

## Winter 2021-2022

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The Gospel



### Pastor's Corner

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.* — Luke 1:38, (NIV)

It is hard for anyone to imagine what Mary felt when she heard the angelic announcement of the coming birth of Jesus through her. She was young, inexperienced and probably naive. To understand what emotions swirled around her, you have only to recall an incident in your own life when a sudden announcement of a death, crisis, or other event led to a dramatic change of plans.

Perhaps at first Mary did not understand all the implications of the birth. She was not married. She would be carrying the Son of God in her womb. She would be the subject of scorn and suffering then, and for the rest of her life. She asked in verse 34 of Luke chapter 1 the only question which anyone would ask, *"How will this be, since I am a virgin?"* And the angel answered her with the only answer that made any sense: *"For nothing is impossible with God."*

Assured by that statement of absolute truth, Mary responded with a simple, yet profound, expression of belief in the verse listed above, *"I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."* Mary immediately recognized who she was and whose she was — a servant of the Lord. Since she belonged to God, she was in the Lord's hands. What an honor to be asked to be the birth-giver of the God's Son. Her recognition of God's lordship led to her ability to completely surrender her life to God.

We need to begin each day recalling who we are and whose we are. We start by putting ourselves at God's disposal for the day. This is not an irresponsible act, since we are placing our lives in the hands of One who has loved us from the day of our birth and has promised to do nothing but good for us. In Romans 8:28, the Apostle Paul says, *"All things work together for good to those who love God!"* But we also commit ourselves to One who is in charge of everything. So nothing can go wrong with what God has planned for us.

So my friends, as we move into Advent, Christmas, and the New Year let us remember that God always wants what's best for us. And the way to peace, contentment, fulfillment and happiness is the way of submission to the loving, perfect will of God. What better example could we have than this young innocent girl who willingly yielded her life in obedience to God to bring forth the Savior of the world. May the Lord bless you and your family this holiday season as we celebrate God's great gift of love!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year,

*Buddy & Anne Ward*

**Join Us for an  
IN PERSON  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight  
Communion  
Worship Service  
on Friday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 PM**

The service will be streamed live on our Facebook page and be available on our website for those who are unable to join us in person.

## 2021 Personal Ministry Opportunities

Please prayerfully consider each of the opportunities for personal ministry listed here. Each one of us should respond to God's grace by our actions within the local congregation.

*Please indicate the number of times you are willing to serve.*

Position	Once	Twice	As Needed
Lay Leader			
Usher (for a month at a time)			
Adult Nursery Worker*			
Youth Nursery Worker			
After Church Coffee Host			
Volunteer Office Worker			
Other (Special Music, Greeter, Drama, Lay Preaching, Dance, Soundboard Crew, etc.) [circle or designate below]			

*If you have a special month or date you would like, please indicate that and we will do our best to accommodate you.*

*Please let us know of any dates you are NOT available as well.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please place in collection plate or leave at the church office.  
Thank you -- The Worship Committee

## The Worship Committee Needs Your HELP, and You Have The Hands!

*Won't you consider sharing your personal gifts and abilities with the whole church as you serve Christ in this place?*

Here are a few brief explanations of what the different ministry opportunities in our church involve. Everyone is encouraged to find an outlet for your God-given gifts in which you may serve God. If you have questions, please be sure to ask Buddy or one of the Worship Committee members.

**Lay Leader** - Assists in the leading of the worship service. All materials are furnished and you may abstain from any activity with which you do not feel comfortable.

**Usher** - Collects offering, greets all worship service attendees and provides them with worship bulletins. May also help seat anyone requesting assistance. Attend to candles, lights, etc. before and after the service, pick up after service.

**Adult Nursery Worker** - Supervises the nursery during the worship service. Men and couples are encouraged to accept this opportunity. This is truly an important position in a family church like ours.

*\*State law now requires that adult nursery workers obtain background clearances. Please provide copies for our files. If you have not already gotten yours, we will be happy to help you with that procedure at no cost to you.*

**Youth Nursery Worker** - Assists the Nursery Worker.

**After Church Coffee Hosts** - Serves coffee, tea, lemonade or similar beverages at after church social. Prepares and provides light "finger foods."

**Other** - Singing, playing an instrument, lead singing, performing in a drama, etc. We also need help with clerical office work, help with the newsletter, website/computer work, fix-it chores, audio/video work, maintain bulletin boards, teach classes, Wednesday Youth Recreation etc.

If you have a gift and would like to use it to further God's kingdom on earth, we have an outlet just waiting for you.

Please fill out the form on the reverse side.

# December 2021

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## Lay Leaders

Dec 05 Gloria Lindell  
12 Marcia McKown  
19 Darrell Pusateri  
24 Anne Ward  
26 Kathy Whittemore

## After Church Coffee Hosts

Dec 12 Lois Marshall & Lynn Olsen  
19 Bill & Celia Gross

## Sound Booth

Dec 05 Kathy Whittemore  
12 Rick Blumquist  
19 Kelley Wood  
24  
26 Teresa Blumquist

## Nursery - Adults

Dec 05 Anne Ward  
12 Nancy Bullock  
19 Gloria Lindell  
24  
26 Nancy Bullock

## Sanctuary Flowers

Advent Decorations & Poinsettias

## Ushers / Greeters

Nancy Bullock  
Lois Gettings

Elders usher on Christmas Eve

## Anniversaries

Dec 29 Andrew & Caroline Benson (10)

## Birthdays

Dec 01 Kate McClellan  
04 David Swartz  
09 Burt Ward  
10 Shawn Jones  
10 Wyatt Trojanowski  
11 Kinsley Little  
12 Brett McElhatten  
13 Jillian Busby  
13 Marian Hartman (75)  
15 Melani Decker  
16 Milee Evans  
16 Arabella Keefer  
18 Elizabeth McPherson (85)  
19 Alexa Guiley  
20 Nancy Bullock  
20 Ava Curry  
20 Josh McLean  
21 Jim Ashbaugh  
24 Sam McKown  
25 Garrett Fiscus (30)  
26 Ellen Nelson  
27 Cale Ash  
27 Judy McElhatten  
28 Jim Fiscus  
30 Winter Evans  
30 Elyzza Linkerhof  
30 Layton Ricketts  
30 Madelyn Nelson  
31 Laura Megill

## Christmas Eve Communion Servers

Nancy Bullock  
Marian Hartman  
Gary Olson  
Joe Poston  
Jim Reese

## Birthdays

Jan	4	Hayden Lilley
	5	Kathryn Olson
	7	Kyle Phinney
	9	Daphne DePoole
	10	Deklon Stiteler
	10	Ivy Whilton (60)
	11	Sofi Frankson
	11	Charlie Lucks
	13	Kathy Whittemore
	14	Taylor Swanson
	15	Shawn Billman
	16	Avalynn Swanson
	16	Harrison Williams
	20	Alex Ferry
	22	Carol Pusateri
	23	Al Brumagin
	23	William Swartz
	24	John Caito
	24	Ryan Knopf
	24	Alicia Trojanowski
	25	Cindy Fiscus
	27	Skyler Lester
	29	Elizabeth Goodwill
	31	Rohlin Steele

## Sound Booth

Jan	02	Gloria Lindell
	09	Darrell Pusateri
	16	Kathy Whittemore
	23	Rick Blumquist
	30	Kelley Wood

## Sanctuary Flowers

Jan	02	Kathy Whittemore
	09	Caroline Benson
	16	Lois Marshall
	23	Bryan & Lynn Olsen
	30	Barb Hoehn

## Birthdays

Feb	1	Parker Kiser
	2	Charlie Jones
	3	Addison Grant
	4	Cori Dunagan
	4	Addison Lilley
	5	Nova Gustafson
	6	Shirley Betts
	8	Jill Lester
	8	Madelyn Nordstrom
	10	Randy Jones
	10	Buddy Ward
	13	Emma Campbell
	13	Jaylene Swanson
	13	Adam Yeager
	17	Lynn Olsen
	18	Ron Davies
	19	Matt Tower
	20	Madalynn Campbell
	20	Jerry Lester
	21	Nyssa Brumagin
	21	Jim LaRusch
	23	Janet Maze
	23	Penny Wolboldt
	25	Susan Stout
	26	Teresa Blumquist
	26	Heather Nelson

## Sanctuary Flowers


Feb	06	Penny Wolboldt
	13	Jim & Ruth Morrison
	20	Mark & Sheryl Ash
	27	Bullock family

## Sound Booth

Feb	06	Teresa Blumquist
	13	Gloria Lindell
	20	Darrell Pusateri
	27	Kathy Whittemore

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:00 PM Deacons	3	4
<b>Penny Sunday 5</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	6 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	7	8	9 11:00 AM Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group at Hilltop Restaurant	10	11
<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	13	14	15	16	17	18 10:00 AM - Noon Children's Christmas Party
<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship with Christmas Program After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session Meeting	20	21	22	No School 23	No School 24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	25 
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For a complete up-to-date view, visit our website at <http://www.nwpcchurch.org/events-news-and-lists>

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# January 2022





# News from the Pews



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## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service*

Friday, December 24th at 7:00 pm.  
This year we will be returning to a more “normal” worship service for Christmas Eve as we celebrate our Savior’s birth. So, if you are able please join us “in person” as we worship together with carols, special music, and the telling of the timeless story of how God’s love was sent to earth to save this world. As part of the evening’s worship we will join together in sharing the Lord’s Supper with individual, separate juice and bread, along with your choice of a personal “flameless” candles or a more traditional open flame while we join in Silent Night. Face coverings are optional for those who are fully vaccinated, but we do ask that everyone respect the personal space of others. Rev. Ward’s message for the evening is titled *“This Baby is for You!”* taken from Luke 2:1-14. If you are not able to join us in person, the service will be streamed live on our Facebook page with a later posting on our website. Those celebrating at home are encouraged to provide their own juice and bread for communion, and a candle for the candlelight service.

## *Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you!*

Anne and Buddy Ward would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the soup and pie luncheon on October 10<sup>th</sup> and all the wonderful gifts they received for Pastor Appreciation. “We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving and caring congregation,” Buddy said.

The Ward family would also like to add, “May your Christmas and 2022 be filled with the wonder of God’s gift to the world, God’s Divine Son, Jesus Christ!” In the loving name of our Savior, Anne & Buddy Ward

## *Annual Church & Community Children’s Christmas Party!*

Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

All the children from the youngest to the oldest in Church, Sunday School, Day Care, and from our Summer Day Camp are invited! It will be a great time of fun, as we celebrate *“The Very First Christmas”* together. And as usual we will be having two special visitors from way up north to join us!



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## Note from the Deacons

The Board of Deacons thanks the congregation for donating turkeys to fill the Thanksgiving boxes. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

The Salvation Army Christmas gift "Treasures Tags" are available for selection by interested church members. The gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 5. This will give the Deacons time to sort and repack them for each child for the Salvation Army.

The Christmas season is a joyful time for most of us, but others have no extra money for gift giving or buying adequate food for their holiday table. Please contact one of our Deacons if you know someone in our congregation or community that needs assistance. The Christmas Eve offering is an appropriate time for giving so the Deacons can say "yes" when calls for help are made to us.

Merry Christmas from  
The Board of Deacons



## Reminder

Don't forget to pick up your poinsettia after the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

## Christmas Program

Ruth Morrison is organizing a Christmas program for the December 19<sup>th</sup> worship service. She is looking for volunteers to provide music, including instrumental or vocal, solos or groups.

Individuals interested in providing music or ideas should contact Ruth at 814 730-1541 or the church.

Please consider volunteering.

## Ladies Luncheon

### Prayer Group

The ladies will be traveling to the Hill Top Restaurant at the Career Center for their 11:00 luncheon on December 9. Please be at the church by 10:45 if you want to carpool. Anne Ward is the hostess for this luncheon.

Just a reminder, there will be NO luncheon in January.

We will meet at 12:30 pm on February 10 in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

## Winter Address

If you are going south for the winter, please notify the church office of your temporary address. Also, let us know when you are leaving and when you plan to return to Warren.





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## **New Adult Sunday School**

This class continues now through January downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

The *“There’s Hope”* study will help us better understand the hope that we have in Jesus, even though the difficult time of life we may be facing. We will learn how God's love brings hope and gives encouragement to share the burdens of others as we go through difficult times.

This series will help us better understand and realize that wherever Christ is present, there is always hope.

Join the adult class at 9:30 am each Sunday as we learn how to experience the peace and comfort that only God can provide, as we grow in our faith.

## **Congregational Meeting**

**The Fall Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, December 5 immediately following the Worship Service to receive the 2022 Church Budget, vote on the 2022 Pastoral Terms of Call, elect members to the: Day Care, Community House, Memorial, Audit, and P.F.I.E. Committees, along with any other business as is appropriate according to the Book of Order.

## **NEW Women’s Bible Study**

### **begins January 2022**

The book of Hebrews, from Right Now Media with Dr. Derwin Gray.

The book of Hebrews was written to people in crisis. They were persecuted, tempted by the rampant sin around them, and doubting their faith in Jesus. It was not so different than what many of us go through today.

Join Dr. Derwin Gray in this 8-session series as he walks through Hebrews teaching us how to live for Jesus in every season of life. Hebrews shows us that Jesus is better than anything the world can offer. We simply need to answer, “Am I willing to trust him above everything else?”

If interested let Gloria Lindell know, but anyone is welcome to join at any time during this series.

Jan 3 – Hebrews 1:1-3, Jesus’s Identity

Jan 17 – Hebrews 2:5-18, Jesus is Better

Jan 31 – Hebrews 4:14-16, Approach the Throne

Feb 14 – Hebrews 5:11-6:3 & 9:11-15, 25-28, Moving Toward Maturity

Feb 28 – Hebrews 8:6-12, Jesus’ Work



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## Warren Public Library

**Crystal Claus's Corner:** Mrs. Claus will not be able to make her yearly visit to the Warren Library, but her elves made eight different recordings of her sharing holiday stories and such.

These will be posted on our Facebook page at **9:00 a.m. on December 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15 and 17.**

This year includes a contest (ages 2 – 12) where you view each video, record the title of the book, plus the magic Christmas word Mrs. Claus mentions at the end of each recording. **Please submit forms by 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20.**

**Read your way through the Alphabet Challenge:** Children ages 2-12 are encouraged to read 26 books. This can be accomplished by reading one book for each letter of the alphabet. For example, Dog Man by Dave Pilkey could count towards the letter "D", "M", or "P". You may only use each book for one letter, which results in 26 different books being read. Adults may read to younger children. **Participants have until Monday, January 17, 2022 to submit their forms.**

**Be the Book Challenge:** Another opportunity, for all ages, is the Be the Book challenge. Take a photo of yourself, friends or family acting out the book title. Participants should send their photo by **Monday, January 10, 2022.** Be sure to include the book in the photo, along with adult contact name, participant's names and ages if children are involved, phone number, book title and author.

Forms for all of these programs are available at the library. Return forms to the library or email to [sslater@warrenlibrary.com](mailto:sslater@warrenlibrary.com)

## Church Library

Our church library has gone through another major uplift recently. New books, both fiction and non-fiction, have been added. Due to a generous donation from a church member a large collection of DVDs is now available. A list of the new items will soon be available and posted.

You can stop down at any time, browse the collection, borrow as many items as you like, and return them when you are finished. Please be considerate of others and return them as promptly as possible. Why not stop down and enjoy what is now available?



# POINSETTIAS

The Christmas season will be upon us soon and the Flower committee is busy with preparations for decorating our church. We are asking for your help. You may help in any or all of the following areas:

Poinsettias will be \$9.00 each and will be of varying colors. All flowers are to be picked up following the Christmas Eve Service. Please bring a bag to cover your plant and protect it from the cold.

Donations of \$\$\$ to the Deacons Fund will assist them in providing for those in need in our community. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated again this year.

If you would like to make a donation of \$\$\$ to help defray the cost of renewing and/or replacing some of the decorations you may do so through this form as well.

All flowers and donations may be placed in memory or honor of family, friends, loved ones, etc. Please indicate your choices and place in the offering plate or return this form along with your gift to the church office.

Deadline is December 12, 2021.

Thank you for your participation. The Flower Committee

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. Poinsettia - \$9.00 each | \$ _____ | (colors may vary) |
| 2. Deacons Fund             | \$ _____ |                   |
| 3. Church Decorating Fund   | \$ _____ |                   |
| TOTAL                       | \$ _____ |                   |



In Memory Of:

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of:

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Please indicate your choices and place in the offering plate or return this form along with your gift to the church office, ATTN: Flower Committee.

Deadline is December 12, 2021

Make your checks to "NWPC" or North Warren Presbyterian Church



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## **2021 Halloween in the Park**

Things were back to normal this year as we hosted our annual Halloween in the Park on October 30th! Over 200 hot dogs were served, in addition to the fixings, chips, cider, hot cocoa, and, of course bowls of candy!

Thank you to all who helped with this outreach and those who interacted with all the guests. It was a wonderful witness of God's love here in North Warren!

