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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

September 1, 2020

The Monthly Word

FROM PASTOR TROY

Is there an alien in my house??

No, I am not saying that Mindy is an alien. But when I was 4, my parents split up and divorced. Mom and I lived in a mobile home in Geneva Indiana. My birth father was not a nice person when he drank and would come to our trailer and beat on the front door. It was during one of those times I must have woke up and seen my mom crawling on the floor back to her bedroom. In my 4-year-old mind, I saw a small person (alien) walking down the hallway. I remember being very fearful in that moment. The next morning, I asked my mom about the alien that was in our house last night. She told me that we don't have aliens. It was just her making sure I was safe and she was trying to stay hidden from dad at the same time. Even after being told that, I was skeptical and still kept a watchful eye on the hallway at night.

Do you carry fear, worry or anxiety in your life? We all do from time to time. Some people deal with these overwhelming feelings on an everyday basis. I have had to work through these issues in my life. It's not fun and it's a heavy burden to carry. But did you know that you can turn these over to God and get rid of them once and for all?

“I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fear” Psalm 34:4.

Dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic has created new fears in many of us. We worry about our health, have anxiety about our kids returning to school or us returning to church and an uncertain fear of the future.

In Philippians 4:6-7 it reads, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

In our world today, we have many issues that bring fear, anxiety, and worry. But we serve a God that is bigger than all of these. If any of these you are dealing with right now in your life, let go of them and let God. You don't need to walk this path alone. After all, he calmed me down as a little boy seeing aliens, imagine what he can do for you?

“So, we say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” Hebrews 13:6.

Have a blessed September!

Pastor Troy



Faith
➡—OVER—➡
FEAR!

YOUTH

Hello to all of our amazing youth and families. It is my prayer that all of you are doing well since the start of school. It's hard to believe that we are back in the midst of dealing with homework, (probably too much) ☺ sports, and still the covid 19 issues. I'm sure there has been some concern and fear about sending your children back to school and if you chose to do on-line school, I am sure getting a new routine at home can be an adjustment too. We need to PRAY for all our children, teachers, (at home parents), administrators and all school faculty. It seems that schools are doing their best in keeping all children safe.

"According to the Bible, there is nothing wrong with realistically acknowledging and trying to deal with the identifiable problems of life. To ignore danger is fooling and wrong, as well as unhealthy, to be immobilized by excessive worry. Such worry must be committed to prayer to God, who can release us from paralyzing fear or anxiety, and free us to deal realistically with the needs and welfare both of others and of ourselves." (Dr. Gary R. Collins, Christian Counseling)

Hopefully in the next few weeks you'll be receiving a survey for each family to fill out about what you would like to see in the church's youth/children's program. This will encompass times to meet, day to meet, activities that the youth will be led in. Also, this survey will address level of commitment that families will be able to give. We want our programming of youth events to be something that is exciting for both our youth and families. Last Tuesday at our board meeting, I submitted my resignation as Youth director. I will continue in this capacity for now and will still direct and engage our youth. A job description is being drawn up for submission to the board next month. I have been humbled with the opportunity to love your children the past 2 ½ years. As we move forward, I will continue to be a part of our program, but in a different role. I am so excited to see who God is going to put in our primary role. It will take a village to support, encourage and mentor our kids through this world. In the meantime, please lift our youth programs up in **prayer** as activities and decisions are made.

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work" (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

Make September a great month!

MINDY





Volunteers Needed!!

We need you.....

Bread of Life Food Pantry
September, 24, 2020
Time approximately 10am

We are in need of people to help unload products from Red Gold. If you would like to help leave your name and number with Sarah in the office and you will be notified that day when the truck will be arriving at the Food Pantry. Thanks!

Join us for our:
FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE
Let's fill the pulpit!!!



50 pks - Pudding Cups

Bring items in by
September 27th

FOOD PANTRY WORK DAY

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's day is September 23rd! Just stop in if you would like to help!

WELCOME LUNCH

Please join us after church
Sunday, September 13th,
to officially welcome
Pastor Troy and Mindy Drayer!

Meal provided by the Deacons.

Warren United Church of Christ
Contemporary Service
202 East Second Street

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30PM FOR

WORSHIP

Bring your kids for Youth Group at the same time!

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Psalm 150:6

WAMA Community Contemporary Service

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

Pastor Steven Spencer

Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene
will be sharing the Word!

Wednesday Evening
September 16
6:30 pm

Donations to be
collected for WAMA

ALL
ARE
WELCOME!



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warrenucc.net

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Sunday Services
Live Stream
9:30am



LOGAN STUCKY
BLAKE STUCKY
CADEN BRUBAKER
COLSEN BRUBAKER
CEATEN BRUBAKER
KEAGAN TROUT
HALEY TROUT

CLAIRE ECKERT
ANIKAH ECKERT
SIERRA TOLEN
SOPHIA TOLEN
ABBY SNEED
TOBY SNEED

JOE MARTIN
JOHN MARTIN
COLIN SUCHCICKI
SHAYLYN SUCHCICKI
DEVIN SUCHCICKI
KEATON JONES

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 4H YOUTH!!



September

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Encouragement

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Day 1: Exodus 14:14 | Day 16: Romans 8:37-39 |
| Day 2: Psalm 4:8 | Day 17: Romans 15:4-6 |
| Day 3: Psalm 23:1-6 | Day 18: Romans 15:13 |
| Day 4: Psalm 34:3 | Day 19: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 |
| Day 5: Psalm 46:5 | Day 20: Galatians 6:2 |
| Day 6: Psalm 145:18 | Day 21: Galatians 6:9 |
| Day 7: Proverbs 16:24 | Day 22: Ephesians 3:20-21 |
| Day 8: Isaiah 40:31 | Day 23: Philippians 1:3-6 |
| Day 9: Isaiah 41:13 | Day 24: Philippians 2:1-4 |
| Day 10: Isaiah 43:1-2 | Day 25: 1 Thess. 5:11 |
| Day 11: Lament. 3:22-23 | Day 26: 2 Thess. 2:15-17 |
| Day 12: Acts 9:26-28, 31 | Day 27: Philemon 4-7 |
| Day 13: Acts 20:1-3 | Day 28: Hebrews 6:19-20 |
| Day 14: Romans 8:18 | Day 29: Hebrews 12:4-6 |
| Day 15: Romans 8:28 | Day 30: Hebrews 13:8 |

Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.

The Ruffled Mango

WASHINGTON
PRAYER
MARCH 20
WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM



**JOIN WAMA FOR OUR
WARREN PRAYER
MARCH 2020 ON
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26 AT
1:00 PM, IN SUPPORT
OF THE GRAHAM
MINISTRIES MARCH IN
WASHINGTON DC THE
SAME DAY. OUR
START/FINISH WILL
BE AT KNIGHT
BERGMAN CENTER.**

**OUR STOPS AND
PRAYER FOCUS
WILL BE:**

- Heritage Pointe - COVID19
- Town Hall - Local Government
- Police Dept. - Law Enforcement
- Post Office - Federal Government



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE WUCC MISSIONS COMMITTEE



Our Mission Committee along with several member volunteers gathered on a Saturday morning to pick a lot of corn!! This was all donated to the food pantry to be divided up amongst approximately 65 families. Thank you to all who helped! If you would also like to contribute and be notified of upcoming mission projects, contact the church office.

Individuals and
organizations
assisted by WUCC
Missions in
August

Remnant Ministries donation

Bread of Life Food Pantry
donation

Family in need of clothing

Participation in the Food Pantry
work day

September 2020



| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
|---|---|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| | | 1 George & Lois Dye Jalyn Campbell | 2 Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm | 3 | 4 Bob & Barb Jones | 5 Mike & Karen Johnson |
| 6 Sunday Service Communion 9:30am Neil & Wendy Laymon Larry Poulson | 7 Jensen Lassiter Todd Jones John Brooks | 8 Madison Knight Sophia Tolen | 9 Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm | 10 Missy Tyner Andy Gebhart | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Sunday Service 9:30am Troy & Mindy Welcome Lunch Following Service | 14 | 15 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm | 16 WAMA Community Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm | 17 Connie Mounsey Paul Kiel | 18 Maxton Shape Wendy Laymon | 19 Marcia Stroud |
| 20 Sunday Service 9:30am | 21 Adam Jones Shelbia Deakyn | 22 Natasha Grover | 23 Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm Food Pantry Work Day | 24 Unload Truck at Food Pantry Adam & Melissa Jones | 25 | 26 Prayer March 1pm at KBC Martha Shafer |
| 27 Sunday Service 9:30am | 28 | 29 Elizabeth Shape | 30 Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm | | | |

General Offering
August ~ \$15,457

Average Monthly
Attendance
Sunday ~ 48
Contemporary ~ 20



Thank you to all who brought in Kleenex and juice boxes last month. You were amazing and surpassed the goal we set! Now let's see if we can do it again with pudding cups this month. The Food Pantry relies on donations from all the local churches and we were excited to provide such a large contribution this month and look forward to continuing this trend!