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**The Monthly Word** FROM  
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## Hide and Seek

When I was a girl, one of my favorite games was Hide and Seek. I learned it by playing with my dad when I was about three years old. He'd count to twenty and I'd find a place to hide, usually in a closet or behind a sofa. Then he'd cry, "Ready or not, here I come!" My poor dad always seemed to have the hardest time finding me, even when my feet stuck out from beneath our living room curtain. Once he found me, it was my turn to count while he would hide.

As I got older, I'd play Hide and Seek outside with my friends. Sometimes we'd even do it at night, turning our barn yards into a giant, mysterious playground. I'm not sure all of our parents appreciated this, but we had a blast. I especially loved finding just the perfect hiding place, one where I knew I'd be safe until the vanquished seeker would give up looking.

### **Psalm 32:7-8**

*You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.*

I love these verses in Psalm. There are so many times that I have been overwhelmed with life. We all struggle with different ups and downs and need a place to go and “rest”

**Psalm 32:7** identifies God as our hiding place: “For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.” The Hebrew word *seter*, translated here as “hiding place,” can refer literally to a secret location in which to conceal oneself. In 1 Samuel 19, for example, when King Saul sought to kill David, Jonathan, Saul’s son and David’s friend, warned him, saying, “You must find a hiding place [*seter*] out in the fields” (**1 Samuel 19:2**).

In **Psalm 32:7**, God is a hiding place in that he protects us from trouble. He surrounds us with “songs of victory” or “songs of deliverance.” Thus, when we trust in the Lord, we can be reassured that our lives are safe in his hands.

This does not mean, however, that we will never experience difficulties and challenges. But it does mean that when hard times come, we can have confidence that God is on our side, that our lives are ultimately secure in him. No matter what happens in this life, no matter how it seems that God has abandoned us, he is there nevertheless. The more we turn to him, the more we trust in him, the more we will live securely, delighting in his presence and even shouting for joy (**Ps. 32:11**). He is the best hiding place of all.

*God's Blessings,  
Mindy Drayer*





**Join us on  
September 25th  
to see the after!**

Thank you everyone who has donated to the Project Youth Room! Painting it getting finished, furniture and games have been purchased, and we are excited to see everything start to come together. We want to join together and celebrate this new space for our youth. There will be an open house on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30pm in the NEW ROOM! Everyone is invited to come! Youth, parents, grandparents, and the congregation. If you know someone with a child possibly looking for a youth group to attend, invite them as well. There will be food, games, door prizes, and fellowship as we show the youth of WUCC we support them. Thank you again to all who helped make this room possible!

**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
LIVE**  
WUCC Youth

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

JOIN THE FUN!





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JUNIOR CHURCH IS  
AVAILABLE  
SUNDAY MORNINGS  
FOLLOWING  
THE CHILDREN'S  
MESSAGE.

COME SEE US  
EVERY SUNDAY!

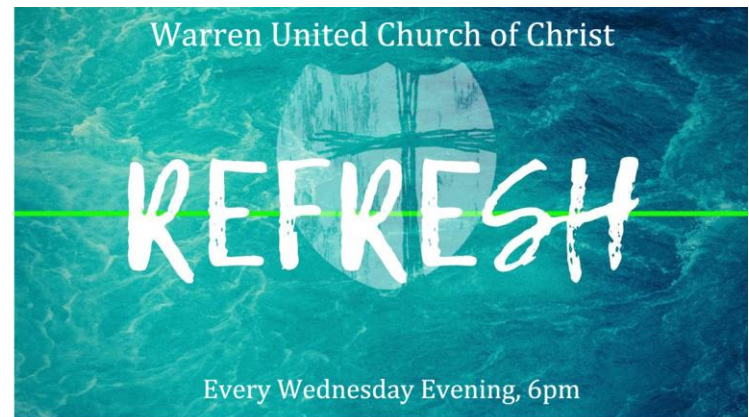


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## Pork Chop Dinner Drive Thru



Saturday, October 1  
4-7pm



As we move into fall, we remember our new year's plan to focus on the three "R's", Refresh – Rebuild – Renew. With that in mind, our Wednesday night Contemporary Service's structure is going to change. And by "change" we mean we are taking the "structure" out of the service! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm for your mid-week Refresh. Along side Pastor Troy, we will dive deeper into the bible with open discussions about the weekly topics. We will have a time for fellowship together and a meal will be served during this time. Our younger youth will still meet for youth group at 6:30pm following the meal. Why come? Here are 3 important reasons why: 1. Our souls need to be fed. 2. Our senses (eyes and ears) need to be focused. 3. Our spirit needs to be fortified.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Helping at the Food Pantry is a great way to give back to the community. The area churches volunteer on a rotation schedule. WUCC's next scheduled day is September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm. Please let Sarah know in the office if you are able to help. Thanks

### Join us for our: FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

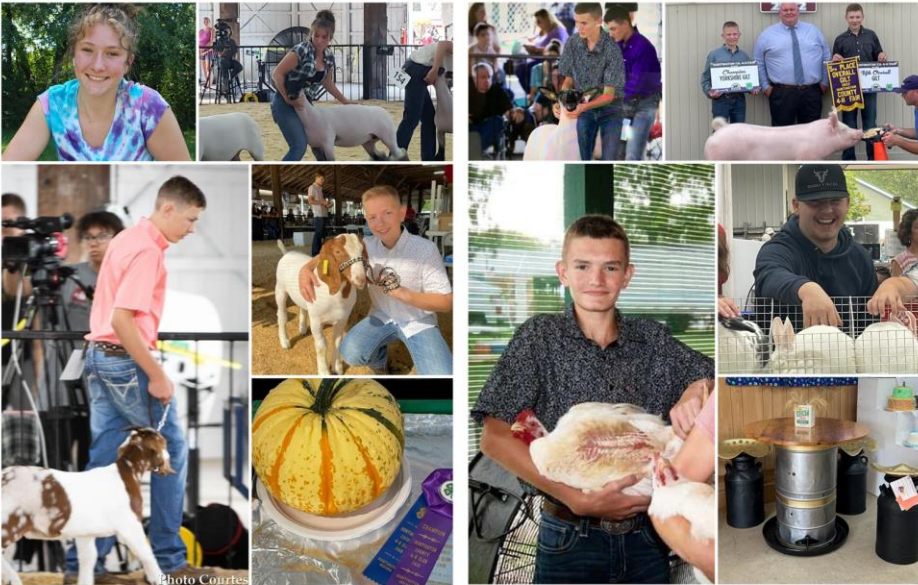
Our September challenge  
is Hormel Chili & Refried Beans!





Congratulations to all the youth who participated in the County Fairs and at the State Fair. Great Job and keep up the good work. We were glad to celebrate all of you on August 28th.

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Ceaten Brubaker  
Sophia Tolen  
Blake Stucky  
Luke Trickle



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Happy  
**Family**  
Day



Welcome Home

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Location: 202 East Second St.

Service begins at 9:30am

Meal provided by Deacons



  
*In Need  
of Your  
Prayers*

Jo Spade  
Ruth Brooks  
Jim Eichhorn  
Paul Russell  
Barb Jones

**Share  
the  
Warmth**

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

Entertainment Provided By  
**MUSICLECTICS**

Will perform during service and again following lunch.

(We are theater performers/singers who have come together! Our songs, ranging from A Capella to classical to modern, make our sound "Musically Eclectic!")

Everyone is invited!

Current Members! Past Members!  
New Members! Visitors!

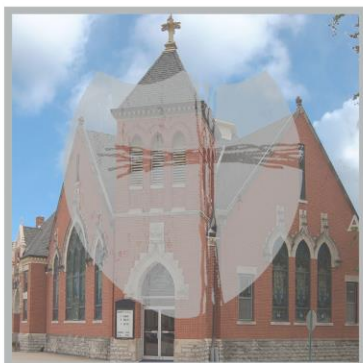
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### **5 Ways to Love Your Church:**

Loving your church is about so much more than how you feel each Sunday. It's a conscious decision we make to be present, to encourage those around us and to pray for our minister, because we are all members of the body of Christ.

#### **Get there early**

When you arrive early, you're showing those around you that you care about them because you're there to speak to people before church begins. When you arrive early, you'll have the opportunity to talk to newcomers, encourage old friends and maybe even make plans to meet up with others after the service or during the week.

#### **Leave late**

At the other end of the service, don't rush off straight away. Enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Invest time in others instead of rushing out the door.

#### **Get involved**

Are you serving at church? Once you're involved in the way something runs, it's a lot harder to be critical or judgmental of those who make decisions at the church. It's also just really generous and godly to give up your time and energy to serve.

#### **Pay attention**

Sometimes church might be hard to follow. But if someone up the front looks out and sees half the congregation playing on their phones, how are they going to feel? Make eye contact with the person up the front, nod and smile if appropriate, to encourage them in their ministry to you. Taking notes will help you stay focused.

#### **Pray for those in leadership**

Don't pray that God would fix the problems you perceive, but pray in thanks for providing the people who serve in the church, pray that you would all continue to encourage and strengthen one another, and pray that He would help you to love them the way He loved you.

# September 2022

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

				1	2	3 BILL & LINDA SHUTTLEWORTH
4 SUNDAY SERVICE COMMUNION 9:30AM BOB & BARB JONES	5 LABOR DAY MIKE & KAREN JOHNSON	6 NEIL & WENDY LAYMON LARRY POULSON	7 REFRESH 6PM WNL 6:30PM	8 SOPHIA TOLEN	9	10 ANDY GEBHART
11 SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM	12	13	14 REFRESH 6PM WNL 6:30PM	15	16	17 CONNIE MOUNSEY
18 SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM WENDY LAYMON	19 MARCIA STROUD	20 BOARD MEETING 6:30PM	21 REFRESH 6PM WNL 6:30PM ADAM JONES SHELBA DEAKYNE	22 NATASHA GROVER	23	24 ADAM & MELISSA JONES
25 SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM FOUR:12 YOUTH 4-5:30PM	26	27	28 REFRESH 6PM WNL 6:30PM FOOD PANTRY 2-4PM	29	30	

Stay  
Informed

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30AM | WEDNESDAY AT 6PM

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