

Summer 2021

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Pastor's Corner

"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth."

Hebrews 11:13, (NIV)

Someone has defined frustration as, "the might-have-been, if it had not been for whatever it was." How frequently we find that our human hopes are not fulfilled. Over the past year we have all been struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic; it was our hope that it would all be over in a few months, and now we are in our second year! With so many of us vaccinated, it looks like there may be a light at the end of the tunnel, but it is still quite frustrating. So, how are we to face frustrations and disappointments when they come our way? There is the bland optimist who slaps us on the back and says everything will be all right. While, there is the perpetual pessimist, for whom nothing is ever right and nothing is ever hopeful. Neither of these are in reality.

So what do we do about frustrations and disappointments? *First*, we need to look at what we have accomplished and thank God for it. Over the past year we have learned how to "do church" in a very different way. Zoom, FaceBook, videos, along with "in person" have become the ways we have been able to keep in fellowship. Many folks are now working from home, and "social distancing" with the wearing of masks have become a way of life. Each of us doing what we can makes a difference in this world.

Second, we need to share our feelings and experience – our frustrations and our disappointments. One of the worst things we do is to keep these feelings within ourselves. We were not meant to carry life's burdens alone. Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Paul admonished, "Bear each others burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Some people are still struggling with loneliness, sickness, and the loss of loved ones because of COVID. We need to offer them support and the love of Christ.

Third, we need to bring our needs and frustrations to God, to find what God's will is, and to submit ourselves to it. We need to ask some serious questions: Is it God's will or our will that we seek? God cannot bless what is not God's will, regardless of how good it seems. Is God a partner in what we undertake, or do we seek to do it on our own?

Lastly, we need to ask God to give us the inner resources we lack – a faith to live by, a faith to live for, a faith that is grounded in Christ. Friends, that faith is what we can put or trust in; that God is in control, even when we are not! Remember what the Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

2021 Day Camp

July 26th - 30th

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

for children ages 4-12

registration closes
July 18th, so don't
delay sign up today!

In the Name of Christ,

Buddy 

June Events 2021

Lay Leaders

- Jun 6 Marcia McKown
13 Gary Olson
20 Darrell Pusateri
27 Lynn Bricker

Greeters

- Jun 6 Mark Ash
13 Judy McElhatten
20 Jim Morrison
27 Gary Olson

Sound Booth

- Jun 6 Rick Blumquist
13 Hayden Turner
20 Teresa Blumquist
27 OPEN

Sanctuary Flowers

- Jun 6 Sandy & Gerald Gilman
13 Mary Sue and David See
20 Denny and Chris McClellan
27 Judy McElhatten

Ushers

Maureen Gonano
Gloria Lindell

After Church Coffee

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are not currently hosting after church coffee hour. We are hoping to resume this fall.

No Nursery Scheduled for June

Birthdays

- Jun 02 Stephen Ashbaugh
02 Cade Poston
08 Kristie Reynolds
09 Denny McClellan
12 Richard Cederquist
12 Bonnie Reynolds
13 Douglas Megill
15 Philip Nickerson
18 Martha Brackemyre
19 Russell Johnson
19 Fred Rulander (95)
19 Thomas Swartz
20 Grady Decker
21 Lovena Rulander
22 Maureen Gonano
25 Marcia McKown
25 Tim Swanson
27 Rudy Rudolph
28 Addison Jones
29 Celia Gross
29 Jeff Scott

Anniversaries

- Jun 04 Joseph & Heather Nelson (5)
05 Joseph & Tricia Poston
06 Kevin & Sarah (Dyke) Ford
08 Wayne & Judy Grosch-Rudolph (30)
12 Brett & Amanda McElhatten
19 Douglas & Laura Megill
19 Mark & Sara Nickerson
22 David & Andrea Larsen
25 Brooks & Ivy Whilton (10)
27 Gerald & Sandra Gilman
29 Shawn & Emily Jones
30 Frederick & Lovena Rulander (70)



July Events 2021

Lay Leaders

- Jul 04 Ruth Morrison
- 11 Bill Gross
- 18 Gloria Lindell
- 25 Anne Ward

Greeters

- Jul 04 Lynn Olsen
- 11 Nancy Bullock
- 18 Joe Poston
- 25 Judy Rimer Sweet

Sound Booth

- Jul 04 Rick Blumquist
- 11 **OPEN**
- 18 Teresa Blumquist
- 25 Kelley Wood

Sanctuary Flowers

- Jul 04 Lynn Bricker
- 11 Penny Wolboldt
- 18 Bill & Sandy Ransom
- 25 Jim & Ruth Morrison

Ushers

Mark Ash
Sheryl Ash
Bill Gross
Celia Gross

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No Nursery Scheduled for July or August

Birthdays

- Jul 01 Cora Lawson
- 02 Joe Nelson
- 04 Jacob Bullock
- 05 Cathy Davies
- 06 Sarah Ford
- 07 Theresa Parkinson
- 10 Lois Gettings
- 12 Joan Butt
- 14 Jaxsen Kiser
- 15 Eunice Bish
- 16 Scott Reynolds
- 19 Derek Lucks
- 21 Susan Benton
- 22 Jessica Ashbaugh
- 22 Chloe Dunbar
- 22 Joshua Ward
- 25 Lily Loranger
- 26 Bill Stevenson
- 27 Donna Caito
- 27 Kelsey Campbell
- 27 Isaiah Clark
- 27 Barbara Hoehn
- 29 Gracie Wood
- 30 Grayson Grinnell
- 30 Nathan Lucks
- 30 Riley Lyle
- 30 Natalie Mashensic

Anniversaries

- Jul 05 Jerry & Jill Lester
- 08 William & Celia Gross
- 09 Robert & Rachel Hughie
- 11 Denny & Christina McClellan (40)
- 17 Randy & Marge Jones (45)
- 17 Gary & Donita Redick
- 20 Brian & Casey Ferry
- 24 Bryan & Lynn Olsen
- 30 John & Donna Caito

August Events 2021

Lay Leaders

- Aug 01 Community Worship Service
08 Kathy Whitemore
15 Gary Olson
22 Celia Gross
29 Lynn Bricker

Greeters

- Aug 01 Community Worship Service
08 Chris Case
15 Gloria Lindell
22 Ivy Whilton
29 Darrell Pusateri

Sound Booth

- Aug 01 Community Worship Service
08 Hayden Turner
15 Teresa Blumquist
22 Kelley Wood
29 Rick Blumquist

Sanctuary Flowers

- Aug 01 Community Worship Service
08 Bill & Joann Stevenson
15 Darrell & Carol Pusateri
22 Mark & Sheryl Ash
29 Sally Clark

Ushers

Nancy Bullock
Marcia McKown

Communion on August 8

We will serve communion following
social distancing practices.

After Church Coffee

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currently hosting after church coffee hour.
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Birthdays

- Aug 02 Rob Port
04 Hayden Turner
05 Jack Collins
07 Sarah Goodwill
07 Anna Megill
07 Don VanOrd
08 Lainey Devore
08 Darrell Pusateri
08 Deborah Ward Owen
09 Kelly Swanson
11 Kendall Cook
12 Gary Redick (75)
13 Bill Gross (70)
18 Dave Sowers
19 Michael Jones
20 MacKenzie McElhatten
20 Nick Swanson
21 Gloria Lindell
22 Leslie Devore
23 Dixie Brumagin
24 Ruth Morrison
25 Tim Reynolds
25 Grant Wood
25 Caleb Joseph Nelson
26 Kiki Gardiner
28 Richard Blumquist
28 Sam Pusateri
29 Donita Redick
30 Emily Ashbaugh Emmett
30 Jameson Curtis
30 Joe Poston

Anniversaries

- Aug 03 Samuel & Denise Pusateri
21 Darrell & Carol Pusateri (50)
26 Ryan & Corvette Knopf
30 Chase & Mary Putnam



Worship Service Update

After May 17, 2021, those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to wear masks; but masks may be worn per individual discretion.

After May 31, the social distancing signs in the pews will be removed.

We will continue to have folks leave their offerings in bowls/offering plates at the entrances.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 723-5060.

Stay Safe. God Bless

Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

This group meets Thursday, June 10 at 12:30 pm in the Dave Clark Pavilion. Bring a dish to pass, your own table setting and drink. Hostesses are Roxy Van Ord and Judy Rudolph.

This will be the last meeting until fall.

Early Church Service

Beginning May 30, we change to a 10:00 am start for our Worship Service. There will be no regularly scheduled Sunday school during the summer hours. We will return to an 11:00 am start time the weekend after Labor Day.

Graduates

Josh Ward graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Masters of Material Sciences & Engineering.

Hayden Turner will be graduating from Warren Area High School. He will be attending Vet Tech Institute in Pittsburgh.

After Church Coffee

We are planning to resume after church coffee in September.

Ruling Elders & Deacons

The following people have agreed to either rejoin or become newly ordained members of the respective groups to help lead our congregation in the mission of Christ's church.

Be certain to congratulate and thank these people for their willingness to commit their time, energy, and talents to lead us in our efforts to serve God.

Ruling Elder

Marian Hartman

Gary Olson

Gloria Lindell

Celia Gross

Deacon

Lois Marshall

Judy Rimer Sweet



Missions Committee

Thank you. A big thank you to the congregation's support for our Lenten special offering collection for the One Great Hour of Sharing. A total of \$1,319.35 was received. These contributions go to three programs, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

To this point in the year, we have made contributions to individuals and groups as follows:

John & Linda Wagner, serving in Mexico (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Dr. Matt Megill, serving in Niger, Africa (Mission to the World).

Local Missions. North Warren Fire Department

Love, Inc. (In the Name of Christ) of Warren County

Sharing Place (serving weekly suppers at First Presbyterian Church)

Warren Majengo Foundation (Supporting an orphanage in Tanzania started by some local individuals), Women's Care Center

Warren Gives. Through the Warren Gives Day on May 19, we also support the following:

The Crossing Christian Coffee House
House of Hope
Salvation Army of Warren
Warren County Children's Advocacy Center

If you are interested in learning more about any of these missions, check out the bulletin board at the end of the hallway by the nursery. Newsletters and thank you notes are posted as they are received.



Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included in our email prayer chain, please provide your email address to the church office. We have found this to be an effective method of notifying our prayer warriors of those who are in need of prayer. We are happy to add you so that you can pray for those in need.

If you or someone you know would like the congregation to be praying for them, simply call or email the church office or Pastor Buddy with your request and we will pass it on.



[Community Worship Service](#)

The annual Community Worship Service will once again bring together local churches to worship as one body of Christ. The service will be held on August 1 beginning at 10:30 am at the historic Struthers Library Theater on Third Avenue in Warren.

Instead of taking the day off, you are encouraged instead, to join your fellow Christians in a unique uplifting way.

[Ladies Bible Study](#)

We will finish our study of the Gospel of Mark – Francis Chan

- June 7 – Mark 14:1 – 15:47
- June 21 – Mark 15:40-16:8

[New Ladies Bible Study](#)



Beginning in July 2021, we will study the Book of Ruth from Right Now Media with Bianca Juárez Olthoff.

God can seem distant when dreams fade, people die, or careers fail. It may feel like He slammed the door in your face and walked out for good. No one knows the feeling of abandonment more than Ruth and Naomi. Their story begins with the worst—death,

famine, and poverty. And God remains silent.

But the book of Ruth doesn't end with despair. The story brims with hope because God works on behalf of the two widows in ways they least expect. In this 7-part series, Bianca Juárez Olthoff teaches through Ruth to show how God moves behind the scenes in our lives. On the surface, this book tells the story of two widows and a kind landowner. Even more, it teaches us about God's faithfulness, love, and providence.

Walk the journey of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz and discover the devoted love of God and His transformative power in our lives.

Contact Gloria Lindell if you are interested. All are welcome.

- July 19, 2021 Ruth 1:1-22
- August 2, 2021 Ruth 2:1-4
- August 16, 2021 Ruth 2:5-13
- August 30, 2021 Ruth 2:14-23
- September 13, 2021 Ruth 3:1-18
- September 27, 2021 Ruth 4:1-12
- October 11, 2021 Ruth 4:13-22

*note there is not a session scheduled for July 5, 2021, due to the Independence Day Holiday.



Summer Day Camp

We are planning our Summer Day Camp the week of July 26 to July 30.

It will run from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Signup will begin June 1 and end on June 19.



. Volunteers are needed in several areas. Registration, playground monitors, lunch helpers, classroom helpers and more. Please see a member of the Christian Education committee to see where you use the gifts God gave you and make an impact on young lives.

If you have questions or want to know how you can help, please see Buddy or call the church office at (814) 723-5060

Also needed are empty paper towel rolls (not toilet paper). There is a box in the Narthex where you can drop these. We anticipate needing about 150 for the week.

Donna Caito, who is once again organizing the crafts and classroom supplies, is asking for donations of crayons, washable markers, Elmer's glue sticks, and Elmer's school glue. There is a list outside the church office.

Sound Booth Operators

Needed

We could use additional help in the sound booth. This job requires a two-hour commitment every few weeks, depending on how many people are on the list of volunteers. As of this summer, we are down to only four people doing the work. With conflicts in schedules, we have some OPEN weeks with no one to help.

You will receive training. Computer operating skills are required, but there is no need to be a "computer guru" to do this job. We have a manual that answers most questions, but usually there is another operator at the service that can help if a problem arises.

Please see Kelly Wood or Pastor Buddy if you are interested in this unique opportunity to serve God's church.

Change for Life

You can support Women's Care Center of Warren in their mission to provide an affordable, safe place of comfort, support, and health to individuals facing unplanned pregnancies, youth making lifestyle choices, wounded women in need of health and childless couples.

Take an empty baby bottle and fill it up with spare change. Return by Father's Day. Thank you.



May, 2021

Dear Praying Friends,

“Thank God for those M*slim preachers!” It is not often that we pray a prayer like that, but a couple hours away in the town of G*, we saw how they paved the way for the g*spel. When they started preaching in the town some time back, urging the townspeople to give up their folk Isl*mic practices, one point greatly upset the townspeople. Whereas in traditional Hausa culture, a child should wake in the morning and come bow before and greet his parents, these men taught that this was forbidden. The townspeople responded that if that was what true Isl*m entailed, they wanted nothing to do with it. They stopped participating in *salla* (M*slim prayers).



It was in this context, that our friend Pastor Sani* paid a visit. He is a great example of our goals for strong partnership relationships with the local church. As Westerners, we strive to be strategic bridges to the other members of the body of Christ who are trying to reach this overwhelmingly M*slim region with the g*spel.

Our partnerships grow out of necessity, as well as the Bible’s vision for a global church. Our sharing within the hospital does yield fruit - in new converts and interested listeners - but each of those

contacts needs follow-up, and potentially, discipleship, after discharge.

In the last 6 months, I (Matt) have been the supervisor for Pastor Daniel* as he finishes his practicum before completing his four-year seminary degree. For his practicum, Daniel has been piloting more in-depth spiritual counseling with our HIV patients. Through 840 consultations, he has had the opportunity to ask probing questions. “How is your marriage? How is your health, truly?” In listening to the challenges that each patient faces, he can appropriately share how the Lord Jesus meets those needs. Sharing stories of how Christ does not show stigma has been especially meaningful. Some 4% of these patients made confessions of faith, with another 20% being very interested.

Earlier this year I was wrapping up a medical consultation by sharing the good news with an HIV beneficiary, Rabi. She listened to my message, and then cheerfully informed me that she had already told Daniel earlier that day that she would be following Christ.

Given that our patients are scattered from 5 to 200+ minutes away, it is difficult to follow up with all of them in their homes to work through Bible studies that would help them grow in faith. And since most local villages do not have a Christian presence, the pastors like Sani who have been placed through the region become strategically vital. Connecting patients with these men and their wives provides an avenue to further growth.

Seeing the critical role of these local pastors, we spend a lot of time attending monthly pastors’ meetings and trying to empower our brethren in their work. Through your giving, we have been able to help Sani with equipment for a welding business to help him to be a more self-sufficient tent-maker, with SD cards packed with audio Bible content, and with

a motorcycle so that he can be like those 19th century Methodist circuit riders, touching not just his village but the villages around his village.



One of those outlying villages was G*. When Sani arrived, he was amazed at the openness to the g*spel that he encountered there. The villagers eagerly listened to what he shared, especially when he explained that the Bible taught honoring of parents through different cultural forms. Now, 16 people have confessed faith, and Sani is visiting monthly to encourage them in their young faith.

The M*slim preachers were just one link in the chain that the Lord used. But we see that the Lord is using many people and means to bring about his work.

With thankfulness for your partnership,

Matt & Tara

PS We appreciate your prayers for the Covid situation in our country. Since our January prayer letter, the numbers have fallen dramatically with the rising heat, so our last confirmed case here was in early April.

PPS Mid-May through the end of August we will be stateside for home assignment. While we will not be able to see as many of you in person as we would like because of Covid travel challenges, we look

forward to connecting through Zoom as we avail ourselves of (amazing!) internet bandwidth. Please let us know if there is a good time that we could “meet up” with you, your church, or your Bible study over the next three months.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Day Camp sign up begins today	1	2	3 6:00 PM Deacons	4	5
Penny Sunday 6 10:00 AM Worship	7 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	8 6:00 PM Christian Ed	9	10 12:30 PM Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group	11 Last day of school Graduation	12
13 10:00 AM Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
Father's Day 20 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session meeting	21 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 AM Worship	28	29	30			

For a complete up-to-date view, visit our website at <http://www.nwpcchurch.org/events-news-and-lists>

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				6:00 PM Deacons		
<i>Penny Sunday 4</i> 10:00 AM Worship	NO Ladies Bible Study					
11 10:00 AM Worship	12	13 6:00 PM Christian Ed. meeting	14	15	16	17
18 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session meeting	19 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00 PM Finance Committee	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:00 AM Worship	26 Day Camp 9 am – 2:30 pm all week	27 Day Camp	28 Day Camp	29 Day Camp 7:00PM Ice Cream Social & Day Camp Program	30 Day Camp	31
Last day to sign up for Day Camp						

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Penny Sunday 1 Community Worship Service at Struthers Library Theater	2 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	3	4	5 6:00 PM Deacons	6	7
8 10:00 AM Worship Communion Service	9	10 6:00 PM Christian Ed	11	12	13	14
15 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session meeting	16 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	17	18	19	20	21 North Warren Trash & Treasure Days
22 10:00 AM Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Freedom's Price

Today we celebrate freedom,
thanks to those who came before.
Those brave men and women who fought and died
in each and every war.
Freedom always comes at a price,
and while we celebrate
we should tip our hats to the heroes
who made our country great.