



The Vine

North Warren Presbyterian Church

200 S. State Street, Warren, PA phone (814) 723-5060

Sessions Corner

Spring 2026

Chris McClellan
Qadosh Bells
Director



Amanda Slack
Clerk of Session



Bill Gross
President of
Deacons



Chris McClellan
Acting Treasurer



Dawn Thayer
Secretary



The Congregation
Ministers of
The Gospel

PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We are still in the process of searching for a pastor and getting closer to potential candidates. We will keep you posted with any progress we make.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: We are currently working on gathering items in the church and cleaning out classrooms for North Warren days. Coming into spring, we are going to be working in the manse – cleaning and updating. We are currently stripping wallpaper (thanks Rebecca for taking on this task) and we would like to start painting and would love any extra hands! If you can help, please reach out to Rebecca or Ivy.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Monies received for OGHS during the season of Lent (February 18-April 5), helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The fish banks and the enclosed envelope should be returned by March 29, Palm Sunday.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to any of us on Session, or the PNC Committee

Amanda Slack
Clerk of Session / PNC Committee

Your fellow session members: Amanda Slack, Celia Gross, Ivy Whilton, Nancy Bullock, Dawn Thayer, Tricia Poston, and Kyle Wilson.

Maundy Thursday
Communion Service

April 2, 2026

7:00 pm

North Warren Presbyterian Church

200 S. State Street • Warren, Pennsylvania • 16365-4645 phone (814) 723-5060

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	2 6:00 PM Christian Ed	2	4	5 6:30 PM Community House Committee	6	7
8 <i>Girl Scout Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	9 <i>No School</i>	10	11	12 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group	13	14
15 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	16 <i>No School</i>	17 	18	19 Sharing Place	20	21
22 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	30	31				

March 2026

North Warren Presbyterian Church

200 S. State Street • Warren, Pennsylvania • 16365-4645 phone (814) 723-5060

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Maundy Thursday 2 No School 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion Service	Good Friday 3 No School	4
Easter Sunday 5 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	No School 6 6:00 PM Christian Ed	7	8	9 12:30 PM Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group 6:00 PM Deacons	10	11
12 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	27	28	29	30		

April 2026

North Warren Presbyterian Church

200 S. State Street • Warren, Pennsylvania • 16365-4645 phone (814) 723-5060

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	4 6:00 PM Christian Ed	5	6	7 6:00 PM Deacons 6:30 PM Community House Sharing Place	No School 8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11	12	13	14 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group	15	16
17 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Pentecost</i> 10:00 AM COMMUNION Worship Service	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> No School	26 No School	27	28	29	30
31 10:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee						

May 2025



News from the Pews

Spring 2026



Personnel, Finance, Endowment & Investment Committee (PFEI) Update

Personnel: We continue to be blessed with the same personnel as last year: Dawn Thayer, our part-time secretary, Denise Bullock, our janitor, Kris Soderberg and Cathy Peterson, our organist/pianist.

Finance: The monthly financial statements are posted on the bulletin board to the left of the nursery. They show in detail, how the General Fund is doing plus “basic transactions and balances in each of our other Funds (Building, Community House, Flower, Deacons, Memorial, Park & Playground, Endowment, Youth Mission, and Unrestricted Funds).

We ended the year 2025 with an increase to the General Fund (our budgeted income & expenses) of \$43,000+!!! This all sounds great until you remember that we did not have to pay a pastor for 10 months in 2025. A full-time pastor will cost approximately \$100,000 (salary, pension, insurance, travel, education, etc.) for full year. Unless we can increase our giving, we will have to dig deeply into our investments (see Investments below) to provide the funds to pay for the pastor that God is preparing for us.

An annual reminder, if you are required to take monies (RMD) out of your IRA retirement accounts, even if you don't want the income, there is something called a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) to help you at least reduce your federal income tax on some or all of those RMD's. Basically, you instruct your IRA Administrator to pay

your RMD (some or all), directly to a Qualified Charity (i.e., the church) and that portion of your RMD is not taxable to you. See Chris McClellan for more details if interested.

Investments: Our investments earned a 9.39% rate of return in 2025. We currently take 4.5% of the Endowment and Unrestricted Fund investments as Budgeted General Fund income each year if needed. We definitely used that 4.5% in 2025 in the amount of \$14,740 before Buddy left. And while we are grateful to God that we have these investments to use to supplement our General Budget, they will not last long if we have to dip into them more than the 4.5% budgeted amounts.

If anyone has questions about the church's finances, please see Chris McClellan, Tricia Poston, or Judy Sweet. If we cannot answer right away, we will find out and get back to you.

Trash & Treasure Day

Boy Scout Troop 13 will once again have a sale on May 23 in the Dave Clark pavilion to benefit the North Warren Presbyterian Church.



Donations (no clothes) may be put in the church youth room any time before May 23. The church office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

Daylight Saving Time

Be sure to turn your clock ahead one hour Saturday night, March 7. Daylight saving time begins March 8.



News from the Pews

Spring 2026



Sharing Place Bakers

Our next dates to provide cookies for Sharing Place are as follows:

March 19 – Lynn Olsen, Lois Marshall, Mary Putnam, Ellen Nelson, Susan Stout, Chris McClellan, and Amy Ransom.

May 7 – Nancy Bullock, Ellen Nelson, Ruth Morrison, Sheryl Ash, and Tricia Poston.

Note from Deacons

Thanks to your generosity, in 2025, the Deacons were able to provide 13 families (46 people) with food boxes for Thanksgiving, Christmas gifts for 10 children, 27 Aldi gift cards, and 10 Kwik Fill gift cards. We also prepared and served 3 funeral luncheons, and donated to the PC USA for the California Fires, and WAHS Robotics team. This year the Deacons supported efforts of the Social Committee by organizing and leading Halloween in the Park. In addition, the Deacons sent hundreds of cards to folks for birthdays, anniversaries, condolences, get well, congratulations, thinking of you, etc.

These actions could not have been achieved without your help. Thank you once again for your incredible generosity.

If you know of any one in need, please let the Deacons know. They will assist in any way that they are able.

Board of Deacons, Bill Gross, President
Shirley Betts, Judy Sweet, Ellen Nelson,
and Denny McClellan

Ladies Luncheon

Prayer Group

The Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:30 pm. This will be March 12, April 9, and May 14.

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 24, the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, Worship Service will begin at 10:00 am. There will not be Sunday school during the summer months. We will return to an 11:00 am start time the weekend after Labor Day.

Per Capita

If you have not already done so, please pay your \$37.00 Per Capita (for each member of the church, not family) as the church will soon have to make a payment to the Presbytery for 2026. Please mark Per Capita on your memo line.

Thank you, PFEI Committee

Easter Flowers

We are taking orders for flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for the Easter season. The cost is \$9.00 each and an order form is included. Deadline to order is March 15. Flower can be picked up after Easter Sunday service.



March

April

May 2026

Birthdays

Mar	01	Bill Boyles
	05	Ken Bakewell (85)
	05	Jerry Schultz
	06	Raymond Barrett
	06	Mynda Rossman
	08	Rachel Hughie
	08	Leslie Swanson
	12	Drake Lawson
	12	Neil Morrison (30)
	13	Andrea Larsen
	15	Gary Olson
	22	Brenda Scott
	23	Londa Barrett
	24	Anaya Hughie
	25	John Schultz
	26	CJ Mix
	26	Michael Schultz
	27	Emma Jones

Birthdays

Apr	03	Bruce Swanson (75)
	06	Anna Nickerson
	07	Paige Rimer Binder
	09	Zoey Port
	12	Jamie Caito
	15	Lee Jones (95)
	15	Tammy Mix (65)
	16	Amanda Slack
	19	Heidi DeWald (55)
	20	Kathy Swartz (55)
	22	David Snyder
	25	Megan Grady
	26	John McKown
	28	Lois Marshall
	28	Joe Slack

May

Birthdays

01	Liam Ferry
02	Caroline Benson
04	Soojye Gustafson
08	Connie Mahan
08	Andrew Olson
08	Bill Ransom
08	Elixis Johnson-Wilson
09	Allen Crocker
11	Fletcher Blumquist
16	Natasha Ferry (20)
18	Logan Bullock
21	Brodie McElhatten (20)
22	Mary Putnam
23	Chris McClellan
29	Denise Cederquist
29	Brian Wood

Anniversaries

Mar	01	William & Sharon Boyles
	14	Jack & Lynn Collins
	17	John & Marcia McKown
	22	Pete & Marlene Engman
	26	Gary & Kathy Olson (60)
	26	Bruce & Linda Swanson

Anniversaries

Apr	01	John & Jerry Schultz
	13	Mary & Sheryl Ash
	17	Ray & Londa Barrett

Anniversaries

May	03	Buddy & Anne Ward
	20	Chris & Allen Crocker (5)
	29	David Snyder & Susan Stout
	30	Ken & Audrey Bakewell
	30	Andrew & Deborah Owen

Sanctuary Flowers

Mar	01	Bullock family
	08	Mark & Sheryl Ash
	15	Bryan & Lynn Olson
	22	OPEN
	29	PALM SUNDAY

Sanctuary Flowers

Apr	05	EASTER SUNDAY
	12	Joe & Tricia Poston
	19	Mark & Sheryl Ash
	26	Ellen Nelson

Sanctuary Flowers

May	03	OPEN
	10	Bill & Celia Gross
	17	Caroline Benson
	24	Lee Jones & Barrett family
	31	Goodwill family

The Church with a Welcome for All



North Warren Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Church (USA)
200 S. State Street
Warren, PA 16365- 4645

Phone: (814) 723-5060
Email: secretary@nwpchurch.org
Web: www.nwpchurch.org

Published Quarterly
Spring 2026 Newsletter

Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am
(10:00 am Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Church Office Hours: Monday,
Wednesday & Friday 11 am to 1 pm.

In Preparation for Lent

How does the soul wait upon God?

We go to the art gallery. There is a certain painting that we wish to see to get from it all that we can of meaning and inspiration.

Do we do that by just rushing past it?

No, we have literally to wait in its presence, to sit down in front of it, to let it speak to our innermost soul.

So it is with God.

We have to open our souls to him, to let his personality invade ours.

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

In this Lenton season, let us find occasions to be still and come to know God.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran church, Milwaukee, Or