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A church worship poster for July 1, 2021. 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, and 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, followed by "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 "July 1, 2021" is written vertically.

The Monthly Word

FROM PASTOR TROY

Family, Freedom and Fun

July is definitely a time of FAMILY celebrating the 4th of July (FREEDOM) and having FUN together. School break gives families time to take vacations or plan special times together. I thought it would be fun to chat about families and their importance in our lives.

What is a family?

A family constitutes people who are related to each other and/or share an emotional bond and similar values. Your immediate family includes parents, siblings, spouse, and children. And your extended family includes people you are related to, such as grandparents, cousins, aunts & uncles, nephews, nieces etc.



Why are family relationships important?

A family is important because our mental growth, well-being and stability all depend on our family. A family makes all its members feel safe and connected to one another. It provides us with the comfort of having people by our side during tough times and it definitely helps us manage stress. Families allow us to feel safe, protected, accepted and loved despite our shortcomings. This is where we first learn “grace” Families are the basic unit that teaches children about relationships. Children brought up in a healthy family will be able to form better bonds outside their home. Conflicts in family teach children a respectful way to resolve problems in the future. Lastly, a strong family is all a person needs to become confident in life.

What are the characteristics of a strong family?

Strong families have good communication. They listen and talk to each member and value their opinions. Families that thrive spend time with each other whether that’s a meal or fun activity. The members of a strong family express kind words to each other, unconditionally. It’s very important that the older people in a strong family lead by example. Strong families grow in crisis. They strive to see something positive in all circumstances.

Isn’t it very interesting that our church family are no different than our “first” family. Jesus teaches and encourages us to do all the things that were mentioned above. God loves His universal church/family.

We have been so blessed to be part of this “family” in Warren. God is continuing to teach us to become strong and grow in His Word and love for each other. Our family will continue to be a light for Jesus. Supporting each other and this community.

Blessings, Pastor Troy and Mindy



YOUTH NEWS



It's been hot and muggy but the kids have enjoyed being outside in the park on Wednesday nights this month.

We have had some great discussions this month. We continue to emphasize the importance of being kind to others and most importantly being kind to yourself. During these summer months some kids are very busy, some are sort of busy, and some have had all of the structure of school removed from their lives temporarily and are desperately searching for a way use their idle hands. So we talked at length about how to make incremental positive improvements in our lives and those around us everyday. An incremental improvement or just making someone smile everyday is better than nothing.

We are very much looking forward to the Salamonie Summer Festival and the parade! Have fun everyone stay hydrated and we'll see you Wednesday night!



TERRY LEE

Join us for our: FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Our July challenge is Canned Corn!



July Goal:
200 Cans of Corn

Our next food pantry work day is July 14. Let us know in the church office if you can help.

IT'S PARADE TIME

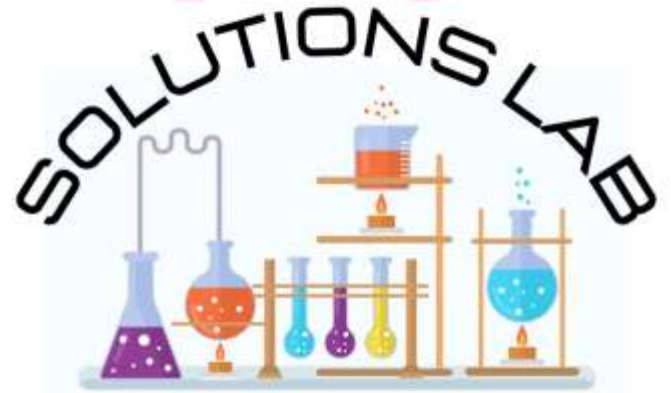
We need YOU!!!!

Come walk with us!
Parade is Friday at 7pm
Line up early at Heritage Pointe!



Help put the finishing touches and balloons on the float Thursday evening at 6pm.
Citizen's Warehouse

WAMA Bible School July 5-9, 2021 6pm-8pm



You've got problems, God's got solutions!

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4th July

★ WAMA Community Service ★
Sunday, July 4, 6pm, Riverside Park
(WUCC will not be having a Sunday morning service.)

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Joni Paxson



Ed & Mary Clark



Greg Stucky



Ron Wartzok

Dean Schmidt

2021 CHURCH PICNIC



We had a great day for our 2021 Church Picnic. We had 40 people and Coco (Connie's cat) in attendance for our worship service. Thank you Craig and Connie for opening your home for us to enjoy the day. Thank you to Julie and Cammy and all who helped.



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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

"SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED" JOHN 8:36

July 2021

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

JULY 19-23

If you have an urgent matter that needs addressed immediately please contact Kevin Deakyne 260-402-3933



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 – Byron & Danielle Martin
- 20 – John & Janet Sneed
- 24 – Dennis & Marcia Stroud
- 28 – Shane & Caitlin Wright
- 29 – Kevin & Carolyn Rittenhouse

Find us on Facebook



Keep updated on events and activities!

WUCC
Website
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 SSF Parade 7pm	3 Fireworks Tower Park
4 No Sunday Morning Service WAMA Service 6pm	5 VBS 6-8pm Devin Suchcicki Reaghan Bennett	6 VBS 6-8pm Mason Jones Cammy Ackley	7 VBS 6-8pm Contemporary & Youth Group 6:30pm	8 VBS 6-8pm Dan Smith	9 VBS 6-8pm	10 Ed Clark
11 Sunday Service 9:30am Jessica Stucky	12	13	14 Contemporary & Youth Group 6:30pm Food Pantry Day Anikah Eckert	15	16 Denny Stroud Craig Mounsey	17
18 Sunday Service 9:30am	19 Becky Souder	20 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm	21 No Service or Youth Group Cash Wright Marvin Eitzroth	22 Kelly Jones Nicki Eckert Diane Brooks	23	24
25 Sunday Service 9:30am	26 Staccia Grover Grace Dimond	27 Braddock Rooks Santos Villanueva	28 Contemporary & Youth Group 6:30pm	29 Mark Stucky Joe Shape	30	31 Margaret Knight Allison Knight