



The Vine

North Warren Presbyterian Church

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Spring 2022

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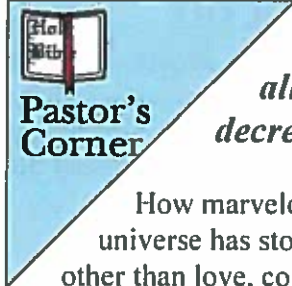
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*"The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness
all those who keep their covenant and obey God's
decrees."*

Psalm 25:10 (NLT)

How marvelous is our God! Because of God's love for us, the Creator of the universe has stooped to the earth to make covenants with us, God's creation! What, other than love, could move a sovereign God to become vulnerable to those with nothing to offer in return? We first see such unfailing love displayed through God's covenant made with Noah to preserve the world in the aftermath of the flood. Then again we witness it in God's covenant made with Abram to call the nation of Israel as God's people. Throughout history God continued to build a relationship with chosen people through the covenant promises made to all who heard and followed this divine calling. In the new covenant, God once more offered this relationship to us, establishing through the sacrifice of Jesus the ultimate expression of Grace, Forgiveness, and Love.

Lent confronts us with the steadfastness of God's faithfulness in the face of our weakness and sin! Lent is a time set apart for us to consider once again the depth of suffering that Jesus endured on our behalf throughout his passion. The season of Lent stands as a reminder to us that God's love remains steadfast, even though we so often do not keep up our side of the bargain. For many, Lent is a time for soul searching and self-examination, dedicated to facing up to those places where we have failed to keep the covenant.

Far from being a heavyhearted season of self-absorption with sin, Lent offers us an opportunity to behold the wonder of God's love. Through the Psalms we can join David, who looked to God for strength, perseverance, and salvation based on God's promises to all those who seek to keep God's covenant. With Noah we can embrace the God who set the rainbow in the sky as a continuing sign of this everlasting covenant. We can join Peter who celebrated the truth of the new covenant, whereby Christ died to conquer faithlessness, bringing both the dead and the living into a new relationship with God. We need to remind ourselves of the Biblical account of Jesus' baptism and temptation in the wilderness, remembering, as the writer of Hebrews tells us in verse 15 of chapter 4, "*ours is not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who, in every way, has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning!*" Though we fail, Christ our Savior, has done all things well. Lent is truly a season for rejoicing in the wonder of God's love for us!

So my friends, as we move into the Lenten season let us pray that nothing fills our hearts and minds except the sacrifice of our Savior! May the immeasurable love of God's promises extended to us throughout the ages, strengthening our resolve to be keepers of the covenant God has made with us!

In the Name of Christ,

Buddy

Easter Day Worship

April 17, 2022

7:00 am Community
Worship Service at the
Dave Clark Pavilion
A Hot Breakfast will follow in
Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School
for all ages

11:00 am Worship
Celebration of the
Resurrection
(in person and on Facebook)

2022 Holy Week Activities for The North Warren Presbyterian Church Community

Saturday – April 9th

10:00 am - 12 noon, Community Easter Party & Egg Hunt

This year we will be holding our Community Easter Egg Hunt and Party a week earlier. This is not only a time of fun and excitement for the children, but a great opportunity for them to invite their friends to hear the “Good News” of Easter. This year’s theme is titled, “Happy Easter - Skittles” and will be taken from Matthew 27:62-28:10.



Palm/Passion Sunday – April 10th

11:00 a.m., Worship and “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering

Join your friends and neighbors for an inspiring time of worship both “in person” and “live streamed” on Facebook as we usher in “Holy Week” and the passion of our Lord. We will be gathering this year’s “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering and Rev. Ward’s message will be titled, “*The Humble King*,” taken from Philippians 2:5-11.

Maundy Thursday – April 14th

7:00 p.m., A Maundy Thursday Service of Remembrance & Communion

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will not be able to have our annual re-enactment of the Da Vinci’s Last Supper; but, we will still be having “in person” worship to celebrate this holy feast. The service will also be “live streamed” on Facebook. Those participating from home are invited to join us in the Lord’s Supper but they will need to provide their own bread and juice. Pastor Ward will share a special message for the evening titled, “*Why We Do This*” taken from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.



Good Friday – April 15th

7:30 pm, Community Good Friday Service

The Warren Area Ministerial will be returning to having the Community Good Friday Service at 7:30 pm both “in person” and “live streamed” on Facebook. This year’s service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Warren. Those wishing to watch on Facebook should do so on the 1st UMC Facebook page.

Easter Sunday – April 17th

7:00 a.m., Outdoor Community Easter Sunrise Service in Community Park

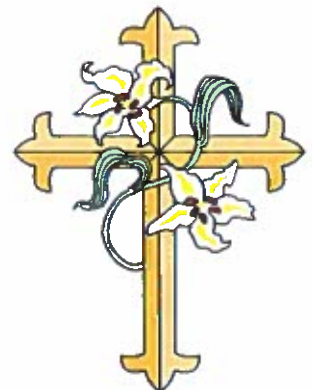
Come and worship the Risen Lord with your friends and neighbors in the North Warren Presbyterian Church Community Park as we face the sun together and give praise to the “Risen Son!” The service will take place outside (rain or shine) in the Dave Clark Pavilion. Be Missional – invite a friend to join you.

Breakfast Following the Community Park Sunrise Service

We will once again be having a hot breakfast in Fellowship Hall following the sunrise service! The breakfast is provided free of charge. Please contact Anne Ward if you would like to help.

9:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages

Our Easter observances will continue with our regular Sunday School classes for nursery to adults, celebrating the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection.



11:00 a.m., Worship of the Risen Lord

The Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord continues with a special service of praise and thanksgiving. The sanctuary will be decorated with spring flowers and special music will be provided. Rev. Ward’s sermon will be titled “*I Shall Rise Again!*” taken from 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 and Luke 24:1-12. The service will also be “live streamed” on Facebook for those who wish to join us from home.



Help Needed

Sheryl Ash and Ruth Morrison are updating the list of folks willing to prepare dishes for and serve at funeral dinners. Even if you are already on the list, PLEASE contact one of these ladies to confirm that you wish to continue helping in this outreach of our church. Thank you for volunteering your time to help others.

Easter Breakfast



All are invited to a breakfast following the 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service. Contact Anne Ward if you would like to help.

Ladies Luncheon

Prayer Group

The Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group meets the second Thursday of each month a 12:30 pm. This will be March 10, April 14 and May 12.

Hostesses for the month will provide coffee and dessert. Please bring a sandwich.

All women of the church are invited to attend each month for prayer, a meal and fellowship.

Early Church Service

Beginning on May 29, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, we will be changing to a 10:00 am start for our Worship Service. There will be no regularly scheduled Sunday School during the summer worship services. We will return to an 11:00 am start time the weekend after Labor Day.

Ladies Bible Study

May and June, 2022

Hope: Exploring God's Plan

It's likely you've experienced the disappointment of unmet expectations. Perhaps you struggle to believe promises. And yet Jesus offers us a hope that transforms our lives, and never disappoints. In this four-part series, Karen Sawrey walks us through a biblical perspective of hope, daring us to grieve our disappointments, but also to hope again as we look at God's promised plan in the Bible. God offers us hope, today and always, for our individual lives and for the culture and community He's placed us in.



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| 1. Approaching Hope Again | May 9, 2022 |
| 2. Looking Back | May 23, 2022 |
| 3. Looking Forward | June 6, 2022 |
| 4. Hope for Today | June 20, 2022 |



News from the Pews

Spring 2022



New Adult Sunday School Class

You are invited to join the Adult Sunday School class in Fellowship Hall as we study the book of James with Frances Chan, now through the end of Sunday School on May 22nd.

True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus – the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord.

James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God.

Francis Chan unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in 12 sessions. He works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and God's Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

Daylight Savings Time

Be sure to turn your clock ahead one hour Saturday night, March 12. Daylight savings time begins March 13.

The Church with a Welcome for All



Thank You

Bill Ransom and family want to thank those who donated to the church's memorial fund in Sandy's name.

Trash & Treasure Day

Will be held on April 30, 2022. Boy Scout Troop 13 will have a sale in the Dave Clark pavilion to benefit the North Warren Community House.

Donations (no clothes) may be put in the youth room of the church any time before April 30.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Your donations to One Great Hour of Sharing are greatly appreciated. An envelope is enclosed for you to use and it can be placed in the offering bowl or mailed to the church office. Final collection is Palm Sunday, April 10.

All checks should be made payable to NWPC or North Warren Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for your support.

Youth Recreation

Join us 6:30-7:45 pm every Wednesday at the N. Warren Community Center. 5th grade and up.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	Ash Wednesday 2 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	3 6:00 PM Deacons	4	5
<i>Penny Sunday 6</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<i>No School 7</i> 6:30 PM Qadosh Bells	8	9 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	10 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group	11	12
<i>Daylight Savings Time Starts 13</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	<i>No School 14</i> 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Qadosh Bells 6:00 Community House Committee	15	16 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session meeting	21 6:30 PM Qadosh Bells	22	23 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	24	25	26
27 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	28 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Qadosh Bells	29	30 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	31		

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March 2022

March Events 2022

Birthdays

Mar 01 Rylee Arlington
01 Bill Boyles
02 Tanner Robeson
05 Ken Bakewell
05 Jerry Schultz
06 Raymond Barrett
06 Mynda Rossman
07 Mark Nickerson
08 Rachel Hughie
08 Leslie Swanson (5)
10 Eric Jones
12 Drake Lawson
12 Neil Morrison
13 Andrea Larsen
15 Gary Olson
21 Emily Jones
22 Brenda Scott
23 Londa Barrett
24 Anaya Hughie
25 John Schultz
26 CJ Mix
26 Michael Schultz
27 Emma Jones
29 Zoey Spicer
30 Abbie Yeager

*Happy
Birthday!*

Anniversaries

Mar 01 William & Sharon Boyles
14 Jack & Lynn Collins
17 John & Marcia McKown
22 Pete & Marlene Engman
26 Gary & Kathy Olson
26 Bruce & Linda Swanson

Girl Scout Sunday

March 6, 2022



Lay Leaders

Mar 06 Kathy Whittemore
13 Gloria Lindell
20 Anne Ward
27 Heidi DeWald

After Church Coffee

Mar 13 Chris McClellan
27 Bill & Celia Gross

Sound Booth

Mar 06 Rick Blumquist
13 Darrell Pusateri
20 Kathy Whittemore
27 Kelley Wood

Nursery

Mar 06 Nancy Bullock
13 Nancy Bullock
20 Nancy Bullock
27 Anne Ward

Sanctuary Flowers

Mar 06 John & Donna Caito
13 Mark & Sheryl Ash
20 Bryan & Lynn Olsen
27 Gary & Kathy Olson

Greeters / Ushers

Bill Gross
Celia Gross

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<i>Penny Sunday 3</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	4 6:00 PM Community House	5	6 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	7 6:00 PM Deacons	8	9 10-12 Children's Easter Party
<i>Palm Sunday 10</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	12	13 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	<i>No School 14</i> <i>Mandy Thursday</i> 12:30 PM Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service	<i>No School 15</i> Good Friday	16
<i>Easter Sunday 17</i> 7:00 AM Sunrise Service Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	<i>No School 18</i>	19	20 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	21	22	23
24 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session meeting	25 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	26	27 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	28	29	30 North Warren Trash & Treasure Sale

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April 2022

April Events 2022

Birthdays

Apr 03 Bruce Swanson
06 Anna Nickerson
07 Paige Rimer
09 Joseph Arlington
09 Zoey Port
12 Jamie Caito
12 Marge Jones
12 Sara Nickerson
15 Lee Jones
15 Tammy Mix
15 Jayna Sowers
16 Amanda Knopf
19 Heidi DeWald
20 Kathy Swartz
20 Janene Zaffino
22 Chad Hamilton
22 David Snyder
23 Elizabeth Lucks
25 Megan Grady
26 Emily Jones
26 John McKown
27 Rylee Kochner
28 Lois Marshall
30 Noah Spicer

Anniversaries

Apr 01 John & Jerry Schultz
05 William & Joann Stevenson
13 Mark & Sheryl Ash
17 Raymond & Londa Barrett
23 Don & Roxy VanOrd
25 David & Janene Zaffino

Lay Leaders

Apr 03 Celia Gross
10 Ruth Morrison
17 Mark Ash
24 Chris McClellan

After Church Coffee

Apr 24 Lois Marshall/Lynn Olsen

Sound Booth

Apr 03 Teresa Blumquist
10 Philip Nickerson
17 Rick Blumquist
24 Drake Lawson

Nursery

Apr 03 Nancy Bullock
10 Nancy Bullock
14 Nancy Bullock
17 Sara Nickerson
24 Nancy Bullock

Sanctuary Flowers

Apr 03 Sharon & Bill Boyles
10 Mark & Sheryl Ash
17 Easter Flowers
24 Ellen Nelson

Greeters / Ushers

Darrell Pusateri
Carol Pusateri



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<i>Mother's Day 8</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	9 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Community House	10 6:00 PM Christian Ed Recreation	11 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation	12 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group	13	14
15 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session meeting	16 Election Day 17	18 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation		19	20	21
22 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	23 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	24 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Recreation		26	27	28
29 10:00 AM Worship	No School 31 Memorial Day					

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May 2022

May Events 2022

Lay Leaders

May 01 Carol Pusateri
08 Celia Gross
15 Gloria Lindell
22 Mark Ash
29 Bill Gross

After Church Coffee

May 15 Sally Clark / Mary Putnam

Sound Booth

May 01 Kelley Wood
08 Darrell Pusateri
15 Kathy Whittemore
22 Kelley Wood
29 Teresa Blumquist

Nursery

May 01 Chris Case
08 Nancy Bullock
15 Nancy Bullock
22 Anne Ward
29 Nancy Bullock

Sanctuary Flowers

May 01 Mynda Rossman
08 Bill & Celia Gross
15 Kathy Whittemore
22 Barb Hoehn
29 Lee Jones

Ushers / Greeters

Sally Clark
Mary Putnam

Birthdays

May 01 Liam Ferry
02 Caroline Benson
04 Soojye Gustafson
08 Connie Mahan
08 Andrew Owen
08 Bill Ransom
11 Fletcher Blumquist
11 Tristan Brumagin
12 Gary Brumagin
16 Natasha Ferry
17 Danell Sowers
18 Logan Bullock
18 Cindy LaRusch
21 Brodie McElhatten
22 Mary Putnam
23 Chris McClellan
25 Terry Hockensmith
29 Denise Cederquist
29 Brian Wood
30 Spencer Dunagan
31 Jennifer Slack

Anniversaries

May 02 Charlie & Natalie Lucks (25)
03 Buddy & Anne Ward
20 Chris Case & Allen Cracker
26 Harold & Jennifer Slack
29 David Snyder & Susan Stout (40)
30 Ken & Audrey Bakewell
30 Andrew & Deborah Owen



Mother's Day

May 8, 2022



EASTER MEMORIALS AND HONORS

As we prepare to decorate our church sanctuary for Easter, we are again asking for your help. You may purchase a flowering plant of your choice that will decorate our church sanctuary, or you may specify your donation for the Deacon Fund or both. All donations may be in memory of or in honor of family, loved ones and/or friends.



Cost is \$10.00 each

Please specify your choice of flower below. Sorry no choice of colors.

ORDER DEADLINE IS APRIL 3, 2022

Flowers must be picked up after the Easter Sunday Service on April 17 2022. Orders may be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection plate. Please enclose your check or cash in a separate envelope % Flower Committee. All Checks Should Be Made To: North Warren Presbyterian Church (or NWPC).

Please write "Flower Committee" on the memo line



Thank you for your participation. *The Flower Committee*

Name _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Type	How many		Total
Lily	_____ x	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Tulip	_____ x	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Daffodil	_____ x	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Hyacinth	_____ x	\$ 10.00	\$ _____

Deacon Fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____



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THE BEAUTY OF EASTER

With OUR EYES we see the beauty of Easter
as the earth awakens once more...

With OUR EARS we hear the birds sing sweetly
to tell us spring again is here...

With OUR HANDS we pick the golden daffodils
and the fragrant hyacinths...

But only with OUR HEARTS can we feel the MIRACLE of GOD'S LOVE
which redeems all men...

And only with OUR SOUL can we make our "pilgrimage to God"
and inherit His Easter gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

