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# WORDS

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# The Monthly Word

FROM  
PASTOR TROY

## Making the Ordinary, Extraordinary.

Throughout Scripture, we discover that nothing is as common as it seems, not even bread. Bread fell from heaven as a sign of God's provision; bread became a metaphor for the law of the Lord. Jesus fed the multitudes with loaves of bread and referred to himself as "the bread of life." Then, on the night that he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples as a picture of His body being given for the life of the world.

It is the very commonness of bread that makes it the perfect metaphor for our lives. If we're honest, most of what we do is ordinary. We get up, go to work-paid or unpaid-tinker at our hobbies, and try to do our best. We transport children around, work on our yard, and grocery shop. For the most part, nothing about our daily lives sets us apart from the people around us. It's just life. Like bread, it's ordinary.

Do you see yourself this way? Maybe you've settled for this to be you and your life. Maybe you are living with an unsustainable manic drive, grasping and grabbing for something that always feels just out of reach. Maybe you're wrestling with an unkind voice-the one that says that you just don't matter, that you're "less than" and "never enough."

Well, there is good news for you and your situation. There is more to this life than what you see. Join us this month as we look into the Gospel of Luke which records stories about Jesus taking bread in His hands, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it. As believers it is so important that we see ourselves as God sees us. It is important that we understand that our brokenness makes us open to the grace of God. And finally, it is imperative that we take our seat at the table of fellowship and share the testimony of our lives with others.

During this time of the year as we transition from summer to fall, let God repurpose and help you to realize that we were created to be extraordinary in an ordinary world.

Make it a great month! God's blessings to you all.

Much Love,  
Troy and Mindy Drayer



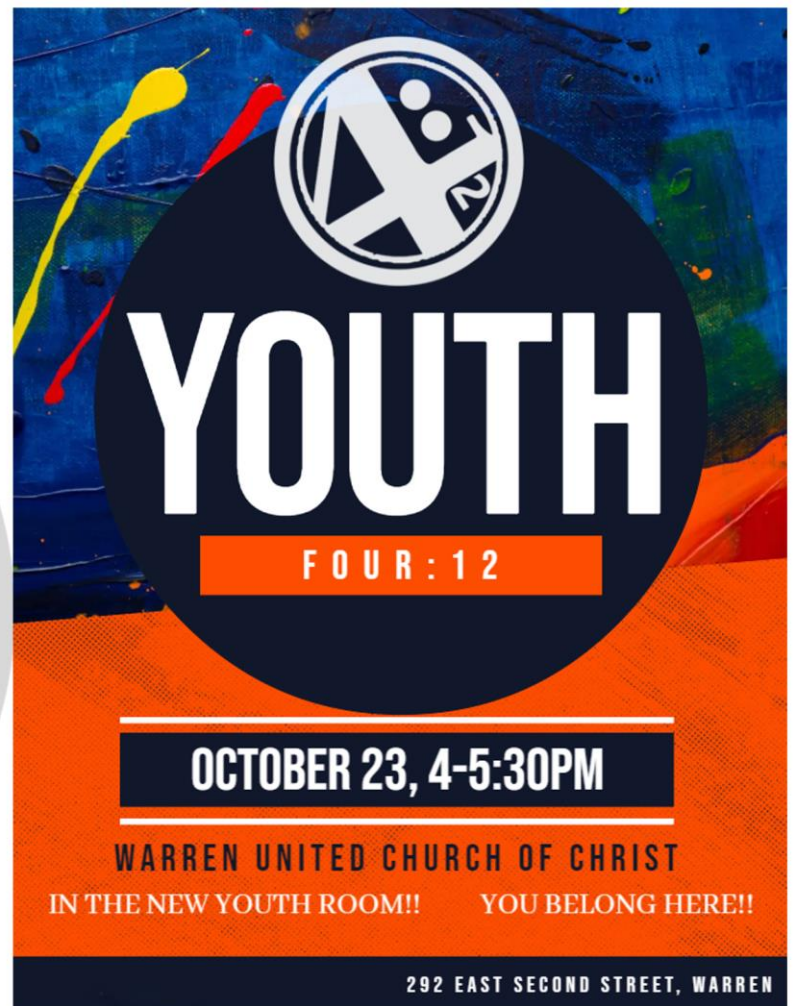
We have a very active Missions Committee here at WUCC. They are always looking for new opportunities to help the community. Please let us know of any ideas you may have. They will be serving at the Huntington food mission on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4-6pm. If you'd like to help or sign up to help on a future date let a member of the Missions Committee know.



1 Timothy  
**FOUR:12**  
'SET AN EXAMPLE'

## Thank You!

We had our youth open house on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank everyone who came and celebrated the new room and spend time with our youth. Thank you to everyone who donated money and time to this project. The room looks amazing and the kids had fun with all the games. Please stop in and take a look at the room if you didn't make it to the open house.





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# Happy Family Day

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Location: 202 East Second St.

Service begins at 9:30am

Meal provided by Deacons



## 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!

## FOOD PANTRY

Please bring  
Pudding Cups



Thank you for supporting the Bread of Life Food Pantry. We will be collecting pudding cups for the month of October. In November and December we will begin collecting items for the Angel Tree! Again this year, we will be collecting for toys for the food pantry to distribute as well as the Remnant House.

## PASTOR APPRECIATION

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

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

Sunday, November 6th

## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Following service, please plan to attend.



STAY INFORMED

[www.warrenucc.net](http://www.warrenucc.net)

We are on  
Facebook & Instagram





Scarecrow Festival 2022  
Friday October 28 6-8pm  
\*rain date October 29 6-8pm\*

We will again be handing out hot dogs at the scarecrow festival this year. Stop by and see us! We will be collecting donation for WAMA throughout the evening.

## FALL PARTY & HAYRIDE!

At the Wilson's      A FUN NIGHT  
6780 E. State Road 218 Lafontaine      FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**  
**Saturday, October 29th, 5:30pm**

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!!

# BLESSED BROKEN GIVEN



How Your Story Becomes Sacred  
in the Hands of Jesus

Join us this October on Sunday mornings at 9:30am for the Sermon Series **"Blessed, Broken, Given"**. This is a 4-week sermon series that will help you to see your life through Jesus' eyes. To be blessed, is to recover your true identity and calling. To be broken, is to be opened up to the grace of God. To be given, is to discover your mission for the life of the world. These three words will change your view of Jesus and help you to see your life as bread that Jesus takes in His hands, blesses, breaks, and gives for the life of the world.





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ANGEL TREE



TOY  
DRIVE

Collecting  
new & gently  
used toys!



The last few years the food pantry has had a toy room that allows parents to come in by appointment to pick out Christmas gifts for their kids. This has been a wonderful and successful outreach to the community. We will again participate in this program by collecting new and gently used toys. (Most needed are items for teen boys.) They ask that donations be dropped off by November 20<sup>th</sup> to allow time to get everything ready by the first of December. We will also be adding tags to the Angel Tree for clothing and toys to help the ladies at Remnant Ministries provide Christmas gifts for their children. Gifts do not need to be wrapped this year. Thank you for your continued support of our annual Angel Tree program.

# October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Pork Chop Dinner 4-7pm <i>Laura Summers</i>
2 Sunday Service Communion 9:30am	3 <i>Dale &amp; Sandra Zabel</i>	4	5 Refresh Service & WNL 6pm	6	7	8
9 Family Day 9:30am Meal after service. <i>Matt Norris</i>	10	11	12 Refresh Service & WNL 6pm Dan & Jackie Norris	13	14 <i>Matt &amp; Angie Norris</i>	15 <i>Kimberlee Stroud</i>
16 Sunday Service 9:30am	17	18 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm	19 Refresh Service & WNL 6pm Larry & Roselyn Poulson <i>Ruth Brooks</i>	20 <i>Chris &amp; Carly Brubaker</i>	21	22
23 Sunday Service 9:30am FOUR:12 Youth 4pm	24	25	26 Refresh Service & WNL 6pm John & Brenda Tolen	27 <i>Richard &amp; Janis Brubaker</i>	28 Scarecrow Festival 6-8pm	29 Wilson's Hayride
30 Sunday Service 9:30am <i>Janet Sneed</i>	31 Happy Halloween!					

## Share the Warmth

### WUCC Coat Drive

Keep bringing in those new and gently used coats! Our outreach has grown this year and we are provided coats to families in Warren and the surround area. It is such a blessing to "Share the Warmth" with those in need. Please check with Julie for any specific sizes she may need. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Thank you for helping to make our annual coat drive successful!

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## REFRESH

Every Wednesday Evening, 6pm

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
WUCC Youth

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

JOIN THE FUN!

WARREN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

COME SEE US EVERY SUNDAY!