



Fall 2024

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“I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will revere God.”
– Ecclesiastes 3:14

With the start of September, I will be entering the 28th year of ministry in the North Warren Presbyterian Church. And it has been a great honor! Over the past 27 years Anne and I have been blessed to work alongside of some very fine people who loved the Lord with all their *“hearts, and minds, and souls, and strength.”* Some of these people have left this world to go into the church triumphant, and we will sorely miss them. Others have moved to new communities and found other congregations to fellowship with. And many of you fine folks are still with us, serving the Lord in our community. But all along the way, we have been rewarded with a little glimpse of what heaven will be like when all of God’s people work together gathering in praise and worship of the Lord. From the first day my family and I arrived in North Warren, we joined a fellowship that was abuzz with love and life and determination to see God’s work done in our community. Buildings were built, parks were planted, ministries were started, and a mission was created that, *“Trusted God’s Spirit to work in and through our words and deeds...”* That determination continues on still today, *“wherever we are”* as new generations go out from this place to serve the Lord with *“energy, intelligence, imagination, and love!”* But, as the verse above from Ecclesiastes 3:14 reminds us, it is not we alone who build Christ’s Church, it is God who does the work through us, and for that reason *“it will endure forever.”*

That is why it is with gladness mixed with sadness, that I must inform you that I will be retiring from ministry with the North Warren Presbyterian Church at the end of February, 2025, when I will be turning 69. I believe that God is calling the Wards and NWPC to embark on new missions in our service to the Lord. Rest assured we will miss all of you; but, with change comes new opportunities for God to do great things in and through our ministries. Please pray for the leadership of NWPC as they partner with the Presbytery of Lake Erie to develop a mission study of this congregation’s vision for the future. Over the next six months, while I am still here, the congregation will need to work together to select people to work on writing the mission study, and serve on a Pastor Nominating Committee once the mission study is finished. Please consider how you personally can help call a new pastor to the North Warren Presbyterian Church who will come along side of you as you continue to be a beacon of hope to our troubled world!

In the Love of Christ,

Buddy & Anne Ward

**Sunday
Fall
Schedule**

(Starting September 8th)

**9:30 am
Sunday School
for all ages**

**11:00 am
WORSHIP**



About the Father's Business in... ...PERÚ

Praises & Prayers



Ash & Betsy Aeschliman
Pastor & BSN-RN
Global Medical Missionaries
Mission to the World
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"...so that with one heart and one mind [we] may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." *Romans 15:5-7*

In 2023, Dr Sam Suttle & RN son Sam served with me in Trinidad. From partnering 1st Presbyterian Church in Louisville MS, Dr Sam invited me to join their mission to Perú along with 2 other colleagues: sonographer Autumn Fair & certified athletic trainer Brooke Owens. So we happily joined an amazing 3 generations of Suttles!



Autumn loved showing this mother her 33-week-gestation baby! And Brooke gave easier mobility to an elderly lady with severe scoliosis.

We came alongside Wes Baker & Dale Ellison of Perú Mission and pastors Esdras Vazquez & Alexis Alayo of Iglésia Cristo Rey (Christ the King Church) in Trujillo and saw their wholistic ministry—from health to education, preaching to evangelism.



Prayer was key, and like father—like son in these pics! RN Anje Morgan & I

served with Sam in Triage welcoming patients & noting vital signs, past medical histories, current meds plus their voiced

care needs before they went to a doctor. Jason Morgan was our excellent 'traffic cop' & Triage heights & weights helper.



Meanwhile, Lisa Suttle and her 3 'grands' (Hannah 8, Gideon 11, Elijah 13) were busy sharing the gospel with children each day.

Nuevo Chimbote's Iglésia Cristo Rey pastor Gonzalo Salazar had



planned the medical campaign with his municipality's mayor & recruited many national MDs. Church members worked tirelessly to run clinics smoothly & to provide us meals. And as autumn said, "they instantly became family!" Meds were given gratis—like Christ's free grace—by Perú Mission's Centro Medico Betesda (Bethesda Medical Center) in Trujillo.



Our week closed with meaningful worship & prayer, then a despedida—more sweet fellowship and a final meal as

a bicultural body of Christ. To God be the glory for equipping us to bless nearly 400 patients together!

Praise God for... His mercy & kindness expressed in your prayers & financial partnerships ...the care & hospitality of Perú Mission missionaries & Peruvian siblings-in-Christ ...the privilege & joy of serving with them ...Ash's improvement since his mini-strokes. Please pray for... the growth of Cristo Rey in Nuevo Chimbote & land needed for a permanent church site ...volunteers needed & then team unity for Betsy's upcoming assigned medical teams ...Holy Spirit to even now prepare patients' hearts in each country to meet Christ through our care & subsequent follow-up by church members.

Upcoming Schedule ...October 12-19 to Saltillo, Mexico & January 25-February 1 to Trinidad, Lord willing.



In Triage w/ Anje

Bless you for partnering in God's work of medical evangelism!
Until He returns or calls,
Ash & Betsy

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North Warren Presbyterian Church

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

September 2024

September Events 2024

Anniversaries

- Sept 02 Matthew & Lisa Such
03 Rick & Teresa Blumquist (30)
03 Tim & Ashley Swanson
04 Kim & Kathy Wenzel (20)
08 Rob & Melissa Port
12 Jim & Cynthia LaRusch
15 Paul & Lynne Goodwill
24 Michael & Emma Jones
24 Tim & Bonnie Reynolds
28 Patrick & Emily Emmett (5)

Lay Leaders

- Sept 01 Mark Ash
08 Celia Gross
15 Kathy Whittemore
22 Ivy Whilton
29 Bill Gross

Sound Booth

- Sept 01 Philip Nickerson
08 Kelley Wood
15 Drake Lawson
22 Mark Nickerson
29 Drake Lawson

Sanctuary Flowers

- Sept 01 Mary Putnam
08 Rudy & Judy Rudolph
15 Beth, David & Suzie Neal
22 Sandy Billman family
29 Mark & Sheryl Ash

Ushers/Greeters

Sally Clark
Mary Putnam

After Church Coffee

- Sept 08 Jack & Lynn Collis
22 Amy Ransom

Nursery Workers

- Sept 01
08 Christina Hartman-Wilson
15 Chris Case Crocker
22 Amanda Knopf
29 Amy Ransom

Birthdays

- Sept 05 Roxy VanOrd
07 Denise Bullock
07 Charlene Swanson
10 Daniel Jones
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 Rachael Lucks
20 Mark Ash
23 Riley Zaffino
24 Hobson McKown
27 Tricia Poston
27 Jean Swartz
28 Tara Hockensmith
29 William Mahan

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<i>World Wide Communion</i> 6 <i>Penny Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion Worship Service	6:00 PM Christian Ed 7	8	9	10 12:30 PM Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group	11	12
9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 13	No School 14 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session 20	21	22	23 <i>Sharing Place</i> 24	25	26	27
9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 27	10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 28	29	30	31 Halloween in the Park & Trunk or Treat	28	29

October 2024

October Events 2024

Birthdays

Oct 02 Casey Ferry
02 Kendra Fuller
05 Nancy Grinnen
07 Marcy Engman
07 Andrew Jones
08 Charles Dickson
11 David Zaffino
12 Amanda McElhatten
12 Anne Ward
13 Jordan Bullock
15 Keziah Port
19 Sally Clark
19 Aldyn Poston
20 Chris Case Crocker
22 Michael Fiscus
22 Cole Johnson
27 Lynn Collins
29 Jim Swartz
30 Kris Soderberg

Anniversaries

Oct 05 Ron & Cathy Davies (45)
10 Jim & Karen Ashbaugh
20 Gary & Dixie Brumagin (40)
22 Jim & Cindy Fiscus
22 Cade & Brea Poston
23 Bob & Sandy Goodwill
28 Jim & Ruth Morrison

Ushers/Greeters

Mary Ann Erdmann
Ellen Nelson

Sanctuary Flowers

Oct 06 Kathy Whittemore
13 Joanne Stevenson
20 John & Donna Caito
27 Jean Swartz

Sound Booth

Oct 06 Darrell Pusateri
13 Philip Nickerson
20 Dawn Thayer
27 Drake Lawson

Nursery Workers

Oct 06 Soojye Gustafson
13 Nancy Bullock
20 Christina Hartman-Wilson
27 Amanda Knopf

After Church Coffee

Oct 13 Bill & Celia Gross
27 Ruth Morrison

Lay Leaders

Oct 06 Carol Pusateri
13 Heidi DeWald
20 Susan Stout
27 Amy Ransom

World Wide Communion

October 6, 2024

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17 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session After Church Coffee	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 24 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion Worship Service	25 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	26	No School 27	No School 28 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	No School 29	30

November 2024

November Events 2024

Lay Leaders

Nov 03 Chris McClellan
10 Sara Nickerson
17 Mark Ash
24 Ivy Whilton

Sound Booth

Nov 03 Mark Nickerson
10 Philip Nickerson
17 Drake Lawson
24 Kelley Wood

Sanctuary Flowers

Nov 03 Caroline Benson
10 Thanksgiving Table
17 Thanksgiving Table
24 Thanksgiving Table

Ushers/Greeters

Marcia McKown
Carol Pusateri

After Church Coffee

Nov 10 Nancy Bullock
17 Susan Stout

Nursery Workers

Nov 03 Amy Ransom
10 Nancy Bullock
17 Carol Pusateri
24 Christina Hartman-Wilson

Anniversaries

Nov 03 Ian & Soojye Gustafson

Birthdays

Nov 01 Joann Stevenson
06 Karen Ashbaugh
06 Kelley Wood
07 Mary Mahan
08 Jim Morrison
09 John Dyke
11 Melissa Turner
17 Anna Parkinson
17 Melissa Port
18 Linda Swanson
19 Bryan Olsen
20 Judy Rimer Sweet
21 Brian Ferry
25 Sarah Wilson
25 Michelle Gray
26 Sandra Lee
26 Robert Swartz
29 Judy Grosch-Rudolph

Christ the King Communion Service

November 24, 2024



Sunday School

September 8 our Sunday school year will resume with classes for all ages from preschool through adult beginning at 9:30 am each Sunday.

Sheryl Ash & Nancy Bullock- Nursery Class; Marian Hartman & Sally Clark – (grades K-2); Sarah Nickerson & Beth Watts (grades 3-5); Ruth Morrison - middle school & 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.

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.

New Adult Sunday School Class September 8 at 9:30 am

Whether we have been Christians for years, discovered faith in Jesus recently, or are still wondering what it is all about, we share similar questions about why and how to live out our faith.

We wonder: What are we made for? What does it look like to know God deeply? Why are we called to reflect God's light to those around us – and how do we do that?

Join the downstairs Adult Sunday School Class as we seek to answer these questions and many others as we study "Faith Foundations" by author and Pastor David Platt for a ten-session series on the essentials of the Christian Faith.

Pastor Platt will be leading our class through examining foundational truths for becoming mature Disciples of Christ. So, if you have been wanting to expand your understanding of the Bible and how to live out your faith, even if you haven't been to Sunday school in years, now is the time to start!



News from the Pews

Fall 2024



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 will be held on October 10 (hostess Marcia McKown) and November 14. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

All women are invited to join us.

Halloween in the Park



You are invited to join us at the Dave Clark Pavilion to help pass out hotdogs and candy on Thursday, October 31 from 5-8 pm or whatever day/time Conewango Township has trick or treating.

Take this opportunity to reach out in person to community members and share Jesus' encouragement and love.

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!

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.



Ruling Elders & Deacons

The following people have agreed to help lead our congregation in the mission of Christ's church.

Thank you for your willingness to commit your time, energy, and talents to lead us in our efforts to serve God.

Deacons

Judy Sweet

Ellen Nelson

Ruling Elders

Nancy Bullock

Amy Ransom

Celia Gross (2-year term)

Nominating Committee

Ivy Whilton

Celia Gross

Mark Nickerson

Judy McElhatten

Kathy Whittemore



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Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will be every other Monday at 10:00 am beginning September 16. We will be studying the New Testament book of 1 Corinthians with Jennie Allen on Right Now.

Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. We have to choose one or the other – we can't do both. The Christians in Corinth tried to live the Christian life in a worldly way. Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians to a divided and self-centered people to remind them to follow Jesus and only Jesus.

In this 12-part series, Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day.

All women are invited to this time of teaching, friendship and fellowship!

Turn Your Clocks Back

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 am. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.

Church World Service

Enclosed in the newsletter is an envelope for the Church World Service Blanket Fund. We normally collect these funds in October but are giving all those who receive this newsletter a chance to contribute to this very worthwhile program that NWPC has supported for many years.

Just \$10.00 will purchase a blanket for someone in need, in the U.S. and around the world. Please consider supporting Church World Service in this important ministry.

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 November.



Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be offered again this Christmas season to be placed in the Sanctuary. These can be done in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost this year will be \$12.00 each. Order forms will be included in the bulletin in November and a form is also included in this newsletter.





Sharing Place

Sharing Place has been very bust for the last few months. In the last 12 weeks alone we've served almost 100 dinners each evening. We continue to offer folks the option of taking their meal out or dining in. We were hopeful that by now we would be back to a place where we would need help with serving and cleanup. Not yet. Despite the increase in total dinners each night, the number of folks that choose to stay to eat still hovers in the low teens. That's a bit discouraging for us but the fact that we have already served more than 300 meals more than we had served last year at this time reminds us that the need is still there and we are doing what we can to meet that need. We'll continue to hope that more of those who are taking their meals out will choose to stay and fellowship with others.

We continue to appreciate the desserts that you provide. Folks have been quite generous with their time and delicious baked goods so we usually have enough to freeze for the occasional situation when a congregation forgets to bring desserts (thankfully North Warren always

delivers)! If you find yourself unable to bake something, don't feel compelled to go out and purchase desserts, we've got some in reserve and folks really appreciate the 'home made' desserts.

Just to be clear, we are very happy for you to provide desserts. We just don't walk folks to feel obligated to purchase something if they are unable to make something.

One last thing – we have a great “core group” of five regular kitchen helpers at Sharing Place. Occasionally, one (or sometimes more than one) of us is not available. I have a list of about 6 additional folks that are willing to work if they are needed, when they are available. I'd like to add a few names to that list. If you or someone you know would like to help in the kitchen on an 'as needed, when available' basis, please let me know and I'll follow up. Remember, it's a volunteer gig so you can always say no!

If you have questions, you can reach me at (814) 688-4911 or dwsnyder@westpa.net.

Thanks again for your support and generosity.

David Snyder
Sharing Place



Sharing Place Bakers

September 5. Lynn Olsen, Lois Marshall, Susan Stout, Ellen Nelson, Mary Putnam & Sheryl Ash

October 24. Sheryl Ash, Susan Stout, Ellen Nelson, Donna Caito, Ruth Morrison & Lynn Collins

Day Camp

‘YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.’

What a great subject for our day camp this year! We had 45 campers learning about Jesus in many ways.

Monday, Larry Miller from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services came with interesting information about fish and what he does. This went well with our “Jesus and his Disciples” lesson.



Tuesday, Miss Susan from the Warren Public Library came and read stories in conjunction with “Jesus and the Children.” One of the camper’s favorites was “The Bad Seed”.

Wednesday, Chris Case-Crocker and Lisa Lundberg came and talked with the campers about health care. They explained how health care workers heal people. It is a little different than the story of “Jesus and Peter’s Mother-in-law” which



was the topic of the day.



Thursday, Zachary Smith came and talked about his upcoming trip to Norway. This was the day the campers learned about “Jesus and Peter” in which Jesus asked Peter “Who do you think I am?” and Peter replied, “You are the Messiah,” the Son of the living God.”

Friday we had a lot of fun on our water day. This is always a highlight of day camp. Of course, the topic of the day was “Jesus and the Woman at the Well.” Always good to have a water story on water day.

Thanks to the above for their participation in our Day Camp.



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Coordinators Buddy Ward & Donna Caito

Pre-K teachers Sara Nickerson & Beth Watts

Grade 1-2 teachers Marian Hartman & Nancy Bullock

Grade 3-6 teacher Lynn Bricker & assistants Kayla Smith & Allyson Peate

Registration Mary Putnam & Lynn Collins

Music Celia Gross, Philip Nickerson & Isaac Zapel

Crafts Donna Caito, Amy Ransom Tesla Zapel

Recreation Ruth Morrison

Sound Booth Drake Lawson

Snacks Dawn Thayer

Playground Ken Bakewell

Check-Out Chris McClellan

Lunch Lois Marshall, Sharon Boyles, Mary Ann Erdman & Judy Sweet

Coordinator Helper Jamie Caito

Floating Helper Anne Ward

Water Day Helper Brian Wood



The Church with a Welcome for All

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.

See us on Facebook

Check out our Facebook page to see more photos and videos from Day Camp. Simply type North Warren Presbyterian Church into the search bar. Once you are on our page search for "Day Camp."



You can also go here to join us for worship service if you are unable to attend in person on Sunday mornings.

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POINSETTIAS

The Christmas season will be upon before we know it and the Flower committee will be busy decorating our church. We are asking for your help in any or all of the following areas:

Poinsettias will be \$12.00 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 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 also do so through this form.

All flowers and donations may be placed in memory of or in 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 8, 2024.

Thank you for your participation. The Flower Committee

Name _____ Phone _____

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Poinsettia - \$12.00 each | \$ _____ | (colors may vary) |
| 2. Deacons Fund | \$ _____ | |
| 3. Church Decorating Fund | \$ _____ | |
| TOTAL | \$ _____ | |



In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

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 8, 2024.

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

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*Count your garden by its flowers,
Never by the leaves that fall,
Count your days by precious hours,
Don't remember clouds at all
Count your nights by stars not shadows
Count your life by smiles not tears
And with joy through all your lifetime,
Count your age by friends not years*