

## Fall 2021

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### Pastor's Corner

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*

James 1:17, (NIV)

What a wonderful truth is contained in that scripture verse above! God is the source of all that is good and perfect. God never changes in nature, in character or in operation. What person or thing, in all the universe, can match that description? We so often blame God for the difficulties in our lives, we ask, "Why have you done this to me?" or, "Why have you allowed this to happen to me?" But, according to the Bible, the truth is that God only wants good for us. God loves us unconditionally. God's nature is such that we are given only good gifts as God's children. As a result we need to develop a grateful heart, and recognize each gift God gives us.

Life will be so much more enjoyable and fulfilling when we live in gratitude, rather than negativity and accusation. Gratitude is not some sort of mental gymnastic or psychology; it is merely living in the truth of God. This reality means that we have to depend on God as the source of all good in our lives, even the good we do not recognize.

God is unchangeable in the desire to love us and help us. God has not changed in power or wisdom. God is, as Psalm 18:2 reminds us, "our rock, and our fortress." We can rely on God and know that we will be forever in God's care and concern for us. Who else is there in this world on whom we can depend, like we can depend on God?

So, my friends, let us live every day full of gratitude to our loving Creator, depending on God for everything in our lives. For I assure you that if we do, we will find that God is a dependable friend, close companion, and loving Heavenly Father!

In the Name of Christ,

Buddy 

P. S. – As the summer comes to an end we find ourselves facing a fall of questions. Will things go back to the way they were, or are we continuing to have to face, "the new normal?" Will we have to start wearing masks again, or will we have to get a booster vaccine? Whatever the case, we will try to be here for you as we face the future together. So, at this point, there is no better time to get back into the habit of attending church on a regular basis! We start back to our regular Sunday Worship schedule on September 12<sup>th</sup> with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. Why don't you and your family plan now to "come back to church," and put God first in your life! I promise you, you won't regret it!

### It's time to fall back into Fall!

Sunday School and  
11:00 am Worship start  
on September 12<sup>th</sup>

"Halloween in the Park"  
will be Saturday,  
October 30<sup>th</sup>

Fall Congregational  
Meeting will be  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
after worship



"We love to reach out and help those locally but we also love to reach out to organizations like CWS who in turn reach out to those around the world... We as a church want to make tangible differences for those in need. It's hard to know what impact you can make around the world so through this, we know we are helping those who have been displaced, are refugees, or disaster victims and when you have that helpless feeling during these times, I can look at what CWS is doing and can say, 'hey, I can support that!'"  
 — REV. LUKE HYDER, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EVERETT, WA



**23,610**  
blankets

**800**  
emergency  
cleanup  
buckets



**CWS**  
KITS AND BLANKETS  
**IMPACT REPORT**  
JANUARY - JUNE  
—2021—



**1,380**  
school kits



**7,500**  
hygiene kits



"Volunteering for Church World Service as a Kit Depot Coordinator brings me joy! I enjoy meeting and talking with the other kit donors who are involved with CWS. I am always impressed seeing all of the faithful donors and many kits they assemble each year. It really is amazing and astonishing—so thank you!"  
 — PHYLLIS METZ, CWS KIT DEPOT COORDINATOR  
 ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ZELIENOPLE, PA



In the Fall months, the Missions Committee will be sending support funds to the following:

- John and Linda Wagner, who work for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico
- Matt Megill, who is a missionary doctor, serving in Niger, Africa
- David and Emily Shrader, from Warren, who minister in North Africa with a group called Serge: Grace at the Fray

These are the local missions we will support:

- Family Life Network, the Christian Radio station in Bath, NY
- Impact Christian Fellowship, a student-led interdenominational club at WAHS, which encourages students to meet together (during lunch times) and learn about Jesus Christ
- Blue Star Mothers, shipping costs for the Christmas care packages sent to servicemen/women

Lastly, in October, we will have our annual Blankets+ special offering collection, to which our church has been contributing for many years. Enclosed you will find an envelope which can be returned anytime before the end of October. Each blanket is \$10, and can be a light-weight fleece blanket or heavy, wool blanket, depending on the climate where it's being sent. These simple blankets are greatly appreciated in areas of the world which have been impacted by natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes.

The Missions Committee thanks everyone for their continued support.

# September Events 2021

## Anniversaries

- Sept 02 Matthew & Lisa Such  
03 Rick & Teresa Blumquist  
03 Tim & Ashley Swanson  
04 Kim & Kathy Wenzel  
08 Rob & Melissa Port  
12 Jim & Cynthia LaRusch  
15 Paul & Lynne Goodwill  
24 Michael & Emma Jones  
24 Tim & Bonnie Reynolds  
28 Patrick & Emily Emmett

## Lay Leaders

- Sept 05 Ruth Morrison  
12 Bill Gross  
19 Gloria Lindell  
26 Anne Ward

## Sound Booth

- Sept 05 Darrell Pusateri  
12 Kathy Whittemore  
19 Rick Blumquist  
26 Kelley Wood

## Sanctuary Flowers

- Sept 05 Mary Putnam  
12 Rudy & Judy Rudolph  
19 Beth, David & Suzi Neal  
26 Sandy Billman family

## Ushers/Greeters

Pusateri Family

## After Church Coffee

- Sept 12 Ruth & Jim Morrison  
26 Sally Clark & Mary Putnam

## Nursery Workers

- Sept 05 NO NURSERY WORKER  
12 Gloria Lindell  
19 Nancy Bullock  
26 Nancy Bullock

## Birthdays

- Sept 01 Paightyn Gertsch  
04 Mark Bullock  
05 Zariah Gardiner  
05 Roxy VanOrd  
07 Denise Bullock  
07 Charlene Swanson  
08 Ivy Moore  
09 Carissa Smith  
10 Daniel Jones  
10 Otto Rohlin  
11 Pete Engman  
13 Barb Cook  
14 Lynn Bricker  
14 Cory Hockensmith  
15 Sandy Billman  
15 Natalie Lucks  
16 Olivia Ashbaugh  
17 Audrey Bakewell  
18 Carol Hamilton  
19 Casey Johnson  
19 Rachael Lucks  
20 Mark Ash  
23 Riley Zaffino  
24 Hobson McKown  
24 Jace Confer  
24 Oakley Confer  
25 Sandy Ransom  
27 Tricia Poston  
28 Tara Hockensmith  
28 Leyna Lawson  
29 William Mahan

# North Warren Presbyterian Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		First Day of School 31	1	2 6:00 PM Deacons	3	4
Penny Sunday 5 10:00 AM Worship	Labor Day 6 No School	7	8	9	10	11
Regular Schedule 12 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	13 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Community House	14 6:00 PM Christian Ed	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	27 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	28	29	30		

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# September 2021

# October Events 2021

## Lay Leaders

- Oct 03 Mark Ash  
10 Kathy Whittemore  
17 Darrell Pusateri  
24 Celia Gross  
31 Ruth Morrison

## Birthdays

- Oct 02 Casey Ferry  
02 Kendra Fuller  
03 Kenadie Cabisca  
05 Conner Campman  
05 Nancy Grinnen  
07 Lukas Cope  
07 Marcy Engman  
07 Akaruh Gardiner  
08 Billy Nicholson  
11 David Zaffino  
11 Al Loranger  
12 Amanda McElhatten  
12 Anne Ward  
13 Jordan Bullock  
15 Carly Olsen  
15 Keziah port  
16 John Cook  
19 Sally Clark  
19 Ashlee Laurie  
19 Dominick Little  
19 Aldyn Poston  
20 Chris Case  
21 Haley Campman  
22 Michael Fiscus  
22 Cole Johnson  
27 Lynn Collins  
29 Jim Swartz  
30 Kris Soderberg

## Anniversaries

- Oct 05 Ron & Cathy Davies  
06 Dave & Tammy Swartz  
10 Jim & Karen Ashbaugh  
13 Dave & Danell Sowers  
20 Gary & Dixie Brumagin  
22 Jim & Cindy Fiscus  
23 Bob & Sandy Goodwill  
28 Jim & Ruth Morrison

## Sanctuary Flowers

- Oct 3 Mark & Sheryl Ash  
10 Kathy Whittemore  
17 Marcia McKown  
24 John & Donna Caito  
31 Jean Swartz

## Sound Booth

- Oct 3 Teresa Blumquist  
10 Gloria Lindell  
17 Darrell Pusateri  
24 Kathy Whittemore  
31 Rick Blumquist

## Nursery Workers

- Oct 3 Anne Ward  
10 Nancy Bullock  
17 Nancy Bullock  
24 Chris Case  
31 Nancy Bullock

## Ushers/Greeters

Sally Clark  
Mary Putnam

## After Church Coffee

- Oct 10 Pastor Appreciation Luncheon  
24 Donita Redick & Lynn Collins

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<b>World Wide Communion 3</b> <b>Penny Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion Worship Service	4	5	6	7 6:00 PM Deacons	No School 8	9
<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Pastor Appreciation Soup & Pie Luncheon	<b>No School 11</b> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	12 6:00 PM Christian Ed	13	14 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group	15	16
<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b> Halloween in the Park & Trunk or Treat
<b>Halloween 31</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship						

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# October 2021

# November Events 2021

## Lay Leaders

- Nov 7 Ruth Morrison  
14 Bill Gross  
21 Kathy Whittemore  
28 Mark Ash

## Greeters

- Nov 7 Joe Poston  
14 Judy Rimer Sweet  
21 Celia Gross  
28 Chris Case

## Sound Booth

- Nov 7 Kelley Wood  
14 Teresa Blumquist  
21 Gloria Lindell  
28 Darrell Pusateri

## Sanctuary Flowers

- Nov 7 Maureen Gonano  
14 Thanksgiving Table  
21 Thanksgiving Table  
28 Advent Decorations

## Ushers/Greeters

Gloria Lindell  
Anne Ward

## Hospital Visitor

Sally Clark

## After Church Coffee

- Nov 7 Mark & Sheryl Ash  
28 Judy McElhatten

## Nursery Workers

- Nov 7 Nancy Bullock  
14 Nancy Bullock  
21 Chris Case  
28 Nancy Bullock

## Birthdays

- Nov 01 Joann Stevenson  
06 Karen Ashbaugh  
06 Ayden Stiteler  
06 Kelley Wood  
07 Mary Mahan  
08 Jim Morison  
09 John Dyke  
11 Melissa Turner  
17 Anna Parkinson  
17 Melissa Port  
17 Julie Ransom  
18 Natalie Smith  
18 Linda Swanson  
19 Bryan Olsen  
20 Abigail Chapel  
20 Judy Rimer Sweet  
21 Brian Ferry  
25 Michelle Gray  
25 Sarah Wilson  
26 Norma Hoffman  
26 Sandra Lee  
26 Robert Swartz  
29 Judy Grosch-Rudolph  
29 Bradyn Confer  
29 Lorelie Confer

## Anniversaries

- Nov 3 Ian & Soojye Gustafson  
26 Richard & Barb Cook

## Christ the King Communion Service


### November 21

We will serve communion following  
social distancing practices.



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	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Penny Sunday 7</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	No School 8 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Community House	No School 9 6:00 PM Christian Ed	10 Veterans Day 11 12:30 PM Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group	6:00 PM Deacons		
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Christ the King Sunday 21</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion Worship Service	22 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	23	24 No School	Thanksgiving 25	No School 26	27
28 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	No School 29	30				

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## Worship Service

Those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to wear masks; but masks may be worn per individual discretion.

The friendship registers have been returned to the pews. Please remove the completed sheet from the register and place it on the pew at the end of the row to help the ushers collect them.

We will continue to place our offerings in the bowls/offering plates located at both entrances.

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

Stay Safe. God Bless

## Ladies Bible Study

This fall we will finish up our study of the book of Ruth with Bianca Juarez Olthoff.

- Sept 13 – Ruth 3:1-18
- Sept 27 – Ruth 4:1-12
- Oct 11 – Ruth 4:13-22

## Ladies Advent Bible Study

The Christmas story, or Advent, is more than a sentimental myth or a quiet manger scene we use to decorate our living rooms. The Christmas story

is the good news of God entering into our darkness. Join J.D. Greear in this four-session series as he takes a deeper look at Jesus as Emmanuel, our Wonderful Counselor, the Everlasting Father, and the great I Am. When you know Jesus, you will realize Christmas is more than a nice story – the arrival of Jesus changes everything.

- Oct 25 – Emmanuel, God With Us
- Nov 8 – Wonderful Counselor
- Nov 22 – Everlasting Father
- Dec 6 – I Am

## Pastor Appreciation

Join us on Sunday, October 10, for a Soup and Pie Luncheon immediately after church to thank Pastor Buddy Ward for his service to our church and to our community.



## After Church Coffee

Session has made the decision to resume coffee hour beginning in September. Please see the event pages for a reminder of who is hosting on the scheduled weeks.





# News from the Pews

Fall 2021



## Turn Your Clocks Back



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 am.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.

## Sunday School

September 12, our Sunday school year will resume with classes for all ages from preschool through adult beginning at 9:30 am each Sunday.

Sheryl Ash - Nursery Class; Marian Hartman and Sally Clark - elementary age children; Ruth Morrison - middle school; Anne Ward – high school and Buddy Ward – adult class.

These classes are great opportunities to interact in a smaller group while learning more about the Bible and our faith. Consider inviting friends and/or family to these classes or attending yourself if you aren't currently involved.

## Sanctuary Flowers

Committee members will begin their phone calls to update the list of folks providing Sanctuary flowers in 2022. If you want to make any changes, please let them know.

## Halloween in the Park

You are invited to join us at the Dave Clark Pavilion to help pass out hotdogs and candy on Saturday, October 30 from 5-8 pm or whatever day/time Conewango Township has trick or treating.



In this way, we can reach out in person to community members and share Jesus' love and encouragement.

In that spirit, we invite you to decorate your vehicle and participate in our Trunk or Treat in the parking lot.

Donations of candy are appreciated, so plan now to bring candy to the church. Please consider coming out that evening, perhaps in costume to help share with our neighbors!

## Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

This group of women from the church meets at 12:30 on the second Thursday of each month for prayer, a meal, and fellowship.

Luncheon is scheduled on October 14 and November 11. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

Marcia McKown will host in October.

All women are invited.





# News from the Pews

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## Adult Sunday School Class

Starting on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 am, we will be starting a new 8-week Adult Sunday School class downstairs in fellowship hall titled Jesus in the Secular World by Ben Pierce. In this small group study, he combines vivid illustrations from years of front-line ministry with practical Biblical principles for how we can reach the secular world.

This 8-part series presented by Right-Now Media is designed to give us an in-depth understanding of the secular mindset, inspire personal revival, and equip us with practical next steps to engage the secular world with the powerful Gospel message relevantly.

If you have always wondered how to engage our world for the Gospel, this is the study for you! Even if you have never been part of an adult Sunday school class before, you will find this study interesting and thought provoking. There is no time like the present to increase your understanding of God's word by joining adults of all ages who are committed to seeking God with their whole heart and reaching the secular world for Jesus.

## Thanksgiving Food Boxes

The Deacons will once again be providing boxes of food for Thanksgiving dinner to those in need. If you, or a family you know, would like to receive a Thanksgiving Food Box, please contact the church office or one of the Deacons. Donations of turkeys for the boxes will be greatly appreciated.

## Community Youth Group

Faith on Foot is a Community Youth Group movement that is hoping to plan monthly events for the youth of Warren County in grades 6-12!

Please pray for Faith on Foot as we are launching the ministry. Pray for guidance, wisdom, discernment, and perseverance for the leaders and students alike! Contact Anne Ward or check the NWPC Facebook page for further information and upcoming events.

## Going South?

Please notify the church office of your temporary address so we can mail your newsletter directly to you. Also, let us know when you are leaving and when you plan to return to Warren.



## Day Camp

Our 2021 Day Camp was a success. We kept the classes to a minimum so we could practice social distancing. It was nice to see the smiles instead of all those faces covered with masks. We had 29 campers, most of who were new to Day Camp. We even had two from as far away as Medina, Ohio. If you were not at Day Camp, you missed all the fun! Every day the campers enjoyed music, crafts, activities and guest speakers all while learning how

**“We are God’s Servants Working Together” 1 Corinthians 3:9.**

Our own Buddy Ward started the week talking about how he got into the ministry and even brought a few pictures from when he was younger. Ruth Morrison was the guest speaker on Tuesday and spoke about the importance of family influence which we know plays a big part in how we view God and the world. Wednesday Susan Stout asked, “Guess who is coming to dinner?” She sent some campers to her farmers market to purchase food while others sold the fruits and vegetables. Thursday Miss Susan from the library read stories having to do with cultures. She is

always one to make the kids laugh and sometimes sing.

Of course, this was topped off by our Ice Cream Social when we heard all the groups play bells. On Friday we splashed up some fun with water day.

Each one of the following played an important part in making Day Camp a success: Buddy Ward, Donna Caito, Gloria Lindell, Marian Hartman, Lynn Bricker, Celia Gross, Ruth Morrison, Nancy Bullock, Sheryl Ash, Anne Ward, Becky Husson, Sandy Ransom, Judy McElhatten, Lois Marshall, Maureen Gonano, Marcia McKown, Ken Bakewell, Lois Gettings, Judy Sweet, Chris McClellan, Amy Ransom, Kayla Smith, Sharon Boyles, Valerie Swartz and Jamie Caito.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Day Camp so successful and thanks to everyone who donated items that we needed. (Including the stack of 500 paper towel rolls we now have) As 2 Corinthians 9:7 states, **“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver.”** We couldn’t have done it without all of your help.

See photos on the mailer page.



# News from the Pews

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## Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettias will be offered again this Christmas season to be placed in the Sanctuary. These can be done in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost remains the same as 2020. Order forms will be included in the bulletin in November.

## Penny Sunday Offering

On the first Sunday of each month, we ask that you bring in your pennies, quarters, and/or dollars for our Penny Sunday Offering to help support the Missions Fund.

Please place these offerings in the bowls/offering plates located at both doors. Thank you for your support and generosity.

## North Warren

### Trash & Treasure Day

It isn't spring, but everyone must have been cleaning. There were books, chairs, and even baby items. Nancy Bullock, along with the help of the scouts, took it all out. Their efforts raised \$900 for the Community House. A big thank you to Nancy for all she does for the Church and the Scouts.

## Communion

The Ruling Elders have elected to continue to partake of the Lord's Supper in the same manner we have over the last year. We will come to the front of the Sanctuary to receive the elements.

Communion will be served on October 3 – World Wide Communion Sunday, November 21 – Christ the King Sunday and December 24 – Christmas Eve.

## Happy Anniversary

Anne's parents, Terry & Bill Shukis will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to send a card to them, their address is:

Mr. & Mrs. Williams Shukis, Sr.  
804 Atley Lane  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

## Christmas Angel Gifts

The Angel gift ministry coordinated by the Salvation Army offers you the opportunity to help make a child's Christmas brighter. The names and gift requests will be available in late November.





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