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A church worship poster for October 1, 2020. 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. Below the text is a circular image of a cross made of twigs. The right section has a light grey 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. Underneath, it lists "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 "October 1, 2020" is written vertically.

The Monthly Word

FROM PASTOR TROY

To joy or not to joy, that is the question??

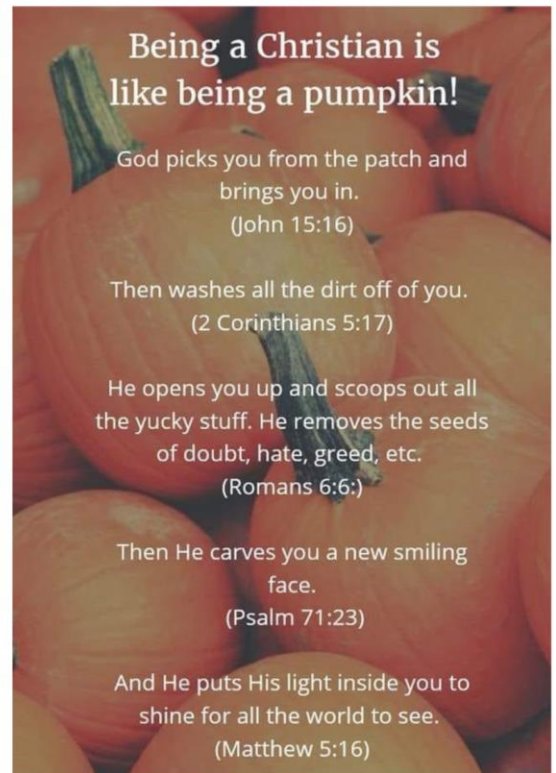
I love the season of Fall. It is my most favorite season of the year. I love the colors of Fall, the cooler air, campfires, and pumpkin spice!! The only part of Fall that I don't like is that Winter is close behind. But I try not to let that fact steal my joy. Are there parts of your life that want to steal your joy? We have been studying Philippians and the Apostle Paul had a lot to say about that kind of joy. His letter to the Philippians is often called the "epistle of joy."



The Philippian believers enjoyed a special relationship with Paul and so he wrote them a personal letter expressing his joy and emphasizing the real joy of the Christian life. The words joy or rejoice appear no less than sixteen times in four short chapters, and the pages radiate with this positive message, culminating in Paul's exhortation: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" What makes Paul's words even more profound is that he wrote this letter from a Roman prison awaiting trial and possible execution—yet the dominant theme of the letter is joy!

Paul was right when he wrote: there is great joy in being used for a mighty purpose. In Christ we all have a purpose in life. That purpose may manifest in different ways, it may result in different careers, but it all comes down to living for Christ. I'm reminded of the old acronym JOY—Jesus, Others, Yourself. If you keep it in that order, your life will overflow with Joy.

This time of the year we it's easy to get bogged down with all that life presents to us. Change in weather, holidays coming quickly, maybe it's health or money issues. Whatever it may be in your life, hold onto the joy of the Lord. He wants us to be happy and rejoice in Him. Let go of the past and embrace the future. We can't change the past but the future is what we make of it. Make it the best future you'll ever have.



God's blessings to you,
Pastor Troy



Hello Church family,

Fall has arrived. I love the crisp mornings and beautiful colors.

As I stated in our last newsletter, I will be stepping out of the role of Youth director. We are so excited to have the board's approval to hire two new positions; Youth director and Children's director. We have had some interest so that is super exciting. Please pray for God's direction as we move forward for a better way to meet the needs of our families and children. THEY ARE SO WORTH IT!!!!

As we get ready for fall break, I wanted to suggest some fun ways to spend family time.

Bike rides

Walks at the state park

Build a scarecrow stuffed with newspaper

Visit an apple orchard


Paint or carve pumpkins

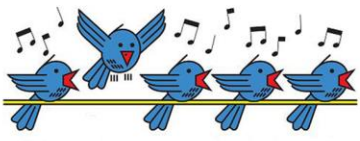
Bake Pastor Troy some apple crisp.....hahaha (just kidding)

We are so blessed to have the opportunity to serve this church and community. We are always here and available!!!!

Blessings, Mindy

Trick or Treat





Add your voice

WUCC CHOIR PRACTICE

Sunday, October 4th, 8:30am
(before service)

We would love for you to join
the choir for our Christmas Eve Service!



THE COAT DRIVE DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!
WE ARE IN NEED OF ALL SIZES OF HEAVY COATS
WITH HOODS FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN.



DONATION CAN BE DROPPED
OFF AT WARREN UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST.
202 EAST SECOND STREET

FALL PARTY & HAYRIDE!

At The Wilson's
6780 E. State Road 218 Lafontaine

A FUN NIGHT
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Saturday, October 24th, 5:30 pm

All the food will be furnished. There will be an apple bob
and pumpkin decorating. We will have Hot Chocolate and
roast marshmallows after the hayride. Dress according to
the weather. You might need a blanket for the hayride!

We will be in the barn rain or shine!!



Join us for our: FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Our October challenge is to collect
enough money for Rose to purchase
roasting pans and bags for cooking turkeys
that will be handed out with
the Thanksgiving boxes.



October Goal
\$350

Envelopes provided to
be placed in offering plate.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated to the Food Pantry last month. It was wonderful all the pudding cups we delivered! We had a work-day on September 23 and all the volunteers made it go smoothly. We appreciate you! Also the food pantry had 3 pallets from Red Gold brought in and several church members stopped in to help unload with members of other area churches. This month we are taking money donations (envelopes provide to pick up) to help with the cost of roasting pans and bags for the Thanksgiving boxes. Help us reach (or surpass) our goal of \$350!!!





WUCC is announcing two part-time ministry positions available.

Youth Director (5th-12th grades)
Children's Director (K-4th grades)

Please contact a member of the board for an application and job description.



We officially welcomed Pastor Troy and Mindy to WUCC. Thank you to all who helped make this day special.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH
FOLLOWING SERVICE



Please plan to attend our November Business Meeting following service on the 8th. Committee leaders, please submit your reports to Sarah by October 25th.

SMOKED PORK CHOP

DRIVE THRU DINNER



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH
4:00 – 7:00 PM**

**WARREN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
202 E 2ND STREET / WARREN**

**FREE DELIVERY WITHIN TOWN LIMITS
CALL 375-2102 THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH TO
PRE-ORDER FOR DELIVERY**

MEAL WILL CONSIST OF

SMOKED CHOP / BAKED POTATO / GREEN BEANS
INDIVIDUAL PRE-PACKAGE APPLESAUCE
INDIVIDUAL PRE-WRAPPED DESSERT

**FREE WILL DONATION - PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
WARREN AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
WUCC MISSIONS / WUCC JOY CLASS**



We were excited to see this posted on Historic Warren's Facebook page and we were given the "OK" to hand out our free hot dogs. Please contact Marcia Stroud if you would like to help out. Donations for Bread of Life Food Pantry will be collected throughout the evening so be sure to stop by.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you Pastor Troy for all you do!

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HOMECOMING

October 11, 2020

Please join us for Worship and Fellowship

Worship service begins at 9:30am

Featuring Barry Jamison and Club Saxophone

Meal provided and served by the Deacons.

All the time,
GOD is good.

*Postcards are available if you would like
to send a special invitation to someone.*

October 2020



General Offering
September ~ \$9,930

Average
Attendance

Sunday ~ 52

Contemporary ~ 18



SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
				1 Laura Summers	2	3 Dale & Sondra Zabel
4 Sunday Service Communion 9:30am Choir Practice 8:30am	5	6	7 Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm	8 Luke & Brittney Eppard	9 Matt Norris	10 Ella Leas
11 Sunday Service 9:30am HOMECOMING	12 Dan & Jackie Norris	13	14 Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm Matt & Angie Norris	15 Kimberlee Stroud	16	17 Shaylyn Suchcicki
18 Sunday Service 9:30am Carol Nunn	19 Larry & Roselyn Poulson Ruth Brooks Luke Eppard	20 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm Chris & Carly Brubaker Daniel Paxson	21 Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm	22	23	24 Wilson's Hayride 5:30pm
25 Sunday Service 9:30am	26 John & Brenda Tolen	27 Richard & Janice Brubaker	28 Contemporary Service Youth Group 6:30pm	29	30 Scarecrow Festival 6-8pm Janet Sneed	31

- Waldo Knight
- Les Ackley
- Ruthann Ackley
- Betty Parker
- Lou Ann Shafer
- Kyle Dahlquist
- Ann Jackson
- Geri Zickafoose
- Martha Shafer
- Roselyn Poulson
- Ron Wartzok
- Dick Grove
- Carol & Ray Yeiter
- Cindy Boxell
- Jerry & Jim Williams
- Mike Ridenour
- Bill Byrd
- Gene Morrison
- Janet Fitch
- Cindy Pugsley
- Mel Clingaman
- George Dye

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