Directory. New pictures can be emailed to [wucc@citiznet.com](mailto:wucc@citiznet.com)



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## FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for supporting the Bread of Life Food Pantry! For May we will be collecting pudding cups and fruit cups.

## HEY YOUTH!

Join us at WUCC for.....

## Mindy's Drive Thru Treat Bag Pick Up

Saturday, May 2nd  
10-11am

Can't wait to see you!

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