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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

August 1, 2020

The Monthly Word

FROM PASTOR TROY

Prepped and ready to go??

I am writing this on my official first day as your pastor. Already this morning I have been reflecting on my last 20 years of ministry and where God has taken me from to where I am now. I am humbled and honored to be your pastor and church leader. God has great and amazing plans for us, if we let him lead us!

We just returned from our family camp. Seven days of glamping at the water resort of Jellystone camp by Fremont, Indiana. All 13 of us played in the water, took rides in the golf cart, rode bikes, enjoyed food. My sons in law did a great job of cooking over the fire, smoked some meat that we ate, and helped keep the chaos down to a low roar.

Ok, now this article is not going to be a narrative of our family vacation. But I wanted to point out that prepping for something like this does not just happen. The two campsites we had were reserved a year and half ago, and we have already reserved next year's sites, oh the golf cart too. Meal planning began back in March, and with this the shopping list was begun then as well.

The Lord preps us as well. He has been prepping us since the day we were born.

Be prepared for Christ's return.

Matthew 24:42-44 **So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming.** Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. **You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.**

Be on guard when the devil tries to tempt you.

1 Peter 5:8 **Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil.** He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.

God has given us the resources to prepare for life here on earth. To face the hardships, tragedies, and disappointments of life. But also, to enjoy the miracles and beautiful moments of our earthly life. Remember that this earthly home/life is only temporary. God wants us prepare for life eternal with Him in heaven. So, have you got your spot in heaven reserved? Have you plotted your journey between now and when you reach your destination?

Talk to God and be open to His leading. He will not lead you astray. All of us here at Warren United Church of Christ are on a journey. We are all at different stages in this journey, and heading for the same destination.

Luke 21:19 Stand firm, and you will win life.

Have a blessed August! Pastor Troy

If you haven't already, please let Sarah know of any address or phone number changes for the directory. Pastor Troy would like to begin some visitations and will be making some phone calls. Thank you.



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YOUTH NEWS

Happy August to all of our families and youth, praying all is well. Sounds like some part of normalcy will be returning when school starts in a couple of weeks. It has definitely been an interesting summer but I hope you have been able to enjoy it family and friends. As you know WAMA Bible school was held in different format this summer. It was all done virtually through Facebook. The schedule was printed on our Sunday bulletins and July's newsletter. Hopefully you had a chance to click onto the sessions, if not they will still be online either on the WAMA Facebook or our Facebook page. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the VBS Carnival being held this Saturday, August 1, at Hillcrest Nazarene church from 3:30-7:00.

Don't forget we do have Wednesday evening activities planned for youth ages Pre-K through 8th grade. Join us at 6:30pm till 7:30 for games, activities, and a little bit of craziness. We work at keeping our area clean so that everyone stays healthy.

Blessings, Troy and Mindy

PS: We miss
seeing all
of you!!!!

HAVE A GREAT
SCHOOL YEAR!

Prayer to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



August

Faith

Day 1 – Matthew 21:21-22
 Day 2 – Hebrews 11:1-3
 Day 3 – Hebrews 11:4-7
 Day 4 – Hebrews 11:8-12
 Day 5 – Hebrews 11:23-31
 Day 6 – Hebrews 11:32-12:2
 Day 7 – James 2:14-17
 Day 8 – James 2:18-26
 Day 9 – Proverbs 3:5-6
 Day 10 – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Day 11 – 2 Corinthians 5:6-7
 Day 12 – James 1:5-8
 Day 13 – Galatians 2:15-16
 Day 14 – 2 Timothy 4:7-8
 Day 15 – Romans 4:13-14
 Day 16 – Romans 4:15-17
 Day 17 – Romans 4:18-25
 Day 18 – Romans 5:1-5
 Day 19 – Romans 10:9-11

Day 20 – Matthew 17:14-21
 Day 21 – Psalm 37:5-6
 Day 22 – 1 Timothy 4:10-12
 Day 23 – Galatians 3:23-29
 Day 24 – John 3:14-17
 Day 25 – Romans 1:16-17
 Day 26 – John 11:23-27
 Day 27 – 1 Corinthians 15:16-22
 Day 28 – Ephesians 3:16-19
 Day 29 – Mark 10:46-52
 Day 30 – 1 Peter 1:6-9
 Day 31 – Galatians 2:20



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Congratulations Michelle and Drew Korporal!
Amelia Inez born July 22nd.
7lbs 10 oz and 19" long



July 18th, 2020

**Congratulations
 Alex & Tasha Tolen!**

PRAYERS

Waldo Knight
Les Ackley
Betty Parker
Lou Ann Shafer
Kyle Dahlquist
Ann Jackson
Geri Zickafoose
Ronny Sheets
Martha Shafer
Roselyn Poulson
Ron Wartzok
Dick Grove
Carol & Ray Yeiter
Connie Mounsey
Cindy Boxell
Jerry & Jim Williams
Mike Ridenour
Bill Byrd
Gene Morrison
Janet Fitch

**FOOD
 PANTRY**



**DONATE YOUR TIME TO
 THE FOOD PANTRY!**
Wednesday, August 5th
2-4pm & 6-8pm

**We will be collecting
 Kleenex and Juice boxes
 through August.**

Volunteering at the Bread of Life Food
 Pantry is a rewarding way to give back
 to the Warren Community. All local
 churches participate in a rotation of working
 at the pantry. WUCC day is August 5th!
 Just stop in if you would like to help!

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WELCOME PASTOR TROY

We are excited to announce Pastor Troy Drayer is our new full-time pastor at Warren United Church of Christ. Troy has his BA in business and minored in religious studies. Pastor Troy comes to WUCC with 20 years' experience. Starting in ministry as a certified lay speaker at McNatt church for 4 years, senior part-time pastor Uniondale UMC for 14 years, and has been here at WUCC 2.5 years.

Note from Pastor Troy: Every destination, every situation that the Lord has brought me to has formed me into the man that I am today: husband to Mindy of 37 years and counting, father of three amazing young ladies, father in law to two awesome young men, and grandfather to 6 adorable grandchildren. But what I want to be known for is that I'm a child of God; born into sin, save by the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So it's with all of these life experiences that I bring with me to our ministry here at WUCC. Even though Mindy and I have lived other places in our married life we have always considered Warren our home. So for us, it is a God thing that we bought a home, moved to Warren, began ministering here at WUCC, learning the community and people of our faith community over the last 2.5 years. We are so excited and humbled that God has placed us in your midst here at WUCC. We are anxious to continue to serve and to see where God is going to lead us over the next several years. I am honored and humbled to accept this full-time position at WUCC and have a passion for sharing Christ's love and redemption with this church body and community.

4H Sunday

Sunday, August 30th, we will be recognizing all our 4H participants. If you have pictures and information on awards you would like to share, please email it to Sarah at wucc@citznet.com Thank you.



FOOD PANTRY

Rose has reached out to us that the pantry has been very busy especially during the 2-4pm shifts. She is in need of 4 volunteers for the early shift and at least 2 volunteers for the 6-8pm shift. Our church is scheduled to work on Wednesday, August 5th and we would love to be able to have enough people to supply her with the help she needs. Please let Sarah know if you are able to help so she can let Rose know that the help she needs is available! Thank you for supporting the pantry! If you are unable to help this time, please mark your calendars for our next work day on September 23rd.

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Sunday Services
Live Stream
9:30am

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Warren United Church of Christ
Presents.....

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE



Youth Ages ~ PreK-8th Grade
Every Wednesday Evening
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Location: 202 East Second Street

**WORSHIP GOD, HAVE FUN, MEET NEW FRIENDS
JOIN US!**

**WE MISS YOU
AT YOUTH GROUP!!!!**

We meet every
Wednesday evening
at 6:30pm.

Parents, drop your kids
off and you can stay
for our Contemporary
Service at the same time.

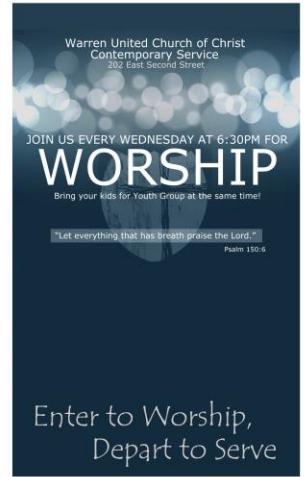
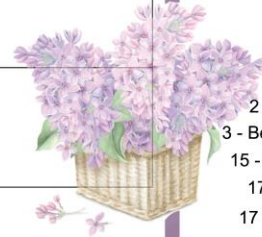
Everyone meets in
the Fellowship Hall.





August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ruthann Ackley
2 Worship Service Communion 9:30am	3 Colsen Brubaker	4	FOOD PANTRY Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30pm Sara Okuly	6	7 Cynthia Wartzok Jeff Souder	8
9 Worship Service 9:30am	10	11 Dick Groves Sam Jones Suellen Jones	12 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30pm	13	14	15
16 Worship Service 9:30am George Dye Terry Miller	17	18 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm	19 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30pm	20 Brittany Goetz	21 Susie Boxell	22
23 Worship Service 9:30am Betty Parker	24 Chod Boxell Angie Norris Hudson Bolinger	25 Dale Zabel	26 Youth Group Contemporary Service 6:30pm	27 Sierra Laymon	28 Claudia Boxell	29
30 Worship 9:30am Mindy Drayer Shayna Stucky Mike Johnson	31 Neil Laymon					



General Offering

July ~ \$9,660

Average Attendance

Sunday ~ 47
Contemporary ~ 13

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Barry & Linda Hammel
- 3 - Bernard & Sharon Gebhart
- 15 - Dean & Treva Schmidt
- 17 - Tim & Cindy Fitch
- 17 - Josh & Brittany Goetz