

# CROSS



# WORDS

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## The Monthly Word

FROM  
PASTOR TROY

### Having Faith = Risk Taking

Have you heard the one about the rabbi, the priest, and the minister? The minister was new to town, so the rabbi and priest decided to take him out fishing so that they could get to know him. They had just gotten to the fishing spot not far from shore when they realized that they had forgotten to bring the fishing bait. The rabbi says, "no problem, I'll get it" and he hops out of the boat and runs across the top of the water to shore. He picks up the bait and comes back the same way. The minister is awestruck, but the priest doesn't seem so surprised, so the minister says nothing. Later the priest says, "Anybody thirsty? I think I'll go get some drinks from the cooler." He hops out of the boat, runs across the water, gets the drinks and comes back. An hour or so later they decide it is time from lunch. The minister, believing that he has as much faith as these guys says, "I'll get it." He hopes out of the boat and sinks like a rock. The priest turns to the rabbi and says, "Do you think we should tell him where the rocks are?"



When we talk about faith as part of the foundation of the church, people are less than surprised. Of course, faith is important. In fact, it has become fashionable to refer to folks who believe in God as “people of faith.” It has become the PC term because it makes no reference to what faith might be and it avoids the use of the word “religion” which some see as having a negative connotation. Of course, the church should be founded on faith!

Obviously, our personal faith is crucial to who we are. The whole goal of the church really is to make disciples and that centers on the experience of personal faith in the saving works of Jesus Christ.

It is and always has been a risk living for Christ. But we have faith that He walks alongside us in all that we do. That’s why we gather every week and worship as a faith community. Now if you want something safe and easy, a church committed to the kingdom is the wrong place to be. And it’s my daily prayer that WUCC is a kingdom church, that we earnestly listen for God’s voice and direction.

The final problem with our excessive fear of failure is that it ignores whose mission we are on. God sets the goals. The risen Christ says, “I will be with you always, even to the ends of the age.” Our telling God that the mission of the church is too risky is like a private arguing with a general. Faith means surrendering ourselves to God’s mission. The church of God will prevail with us or in spite of us. The church will prevail.

Edward Teller defined faith this way. “When you come to the end of all the light you know, and it’s time to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen: either you will be given something solid to stand on or you will be taught to fly.”

Michael McCartney said it like this.

“To laugh is to risk appearing the fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach out for another is to risk involvement. To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self. To place your ideas, your dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To live is to risk dying. To hope is to risk despair. To try is to risk failure. But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing, has nothing and is nothing. They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love or live. Charmed by their attitudes they are a slave; they have forfeited their freedom. Only a person who risks is free.”

“No vision and you (the church) perish. No ideal, and you’re (the church) lost. Our hearts must ever cherish faith at any cost. Some hope, some dream to cling to, some rainbow in the sky, some melody to sing to, some service that is high.” Harriet Du Autermont. Will you allow the Holy Spirit to grow your faith, and thus allow to you to take the risk? Enjoy this season of life!

**Blessings, Pastor Troy and Mindy**



# 2022 WAMA VBS



July 10th - 14th, 6-8pm

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

In this wet and wild VBS, kids will learn that what you do today can change the world around you. When you put your trust in Jesus, you can "make waves" because of His Spirit living inside you.



## We're Making Waves!

Volunteers are still needed.

Contact Julie Korporeal if you  
are able to help!

**WHAT YOU DO TODAY CAN  
CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND YOU**

Meal served at 5:30 for all volunteers and family.

Check out [warrenucc.net](http://warrenucc.net) for more info on our Youth Director position.



## FOUR:12 YOUTH

We will be taking a summer break!  
Mark your calendars for August 28  
for our "FOUR:12 Kickoff Party"!

YOUTH AGES: PREK-5TH  
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
6:30-7:30PM  
202 EAST 2ND ST

NO WNL IN JULY!  
NEXT YOUTH GROUP  
MEETS AUGUST 3RD.

WORSHIP GOD  
HAVE FUN  
MEET NEW FRIENDS

JOIN THE FUN

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
LIVE**

UPDATES TO COME



# WUCC NEWS

## IT'S PARADE TIME

*We need YOU!!!!*

This year we are walking in the parade  
to promote WAMA VBS!

We would love to have a large group  
walk with us and hand out flyers.

Come walk with us!  
Parade is Friday, July 1, at 7pm



## BAKELESS BAKE SALE



**A Big Thank You!!!**

We would like to thank everyone for  
their contributions to the  
Bake-Less Bake Sale.

**Your generosity is overwhelming!**

**TOTAL COLLECTED \$1,275**

**God's Blessings, Marcia Stroud & Kim Stroud**

# WAMA

Warren Area Ministerial Association

## The Salamonie Summer Festival "Unity of Community" Worship Service



**Speaker:**  
**Gerald Morland**

**Sunday, July 3, 11am**

**Warren Riverside Park**

**Featuring "SNYDER"**

*(Concert following worship service)*

Rain location: Hillcrest Fellowship Center  
Bring your lawn chairs

## WUCC Virtual Store

**shirts • hats • cups**



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## Join us for our: FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Our July challenge is JUICE!



## Happy Family Day



Welcome  
Home

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

Location: 202 East Second St.

Service begins at 9:30am

Meal provided by Deacons





# 2022 CHURCH PICNIC



We had a wonderful day at the Mounsey's for our church picnic. We had 40 people in attendance for worship service and we all had so much fun. Thank you to everyone who came to worship with us and to all who helped with organizing. Craig & Connie, thank you for opening your beautiful home to us and hosting this year's picnic. If you didn't make it this year, I'm sorry to say you missed out on some delicious food!! But don't worry, there is always next year!





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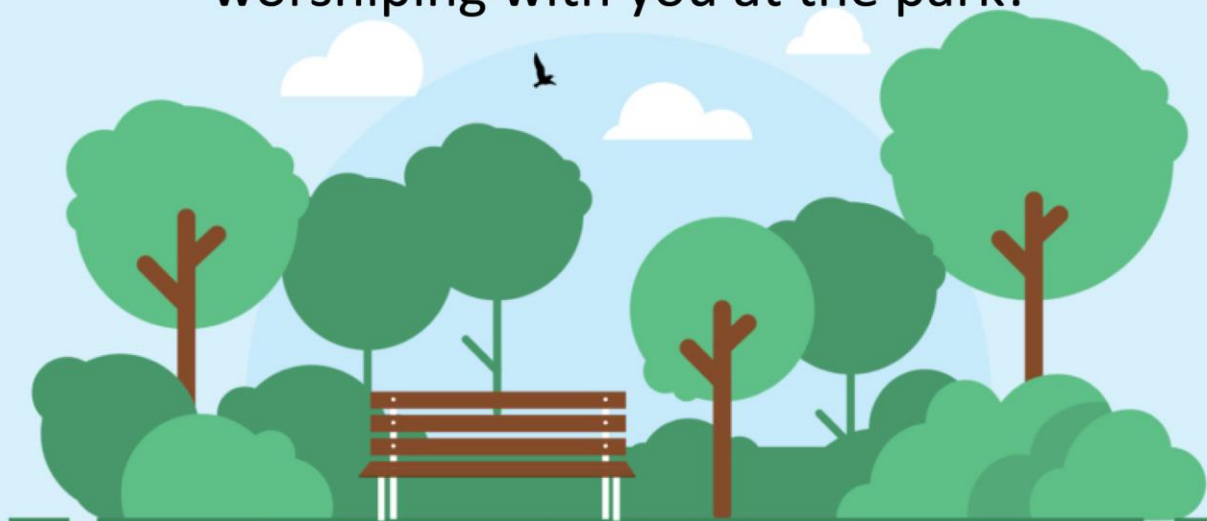
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Please join for our outdoor service on July 10th. Bring your chairs or blankets for sitting in the lawn. Remnant Ministry will be sharing with us as well. We look forward to worshipping with you at the park!



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP



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All the time,  
GOD is good.

Sunday, July 10, 2022  
Riverside Park  
9:30am

# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Parade 7pm	2 Mark's Ark 2pm Family Fun Freeway
3 WAMA Community Service 11AM Riverside Park <b>FIREWORKS</b>	4 	5 Reaghan Bennett	6 Mason Jones Cammy Ackley	7	8 Don Smith	9
10 Sunday Service 9:30am Riverside Park VBS 6-8pm	11 Jessica Stucky VBS 6-8pm	12 VBS 6-8pm	13 VBS 6-8pm	14 Anikah Eckert VBS 6-8pm	15	16 Dennis Stroud Craig Mounsey
17 Sunday Service 9:30am	18	19 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm Becky Souder Sam Jones	20 John & Janet Sneed	21 Marvin Eltzroth	22 Kelly Jones Diane Brooks Nicki Eckert	23
24 Sunday Service 9:30am Dennis & Marcia Stroud	25	26 Staccia Grover Grace Dimond	27 Braddock Rooks	28	29 Kevin & Carolyn Rittenhouse Mark Stucky Joe Shape	30
31 Sunday Service 9:30am Alixon Knight Margaret Knight						

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Salamonie Summer Festival  
Homemade Happiness  
July 1-3



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