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Gather & Grow

WUCC GROWING TO SERVE

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Looking Up WITH PASTOR TROY



KNOWN



Being Real in a Digital World

The world is more connected than ever before and at the same time lonelier than ever before. This is because there is a massive difference between being friends on Facebook and being friends in real life, following someone on Instagram and following in the flesh or chatting with someone on Snapchat versus chatting with them face to face. It's easy to pretend to be anyone we want in this digital world and fool others into believing it. We cannot, however, fool God. He made each one of us and loves us deeply. No matter how hard we try, he knows us in and out. Get real with Him and truly be known. We also know this divine truth gets distorted and lost in the chaos of life. Maybe part of the reason so many of us feel disconnected, lonely, and unknown is because we've drifted too far from the original message. We've gone too far down the line in the telephone game and we're out of range.

It's important to establish a strong connection to the source every single day to ensure we are getting the truth. We do this through;

- Bible Study
- Devotionals
- Small groups
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Silence & Solitude
- Sabbath Rest



And I'm sure I'm missing others but the point being that there are a multitude of powerful ways to connect with God every single day. In the gospels we see Jesus, the son of God, make a regular habit of the points I just shared. And if the very Son of God needs to do it then I can absolutely guarantee you and I need to do it as well.

Where can you carve out time this coming week to get reconnected with the Father?

What can you say no to so you can say yes to Jesus?

What habits or practices can you eliminate that are only bringing more distortion and chaos into your life?

Please know that you all are Known, Loved, Wonderful, Marvelous, Beautiful, to Mindy and me.
Love to all!

Pastor Troy and Mindy



Father's Day Raffle

Be sure to get your tickets from a member of the Mission's Committee for the drawing on Father's Day! \$1 per ticket / 6 for \$5

To Our Gracious Church Family,

Thank you so much for celebrating with us for our anniversary. Where did 40 years go!!! Your basket of goodies and a catamaran boat ride that we will enjoy in August when we go to Panama City for 10 days will be so much fun. There's a saying, "Behind every good pastor is a great congregation." We have the best! You're always supportive and so full of grace.

We love you all so much, Troy & Mindy



On June 24th at 5 pm we are having a movie night in the fellowship hall. We are casting votes to see what movie we would all like to see. The choices are as follows: The Lorax, The Prince of Egypt, Old Yeller, Lyle Lyle Crocodile, and Despicable Me. If you look inside your bulletin, you will find a voting ballad inside. Please leave your votes in the jar on the table where you picked up your bulletin. I can't wait to see you there! We will be setting up a booth for the Salamonie Festival. There will be drinks, snacks, and 4th of July crafts for the kids. This is a great opportunity to interact with the community and spread awareness about our Church. I will be handing out business cards and some of our church merchandise. Please feel free to stop by for crafts and snacks!

Special thank you to Justin, Jane, Julie, Breanne, Cindy, Jessica, Brandon, Connie, and Terry Lee, for helping with our youth. I'd like to congratulate Lucy for practicing forgiveness at school and for doing so well on her reading tests. It has been very fun watching her grow as a reader and she is always the first kid to jump up and volunteer to read. I also want to acknowledge Mia for reminding mommy to say a prayer with her before bed the other night. I really enjoy getting to know everyone at our youth gatherings. It did end up raining at our cook out, but this did not deter our youth as they excitedly hurled water balloons at each other from across the poolside in the rain. Once everyone was thoroughly soaked, we were able to dry off and continue the festivities in the garage. The adults enjoyed talking and eating as the kids ran around playing with hot wheels, kitchen set, and chalk. Getting to see the kids laughing and having fun always brings a smile to my face. It was also very fun planting flowers with the youth for Mother's Day.

This month we have been discussing the plagues of Egypt. I explained how the pharaoh had a hardened heart for the Lord and how we should have soft hearts for the Lord. To help the kids understand what I meant I collected a collection of soft objects that were able to soak up water and a collection of hard objects that were not able to soak up water. I then explained how the soft objects represent having a soft heart that is open to what God wants to tell us. I brought attention to the fact that all the soft objects could soak up the water and how when we have a soft heart, we are able to soak up all the information that God wants us to know. The following week we planted flowers for our moms. After that we explored the story about Moses parting the Red Sea. After Moses freed his people from slavery, they worshiped God with songs of praise. We gave praise to God by singing "I Need Thee Every Hour". We also played a game called Crossing the Red Sea. The kids jumped across stones through the Red Sea and at the end we got to see who could jump the farthest, James won. The next week we learned all about the ten commandments. We had a scavenger hunt for the older kids to find and read the ten commandments. With the younger kids I placed the ten commandments on road signs, and we played with cars and discussed what all the commandments meant.

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Join us for our: FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Our June challenge is Peanut Butter!



June 21st, Wednesday from 2-4, is our next work day at the Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed to help distribute food. Let Sarah know in the office if you can help. Thanks.

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Warren United Church of Christ

*Mounsey's House
5398S-600E, Markle*

SUNDAY

June
25

Service begins at
10:30am

*Please join us for a Potluck Picnic!
(meat and drinks provided)
Just bring chairs
and a covered dish to share.*

SWIMMING - FISHING - GAMES

* Joy Class Party Saturday, June 10

Join us at 5:30pm at Guy Jackson's
for a dinner of Ham & Beans!

RSVP: Roselyn Poulson

GRAN'S GONE GLAM!!

Are you over the age of 70? Have you ever wanted to be known as a 'glamorous gran'? **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!!** Join us on Saturday, June 24th, at 10am for a fun morning of getting glammed! This fundraising contest is for WAMA and the community ice cream social. Call the church office (375-2102) to sign up or with questions. More info on the bulletin board at church.

HEY KIDS!
VBS at Solid Rock
July 9th - 13th
6-8pm

Congratulations Logan!



Logan Stucky is a Graduate of Huntington North High School. He took automotive classes throughout high school and also did school internships with Pathfinder Services/Vehicle Detailer and Beckler's Power Equipment/Shop Assistant. Logan is also in his 10th year

of 4H and has worked at McDonalds since 2021. His future plans are to pursue his passion by seeking work in the farming industry.



WUCC is sponsoring a T-Ball team this summer! Come on out to the ballpark in your church shirts and cheer on the team and our own James, Brooklyn, and McKenna!

GAME DATES

- Tuesday, May 30, 6pm
- Wednesday, May 31, 6pm
- Tuesday, June 6, 6pm
- Monday, June 12, 6pm
- Monday, June 19, 6pm
- Tuesday, June 20, 6pm

WUCC kids

movie
night



WARREN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

202 East Second St., Warren

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Saturday, June 24th, 5pm

**Vote for which movie
we will watch!**

Stay Informed: warrenucc.net

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KNOWN Being Real in a Digital World
Beginning Sunday, June 4th



Join us for our next Sermon Series!

HELLO SUMMER!

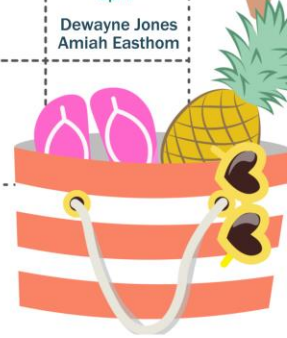
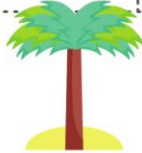
June 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 Graduation Sunday 9:30am Ron Wartzok	5	6	7 Refresh Youth Group 6pm	8 Zachary Tolen	9 Barry Hammel James Green	10 Mark & Shayna Stucky James & Kari Green
11 Sunday Service 9:30am	12	13	14 Refresh Youth Group 6pm	15 Justin Myers	16 Terry & Carrie Miller James Koberlein	17 Joe & Danielle Shape
18 Sunday Service 9:30am Father's Day Jackson Johnson	19	20 AB Board Meeting 6:30pm	21 Refresh Youth Group 6pm	22 Greg & Kathy Stucky Maddy Clark	23	24 Movie Night 5pm Dewayne Jones Amiah Easthom
25 Church Picnic 10am Joanie Paxson	26	27	28 Refresh Youth Group 6pm Barb Jones	29	30	



hello Summer!



GRADUATION SUNDAY
 June 4th, 9:30am
 Warren United Church of Christ

REFRESH
Every Wednesday Evening, 6pm

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

JOIN THE FUN!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

THE RIGHTEOUS WHO WALKS
IN HIS INTEGRITY
BLESSED ARE HIS
CHILDREN AFTER HIM!
PROVERBS 20:7