

TOWER TALKS

First United Methodist Church of Warren

A church for the whole family of God

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Equipping the Saints

All Church Meeting.

Saturday, January 27, 2018

8:30 am to noon

*Open to all members of Warren First United Methodist Church
Committee/Board/Team Leaders and their membership are encouraged to take this time
to orient and plan for a new year of ministry!

Our theme for 2018 is

"All About the Children"

How we partner with God is unique to us as a congregation and as individuals.
Special emphasis on how we partner with God in *raising* God's children, *making*
disciples who make disciples, and *leading* not only the Church, but our world in
"holiness of heart and life."

We will focus on our own spiritual growth and our work together as the body of
Christ, *sharing* our gifts and *practicing* grace.

Contact Pastor Susan to confirm your participation.

248.912.4660 or smyoumans@gmail.com

Sign up sheets are located in the Fellowship Hall if you prefer.

RSVP by 1/25/2018

"Jesus handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are an easy mark for impostors. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love." Ephesians 4:11-16 The Message

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The Pastor's Pen . . .

Each January we welcome new and returning officers to committee and council work to another year of servant-leadership among us. We name them, bless them, and charge them with keeping God's house in order, God's children growing in faith, and God's love reaching our neighbors. The Jesus formula we are called to follow is pretty straightforward:

Love God. Love your neighbor.

And each January we invite the whole congregation to come together to dream our year into reality. Administrative committees oversee and maintain our foundational resources—buildings, furnishings, equipment, finances, investments, endowments, and people. Program work areas plan and provide for education, worship, and service opportunities. Together, ministry happens!

The Lay Leadership Committee is chaired by the pastor and is responsible to identify and equip leaders for existing and future ministry needs. Every year you will see them asking people to serve in work areas, to collaborate with other teams and committees in ways that fulfill the needs of our congregation and the community we serve. Gifts are needed for specific events and for long-term planning. There is always a place for you to serve!

This coming Saturday, January 27, every member and friend and neighbor of Warren First United Methodist Church is welcome to join around tables to learn the behind-the-scenes work of Sunday worship, program planning, pulling the resources of people, ideas, and budgets into a calendar of ministry that equips and inspires us and others to be the body of Christ.

Plan to attend this All Church Retreat! Refreshments start at 8:30 a.m. We will end promptly at noon following a Covenant Communion service.

The theme for 2018 is "All About the Children"—which includes everyone as a child of God. I'm excited about all the inspiration our Lay Leader Paul Sadowski, our Church Council Chair Doug Belles, our interim Director of Family and Outreach Karen Plants, and our Staff Parish Committee Chair Frank Vernarsky will be sharing.

From Messy Church to Old Village Car Cruise-Ins to Trunk or Treat, we have new neighbors and new relationships with people we may have never met otherwise. They are being welcomed in love and introduced to Jesus!

On a personal note, I will be having surgery on February 7. Through my recovery, our worship, including Ash Wednesday, will be led by our gifted members and staff. I plan to return to lead worship on March 4.

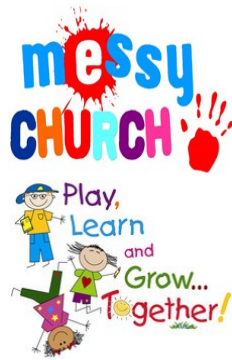
Our theme for Lent is: THE TIME IS NOW! It is very exciting to be planning this journey to new life beyond the cross on Easter Sunday!

Yours in the journey, *Pastor Susan*

Church & Community Events . . .

Did you know that Messy Church

is now attracting many children and families from our neighborhood that we haven't previously met? Did you know that Messy Church is for ALL? Sometimes the lesson might be aimed more at the children's level BUT that makes it easy for adults to understand also. And those same children get to meet and know people of all ages, thus developing a multi-generational Messy Church family. As we have a change-over in our Outreach and Family Ministries staff member position, we have need of even more help at all levels to fully staff Messy Church. Please sign up on the clip board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Karen Plants at 248.895.9825 or my e-mail karenkplants@gmail.com, for any way you can help.



**Dinner, Story,
Games
Songs &
Crafts
Free!!!**

SAVE THESE DATES . . .

Every **1st
Wednesday of the Month**

Messy Church

(Fellowship Hall)

Free dinner at 6:00 p.m.

February 7, 2018

March 7, 2018

April 4, 2018

6:00-7:30 pm

Volunteers are needed!

Sign up today in the Fellowship Hall!

Calling All Musicians

(or wanna be musicians) in our church family.

The new year is an excellent time to check out and/or join one of our Music Department Ensembles. We have openings in each group and would love to have you join us. So if you would like to sing, ring, or play an instrument in one of our ensembles to help lead the congregation in worship, please contact Twylia Voshol or any Music Department member.

2018 Appalachian Service Project

Warren First will once again be participating this summer in the Appalachian Service Project in Kentucky. The dates are: July 8-14, 2018.

Are you interested in helping to build a house, build a relationship with others in the church, make a connection with people from another part of our country and do the good work Christ calls us to do? We still need adults and youth to sign up! (Open to anyone who will be going into 9th grade and older.) No experience necessary!

Sign up today in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Doug Belles at dougiemsu@yahoo.com or 586-899-1954.

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

Life Line Screening will be at First United Methodist Church of Warren on Saturday, April 7, 2018 offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

Appointments are limited, so please sign up now by calling 1-800-640-6307 and receive a \$10 discount off the package or text the word circle to 797979 or visit Life Line Screening's website at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Complete Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening for \$149 (\$139 with the special Facebook discount). Speak with the LLSA representative for more package options. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There is no time like the present to take action!

United Methodist Women

**Mission Team—Tuesday, February 6 @
9:30 am—Library**

Circle Meetings—Tuesday, February 13

Circle 1 & Circle 2—9:30 am Fellowship Hall

Circle 3—To Be Announced!

Circle 4—To Be Announced!

Circle 5—To Be Announced!

Deborah Circle 6—Tuesday, February 20 @

7:30 pm—Location to be Announced!

**Fellowship Meeting—February 20, 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**



PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Assisted Care

Doug Anderson—Martha T. Berry, 43533 Elizabeth Rd., Rm. 2248
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Cliff Jex—4170 24th Ave. Apt. 149, Ft. Gratiot, MI 48059

Mary Etta Miller—31800 Van Dyke, Rm. 247, Warren, MI 48093

Jean Minter—Sunrise Assisted Living, 46471 Hayes Rd., Rm. 216,
Shelby Twp., MI 48315

Eileen Shidler—The Gardens 35693 Moravian Dr., Clinton Twp., MI
48035

Continued Prayers

Active Duty:

Jack Barnes—Syria	Sean Boesman—Germany
Bradley Cornett—WA	Carl Dorff—Ft. Hood, TX
Vincent Farmilo—Germany	Andrew Rivard—MI
Matthew Seilicki—CA	Vincent Von Lau—Army
Erik Wilt—Japan	Teresa Wilt—Reserves, TX

All those in active military service.

Names removed from this list remain on the prayer team's weekly prayer list. Questions? Please see a member of the prayer team or contact them below.

Lora Quick: 586.243.1715, prayergramma@gmail.com

Dorothy Collins: 586.264.7152

Dot McLean: 586.264.1649, dorotheim@ameritech.net

Church: 586.264.4701, contact@warrenfirstumc.org

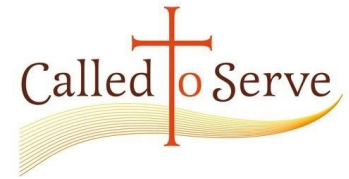
MCREST Church's

February 4: New Generation Cool JC @ Zion, Mt. Clemens

February 11: Rock Community Church, Fair Haven

February 18: Trinity United Methodist Church, Roseville

February 25: Macomb Christian Church, Shelby Twp.



Ushers Schedule

February

Walt Kauppila

Gary Voshol

Sherry Descamps

Greeters Schedule

February 4: Dorothy Collins

February 11: Peggy McIvor

February 18: Hilda Blazo

February 25: Sandy & Dewey
Bowers

Lay Readers Schedule

February 4: Linda Sadowski

February 11: Jerry Garriott

February 18: Carolyn Carlson

February 25: Madison Meadows

Counters—February

Walt Kauppila

Bob McLean

Jerry Garriott

Sunday Office Volunteers

February 4: Dorothy Collins

February 11: Claudia DeBacker

February 18: Bev Ethridge

February 25: Jan Waud

Church Announcements . . .

Thank You Corner...

Thank you for all the cards and prayers.

Betty Kowalsky

Thank you, Thank you, for your generous response to the Mitten Tree. Over 220 scarves, mittens, hats and sets were delivered to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and to the Macomb County Social Services. **The Prayer Team**

To My Church Family: Thank you all for the kind and prayerful cards and phone calls sent to me at the sudden loss of my dear son Paul. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ will surely replace the void in my heart. **Marge Cornett**

Please Welcome our NEW Interim Director of Family and Outreach Ministries, Karen Plants. Karen is now in the office, stop in and say hello. Karen's contact information is: 248.895.9825 and her e-mail is: karenkplants@gmail.com.

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns sent by e-mail to members of this congregation is one of our ways of letting you know that someone is in need of a prayer. You will receive requests for prayers, volunteer assistance, and funeral arrangements ONLY.

If you had been receiving "Prayer Concerns" (and suddenly are not), or would like to receive Prayer Concerns, please contact Dot McLean at her new e-mail address: **dorothym308j@gmail.com**.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Carolyn Carlson
4417 Bayberry Ct.
Warren, MI 48092
586.219.1689

Deaths

Michael John Shepich, age 49 passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Beloved husband of Sandy Shepich; loving father to Lisa and Ashley Shepich; dear son to Richard and Patricia Shepich; son-in-law to Rose Held; brother to Steve (Shelly) Shepich and Cindy (Ray) Book; brother-in-law to Marca Held; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Mike graduated from Athens High School in 1987, where he loved playing in the marching, concert, and jazz bands. After high school, he also played in the Oakland County Community Band for a number of years. He taught himself to be very proficient on the computer and combined his computer skills with video filming to produce wonderful DVD's for family and friends.

As a youngster, Mike always had an interest in professional wrestling and for many years he filmed local amateur wrestling shows. Many of his best friends are Detroit area local wrestlers. For several years, Mike and his family have sponsored a fundraising booth at the annual Roseville "Relay for Life" to help raise additional funds. He was always ready to volunteer at his church and community.

A memorial service was held at Warren First UMC on Thursday, December 28, with the Rev. Susan Youmans officiating.

Tree of Love

The Angels are ready for pick up and are located in the Narthex.

Bev Hartman



Monday Night Bible Study

Making Sense of the Bible
Monday Nights—6:30-8:30 pm

- Jan 22 Orientation - Passing out Books
- Jan 29 Making Sense of the Old Testament (Chap 1-7)
- Feb 5 Making Sense of the New Testament (Chap 8-13)
- Feb 12 Questions about the Nature of Scripture (Chap 14-18)
- Feb 19 Bible and Science (Chap 19-21)
- Feb 26 Violence, Suffering & Other Troubling Issues (Chap 22-26)
- Mar 5 Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality & Relationships (Chap 27-32)



Life Line Screenings go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up

All 5 Screenings for \$139

Carotid Artery/ Plaque Screening

Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for plaque buildup.

Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)

Screens for irregular heart beat.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Screens for an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta, which could rupture.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Screens for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

Ultrasound screen of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density.

We will be in your neighborhood soon on **April 7th** at the

First United Methodist Church of Warren

Get your special Community Circle pricing!

Three ways to register:

Call toll-free: 1-866-229-0469

Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Text: the word [circle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) to 797979



Getting Screened is Simple!

**Painless, non-invasive,
keep your clothes on.**



Screening results are provided to you in 21 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims. Screenings in California are provided by Life Line Mobile Screening, a physician owned practice. Screenings in Kansas are performed by Life Line Screening of America, Ltd. on behalf of Life Line Screening Physicians, P.A. Screenings in New Hampshire, New Jersey and New York are performed by Life Line Medical Screening, LLC (Dr. Andrew Mangano, 70 Niagara Street, Buffalo NY, 14203). Life Line Screening does not engage in the practice of medicine in those states. This information is not intended to induce referrals by Life Line Screening to Life Line Medical Screening, LLC for any professional medical service. Texas residents: Physician authorization is required. A Life Line Screening affiliated physician will provide authorization for you if you qualify. Cancellation Policy: A full refund is issued if you call to cancel at least 2 days prior to your appointment. If less than 2 days' notice is given, we will issue a Gift Card for the full amount to be used, to purchase future screening services.