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The Monthly Word

FROM
PASTOR TROY

Headlines catch our attention, don't they? At least they do for me. I scan the paper and see what headlines I want to go back and read later. Well last Sunday, WUCC made a wonderful headline.

"Local Congregants Witness Easter Services."

We had a wonderful worship service celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There were about 120 in attendance, and it was so good to see familiar faces, maybe those we haven't seen in a while, and the fellowship afterwards was awesome. What a blessing to understand that we get to share Easter every time we are together, Sundays, Wednesday, ball park, and other events.

The resurrection power of Christ is available to us...ALWAYS.



So now that we've witnessed Easter service, what are we going to do with it? Jesus built His church upon the foundation of a multitude of witnesses. Sometimes we forget how significant that can be. Now it is a known fact that witnesses can often disagree on some significant details of an event, but when large numbers of eyewitnesses tell you the same thing over and over it's a pretty good indication that what they say they've seen is true.

Back in the 1800's there was a British preacher named Alexander Maclaren. He managed to get one of the town's leading skeptics to promise him that he would attend church for four Sundays on which Maclaren would be presenting the main ideas of Christianity. The skeptic listened intently to Maclaren's sermons. And after the fourth message he presented, the skeptic accepted Christ into his life.

Maclaren was delighted and could not resist the impulse to ask which of the four sermons brought him to this decision. The skeptic replied, "Your sermons, sir, were helpful, but they were not what finally persuaded me." He said that after church one Sunday as he was helping an elderly lady on a slippery walk, she looked up into his face and said, "I wonder if you know my Savior, Jesus Christ. He is everything in the world to me. I would like you to know him too."

It wasn't the sermon that converted the skeptic. It wasn't the history lessons from Scripture that changed his heart. It was the simple loving witness of an elderly woman.

So, as you witnessed our worship last week, the music, words, celebration, and fellowship; What are you going to do with all of that? Have you, or are you going to share your eyewitness account to anyone? Be Jesus to someone today!!!!



Not Pictured: Diane Turner, Diane Brooks, Joyce Dahlquist, Barb Jones

Blessings and Love,

Pastor Troy and Mindy

We had a great Bible Study leading up to Easter. Thank you to all who joined us. We had a wonderful time!

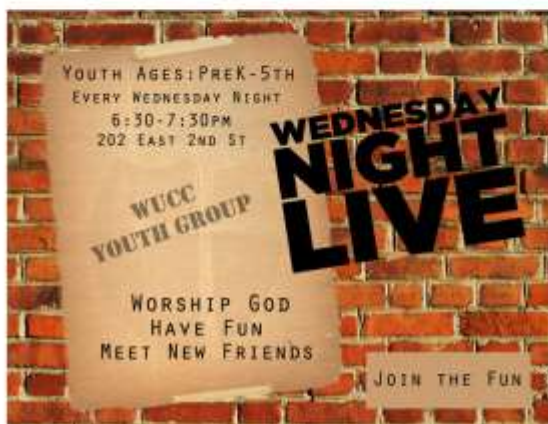
Pastor Troy is preparing for another this Fall. Be sure to check back with us for dates and times.

YOUTH

Four12 Youth meets for an hour and a half once a month on Sundays at 4:12pm. The next meeting will be held on May 22nd. Our younger youth (PreK – 5th) meet on Wednesday evenings during the Contemporary Service at “Wednesday Night Live”. Please help us promote our growing youth groups here at WUCC as we continue to look for a Youth Director to lead these programs. More information on this position can be found on our website, warrenucc.net.

The WUCC AB Board is excited to announce “PROJECT YOUTH ROOM” is underway! The WUCC Board has voted to begin the remodel of the large room in the basement into a fun and updated youth gathering room. They have a plan in place and have worked hard finding the best estimates for floor repairs, carpet and painting. There are many items needed including furniture, games, and lighting. We would love to have the congregation involved in this project for our newly named Four12 Youth! This youth group is for kids 6th grade through 12th currently led by Pastor Troy and Mindy. Four12 is in reference to 1 Timothy 4:12 – *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example to the believers in what you say, how you behave, in love, faith and holiness.”* Our fundraiser has begun and will run through May. The fundraising board is located in the sanctuary. We have envelopes available to pick up that are labeled with items and cost of items needed for this project. Please return your envelope to the collection box and don’t forget to sign your name so the kids know who helped with the room!

YOU BELONG HERE!



Warren United Church of Christ
202 E 2nd St, Warren
Youth 6th - 12th grades



‘SET THE EXAMPLE’

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, May 22 | 4:12PM



Two rooms here in the church have recently been transformed into beautiful rooms with a purpose. The first is the Library/Chapel room. The far end of the room is now back to it's intended purpose as a chapel. It is a wonderful space for prayer and devotion. The front of the room has been organized and used as a library. There are many great reading option if you'd like to borrow any books. There is also seating options if you like to stay and read for a bit. The old secretary room has served many purposes through these last few years. You will want to stop in now and take a look! It is now the WUCC historical room. You will find some great items with the history of our church including documents, pictures and furniture. If you have any pictures or items you would like included with our growing display you may drop them off in the church office. Thank you to all who had a part in these projects.



EASTER 2022



Taco Salad



Joy Class Party
Sunday, June 5
Following Service



Please RSVP to:
Connie Mounsey
or Ellen Laymon

Please join us on Sunday, May 15, to welcome Conference Minister, Rev. Chad Abbott. Service begins at 9:30am, we look forward to seeing you.

CHECK IT OUT!

WUCC Virtual Store
shirts • hats • cups



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000 is good.



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Click on the merchandise link

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



May Challenge
is Pasta Sides!



Supporting the Bread of Life Food Pantry is a great way to give back to the Warren Community. Thank you to everyone who brings in the item of the month! This month we are collecting Pasta Sides. We also have a food pantry work day coming up on May 4th from 2-4pm. Please let Sarah know if you can help!

BAKELESS BAKE SALE



Sisters In Faith will begin their Bakeless Bake Sale on May 15th. This fundraiser helps with their outreach throughout the year. You will be receiving information soon and your donation checks can be made out to Sisters In Faith. Please contact Marcia Stroud with any questions.

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WAMA

VBS

**Make
Waves**

DATE

July 10-14

TIME

6-8pm

LOCATION

WUCC
(202 E 2nd St)

Mark Your Calendars!



May

2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday Service 9:30am Jerry & Diane Brooks	2	3	4 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm Food Pantry 2-4pm Karen Eitzroth	5	6 Miley Martin Lincoln Fowler	7 Owen Stucky
8 Sunday Service Communion 9:30am Mother's Day Kennedy Bennett	9	10	11 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm Sierra Tolen	12	13 Bob Jackson	14 Blake Stucky
15 Sunday Service 9:30am	16 Joey McCool	17	18 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday Service 9:30am Terry Miller Kevin Thiele	23 Julie Korporal	24	25 Contemporary Youth Group 6:30pm Logan Stucky Sarah Jones	26	27	28
29 Sunday Service 9:30am	30 Mother's Day Jessie & Leslie Fowler	31 Richard Brubaker				



WUCC had the opportunity to sponsor a basketball team this year. They did a great job! Next up is T-ball. Be sure to check back in for the schedule. Wear your WUCC shirts and stop out to show your support!

Stay up to date!
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Warren United Church of Christ
Contemporary Service
Call, Text or Email Us

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30PM FOR
WORSHIP
Bring your kids for Youth Group at the same time!

Enter to Worship,
Depart to Serve