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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

June 1, 2020

happy

FATHER'S

day

"Turning Over the Church Keys"

Elders were church officers providing supervision, protection, discipline, instruction, and direction for other believers. Elder simply means "older." Both Greeks and Jews gave positions of great honor to wise older men, and the Christian church continued this pattern of leadership. Elders carried great responsibility, and they were expected to be good examples.

Peter, one of Jesus' 12 disciples, was one of the three who saw Christ's glory at the transfiguration. Often the spokesman for the apostles, Peter witnessed Jesus' death and resurrection, preached at Pentecost, and became a pillar of the Jerusalem church.

But writing to the elders, he identified himself as a fellow elder, not a superior. He asked them to “be shepherds of God’s flock,” exactly what Jesus had told him to do. Peter was taking his own advice as he worked along with the other elders in caring for God’s faithful people. His identification with the elders is a powerful example of Christian leadership, where authority is based on service, not power.

Peter describes several characteristics of good leaders in the church:

1. They realize they are caring for God’s flock, not their own.
2. They lead out of eagerness to serve, not out of obligation.
3. They are concerned for what they can give, not for what they can get.
4. They lead by example, not force.

All of us lead others in some way. Whatever our role, our leadership should be in line with these characteristics.

Both young and old can benefit from Peter’s instructions. Pride often keeps older people from trying to understand young people and keeps young people from listening to those who are older. Peter told both young and old to be humble and to serve each other. Young men should follow the leadership of older men, who should lead by example. Respect those who are older than you, listen to those younger than you, and be humble enough to admit that you can learn much from each other.

We often worry about our position and status, hoping to get proper recognition for what we do. But Peter advises us to remember that God’s recognition counts more than human praise. God is able and willing to bless us according to his timing. Humble obey God regardless of present circumstances, and in his good time-either in this life or in the next-he will lift you up.

This is from the message I shared last Sunday. Scripture is 1Peter 5:1-14. I felt the information shared is worth repeating. As a faith community, a church congregation we need to be working with and equipping our young people for leadership roles. We need to be investing in the future of Warren United Church of Christ.

It has been awesome to begin face to face services again. Mindy and I look so forward to seeing everyone back when it’s appropriate. Until then know that you are missed and love by us and this body of believers.

God’s blessings to you all!

Pastor Troy and Mindy

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~~~~~YOUTH~~~~~

Hello to our church family,

Thanks so much for supporting our “curbside treat bag and say Hi!” Saturday on May 2nd. It was great seeing the kids and parents and connecting again.

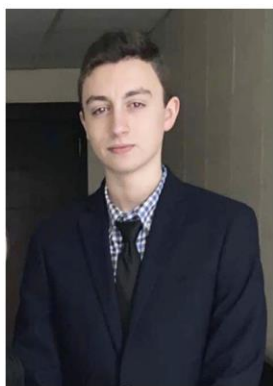
We are excited about coming back together on Wednesday, June 3rd for youth group. We are planning activities that will promote social distancing and using hand sanitizer. We want to keep everyone safe, but feel it’s ok to start coming back together with some extra precautions.

We know that this pandemic has been a unique challenge and in some ways a great blessing. Hopefully families have had the opportunity to spend more time together: eating, playing, praying and devotion time. God is on the throne!!!! He is taking care of us.

VBS is coming!!!! It will look different this year. More details to come.

Blessing, Pastor Troy and Mindy





Congratulations to
Caden Brubaker
for his 2nd place
win in the
State FFA Swine
Entrepreneurship!



Elliott Culwell	Waldo Knight
Sandy Eichhorn	Les Ackley
Ronny Sheets	Betty Parker
Martha Shafer	Lou Ann Shafer
Roselyn Poulson	Kyle Dahlquist
Deb Baker	Barb Stevens
Ron Wartzok	Ann Jackson
Dick Grove	Taylor Reed
Butch Arbuckle	Geri Zickafoose

Grace Dimond



Sierra Tolen



Grace Kristine Dimond is a Top 25 Graduate of Huntington North High School and a member of the National Honors Society. Grace's accomplishments through high school include Viking Volume (Freshman), Jr. Varsity, Varsity Cheerleader, Freshman Mentor, Member of Class Council, Member of

Educator's Rising, Mission Trip to Memphis Tennessee, Member of High School Campus Life and Core, 6th Grade Girls Leader for Middle School Campus Life, Early Childhood Education program at the high school helping Preschools, Cadet teacher in a Kindergarten and Second Grade Classroom, and Senior Homecoming Queen. Some earlier achievements in middle school were the rolls of "Annie" in Annie, "Wendy" in Peter Pan, and a part in the Best Christmas Pageant Ever, all at the Pulse. She also participated in a Mission Trip with WUCC and one in Chicago. Grace was also inducted in Junior National Honor Society, member of Crestview Show Choir and Campus Life and Core, finishing middle school receiving The Kiwanis "Girl of the Year Award". Grace is passionate about photography, a year ago started "gracie k. photo", specializing in Seniors, Couples and Family portraits. Next up is Ball State University to Major in Elementary Education, with an emphasis on K-3. Grace is the daughter of Brittany (Josh) Goetz and Jeff (Andrea) Dimond, and granddaughter of Don & Kristi Williams, Neil & Joy Kinsey, Daniel Poulson, Bob & Linda Williams and Marcea Dimond.



Our beautiful 2020 senior, Sierra, is a National Honor Society member and will be graduating with an Academic Honors diploma. Sierra was homeschooled during her elementary and middle school years and attended Riverview Middle School her 8th grade year as a transition year before attending Huntington North High School. Sierra's fondest memories and closest friends stem from her involvement with show choir during her high school career. She was a member of the Viking Volume cast her Freshman year and Varsity Singers her Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years. Sierra was also a Varsity Singer Dance Captain her Senior year. Sierra has enjoyed her time as a Cadet Teacher at Flint Springs and Lincoln Elementary Schools and is heartbroken that she is unable to say goodbye to her Lincoln Elementary students. Sierra is a 10 year member of 4-H and has been involved in Girl Scouts and Venturing Crew throughout high school. Sierra plans to follow her passion in helping children learn and will be attending Ball State University to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Your family is so incredibly proud of you and we are excited to see what God has planned for your life!

Max Tyner

Max is the Great Grandson of Max Tyner. He is a graduate of Red Bank Valley Highschool in Pennsylvania. He will attend college to study Photography and Costume/Set Design.

Praises & Prayers Balloon Launch



Back at Church

The church doors opened on May 10th for our first Sunday back. We followed the social distancing guidelines and had 25 in attendance. Following church we had a balloon launch sending cards with our prayers and praises!



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, June 17th. The pantry's hours are 2-4pm and 6-8pm. Just stop in if you would like to help!



it's a boy

Owen Dean Stucky was born on May 7th to Austin and Mercedes. He weighed 4lbs 15oz and 17 ½ inches long. Owen was born about a month early but everyone is doing well, he is now 5lbs 8oz.



FOOD PANTRY

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

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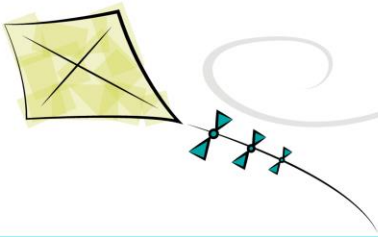
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Sunday Services
Live Stream
9:30am



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June

2020

General Offering

May ~ \$9,369

(Through May 24)

Attendance

May 10~25

May 17~24

May 24~24

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30pm Mark & Shayna Stucky Kent Poulson	4 Ron Wartzok Scott Flanagan	5 Brandon & Miranda Bolinger	6
7 Worship Service Communion 9:30am Graduation Sunday Waldo & Margaret Knight	8 Abbey Paxson Zach Tolen Harrison Campbell	9 Barry Hammel Brandon & Maddy Thiele James Green	10 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30pm James & Kari Green	11 Trent Detro Barb Strayer	12 Bob & Ann Jackson	13
14 Worship Service 9:30am	15 Kyle Dahlquist	16 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm Terry & Carrie Miller James Koberlein Janis Highley	17 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30pm Joe & Danielle Shape Adam Rooks Carolyn Rittenhouse	18 Jackson Johnson	19	20 First Day of Summer
21 Father's Day Worship Service 9:30am	22 Greg & Kathy Stucky Nicole Sheiman Maddy Clark	23	24 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30pm Dewayne Jones Amiah Easthom	25 Joanie Paxson	26	27 Rev. Ed & Mary Clark
28 Worship Service 9:30am Barb Jones Michael Paxson	29	30		Class of 2020 Graduation Sunday June 7	<p>WUCC Contemporary Service IS BACK!!!! June 3rd, 6:30pm In the Fellowship Hall Join us, won't you!</p>	

Happy Fathers Day



**WELCOME
BACK TO
CHURCH!!!**

