



The Vine

North Warren Presbyterian Church

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Sessions Corner

Summer 2026

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The Congregation
Ministers of
The Gospel

PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We are excited to welcome Pastor Ken Krause to our church family at North Warren Presbyterian Church. See News from the Pews for more information. Pastor Ken's first sermon will tentatively be July 5th.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: We have been working hard at updating the Manse for our new pastor. We have stripped all the wallpaper, painted, new flooring, as well as installed a new kitchen. All this was made possible with members and family of our Church. From generous donations, to hard labor, we are beyond blessed. We welcome anyone that would like to continue to help us with the Manse, as well as the church. We have many projects underway. See Treasurer's Report for more details on Manse renovation.

COMMUNITY HOUSE COMMITTEE: We recently listed the property with a new realtor and hope to have it rented soon.

CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE: Summer hours for church are approaching, and we hate to see the kids not come in the summer! Amanda and Ivy decided they will be taking turns doing "Second Hour", after the children's sermon! Stay tuned for more information.

SOCIAL & MISSIONAL OUTREACH: We held a wonderful Easter Party on March 29th, during Sunday school hours! We had a lesson, played trivia, musical chairs, pin the tail on the bunny, and ate lots of donuts! 17 kids attended and some stayed to attend Palm Sunday, and helped with the palms! We hope to do this again next year for the kids! Thank you all who attended and celebrated Jesus Resurrection with us!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: See "News from the Pews" for information.

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, Tricia Poston, Kyle Wilson, and Jordan Bullock.

Board of Deacons: Bill Gross, Shirley Betts, Judy Sweet, Ellen Nelson, Denny McClellan, and Mark Nickerson.

Summer Hours

Began May 24

Worship 11:00 am

No Sunday School

June

Birthdays

June	02	Cade Poston
	08	Kristie Reynolds Stoddard
	09	Denny McClellan
	12	Bonnie Reynolds
	13	Doug Megill
	15	Philip Nickerson
	18	Martha Brackemyre
	19	Thomas Swartz
	20	Grady Decker
	22	Maureen Gonano
	25	Marcia McKown
	25	Tim Swanson (45)
	27	Rudy Rudolph
	28	Addison Jones
	29	Celia Gross (75)
	29	Jeff Scott

Anniversaries

June	04	Joe & Heather Nelson (10)
	05	Joe & Tricia Poston
	06	Kevin & Sarah Ford
	08	Rudy & Judy Rudolph (35)
	12	Brett Amanda McElhatten
	19	Doug & Laura Megill
	19	Mark & Sara Nickerson
	22	David & Andrea Larsen
	25	Brooks & Ivy Whitton (15)
	29	Shawn & Emily Jones

Father's Day

June 21st

July

Birthdays

July	02	Joe Nelson
	04	Jacob Bullock (25)
	05	Cathy Davies
	06	Sarah Dyke Ford
	07	Theresa Parkinson
	16	Scott Reynolds
	18	Annabelle Hartman
	19	Derek Lucks
	19	Kevin Shaffer
	21	Susan Benton
	22	Jessica Ashbaugh Griffith
	22	Joshua Ward
	27	Donna Caito
	29	Gracie Wood
	29	Christina Hartman-Wilson
	30	Natalie Mashensic
	30	Nathan Lucks

Anniversaries

July	08	Bill & Celia Gross
	09	Robert & Rachel Hughie
	11	Denny & Chris McClellan(45)
	17	Gary & Donita Redick
	20	Brian & Casey Ferry
	24	Bryan & Lynn Olsen
	30	John & Donna Caito

Independence Day

Saturday, July 4th

August 2026

Birthdays

July	02	Rob Port
	04	Hayden Turner
	05	Jack Collins
	07	Anna Megill
	07	Don VanOrd
	08	Darrell Pusateri
	08	Deborah Ward Owen (40)
	09	Kelly Swanson
	12	Gary Redick (80)
	13	Bill Gross (75)
	19	Michael Jones
	20	MacKenzie McElhatten (25)
	21	Gloria Lindell
	22	Carolyn Dickson
	24	Ruth Morrison (70)
	25	Tim Reynolds
	25	Grant Wood
	25	Caleb Joseph Nelson
	28	Rick Blumquist
	28	Sam Pusateri
	29	Donita Redick
	30	Emily Ashbaugh Emmett
	30	Joe Poston

Anniversaries

July	03	Sam & Denise Pusateri
	11	Charles & Carolyn Dickson
	21	Darrell & Carol Pusateri (55)
	26	Ryan & Corvette Knopf
	30	Chase & Mary Putnam
	31	Kyle & Christina Wilson

Communion Service

August 9th



Welcome Pastor Ken Krause

We are blessed and excited to welcome Pastor Ken Krause to the North Warren Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Ken brings a heart for God's Word, a love for people, and a wealth of experience in ministry and service. We look forward to the many ways God will work through him among us.

Please join us as we begin this new chapter together in faith, fellowship, and service. First sermon will tentatively be JULY 5th.

Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

This group meets Thursday, June 11 at 12:30 pm in the Dave Clark Pavilion. Dessert will be provided. Bring a dish to pass, your own tableware, and drink.

This will be the last prayer luncheon until September.

Trash & Treasure Sale

The Boy Scouts held a sale on May 16 in the Dave Clark Pavilion, raising

SALE

\$1,394.00 to benefit the North Warren Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time and treasures to make this possible. Job well done !!

Sharing Place Bakers

June 25 Lynn Olsen, Lois Marshall, Mary Putnam, Sheryl Ash, Susan Stout, Ellen Nelson & Amy Ransom

August 14: Nancy Bullock, Susan Stout, Ellen Nelson, Ruth Morrison, Amy Ransom & Marcia McKown.

Community Worship Service

The annual Community Worship Service will once again bring together local churches to worship as one body of Christ. The service will be held on August 2 beginning at 10:30 am at the historic Struthers Library Theater on Third Avenue in Warren.

Instead of taking the day off, you are encouraged instead, to join your fellow Christians in a unique uplifting way.

Early Church Service

Beginning May 24, we changed to a 10:00 am start for our Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school classes during the summer hours, however we will continue to offer second hour to the children during worship. We will return to an 11:00 am start time the weekend after Labor Day.





News from the Pews



Summer 2026

New Officers

Session has elected new officers to lead our church.

- President – Tricia Poston
- Vice President – Celia Gross
- Secretary – Amanda Slack
- Acting Treasurer – Chris McClellan

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, April 19, immediately following the worship service.

Jordan Bullock with nominated to fill out the open Ruling Elder term. He will serve until the end of 2026. Thank you for volunteering your time to help steer our congregation.

Change for Life

You can support the Women’s Care Center of Warren in their mission to provide an affordable, safe place of comfort, support, and health to individuals facing unplanned pregnancies, youth making lifestyle choices, wounded women in need of health, and childless couples.



Take an empty baby bottle and fill it up with spare change. Return by Father’s Day, June 21. Thank you.

Sound Booth

We are saying goodbye to Drake Lawson as he graduates from school.

Jordan Bullock, Jacob Bullock and Philip Nickerson are returning to volunteer in the Sound Booth, along with Amanda Slack who remains.

Thank you all !!

Missions Committee

In February, the Congregation gave \$830 to World Vision/30-hour famine. During Lent, \$725 was gifted to One Great Hour of Sharing with an extra \$75 added to round up to \$800.

In April, we gave financial support to Dr. Matt Megill, who has worked in Niger, Africa for nearly 20 years as a missionary doctor.

During the Warren Gives campaign in May, we donated to six local organizations: North Warren VFD, the Women’s Care Center, House of Hope, Warren Salvation Army, Warren County Children’s Advocacy Center, and the Kids in Need Fund (through the Warren County School District).



Note from the Acting Treasurer of NWPC (Chris McClellan)

Well, it has been quite the year! It has been a little over a year since Buddy's retirement, when we felt that we were left to "run" the church without our "shepherd". Many, admittedly including myself, were wondering how we would handle everything, how we would pay for everything, where we would find someone to come to "shepherd" our little church that had so few participating congregants, and on and on. But with a LOT of prayer, a wonderful, hard-working Session, a persistent Pastor Nominating Committee, many faithful members, several consistent Pastor Supply speakers and especially the Good Lord himself, we have made it through!

Not having to pay a pastor for a year allowed us to save a lot of money. But now we will have the wonderful blessing of paying the NEW minister that God provided to us. We can use the past year's savings, plus our "Reserve Investments" if new need to, but we cannot do that forever. We will eventually need new participating (and contributing) congregants and this is NOT the entire job of the pastor. It has to be OUR mission to bring the

unchurched to the Lord and into our church family.

So far, this is not your typical "Treasurer's Report", is it? Not a number anywhere! Ok, here it is. Several people have spent months working on the manse. 6 rooms (4 bedrooms, living and dining room) were taken back to the original plaster walls, including removal of wallpaper and wallpaper layers, patched and skim-coated, primed and painted with two coats of paint, and all ceilings painted as well. All of the wooden floors in these 6 rooms were cleaned and refinished. The kitchen was gutted, dry-walled, painted and rebuilt with all new cabinets and new appliances (except the almost new stove), new flooring and a new window. Hallway and stairway carpet was removed and replaced. Downstairs bathroom spruced up and toilet was replaced. Back entrance/utility room was painted, new floor, new washer, and new dryer and new slop-sink. And other things, too numerous to mention, happened along the way, including replacing a leaky hot water heater. But that was (thank you, God!) still under warranty.

As of this writing, all bills have yet to be paid, but my guess is that the final manse renovation cost will be close to



\$25,000 (there's a number for you!) BUT, we received several thousand in generous donations and appliances which will reduce the "hit" to the Building Fund greatly. As I'm fond of saying, my father, Dave Clark, often used to say, "Our congregation ALWAYS comes through when something is needed".

What can we do?

Keep praying for our new minister and church!

Keep contributing your time and money so we can maintain our programs and create new ones.

Participate when asked, or even better, **ask** to participate.

Ask your friends and acquaintances to attend church with you

Use your imagination for new ways to make our church "THE place to be"!

Worship Committee

The pulpit has been successfully filled since March of 2025 with a wide variety of speakers and without having to have an impromptu sing along one Sunday. As I said a year ago, we may not have an ordained pastor in the pulpit every single week, but we would have someone who would teach us something new and hopefully inspire us to do more in our church life and

continue on as we have for 120 years here at NWPC. I have heard many comments that it was nice to have different people with different perspectives from other denominations and from local charities/organizations that we support through our Missions budget. But I am happy and looking forward to giving up this job as we prepare to welcome our new permanent pastor in the coming weeks.

Lastly, I want to give a special shout out to all those who volunteered to be lay leaders and have had to go above and beyond what used to be that position. Once or twice, over the year, the lay leader literally did everything in the bulletin except preach the sermon. So, with the new pastor coming, I hope to get back to that original job, which was doing a few parts at the beginning of the service and being able to return to his/her seat in the pews. God job everyone!! I overheard someone, as she was sitting behind me one day, as her husband was preaching, say, "They are a well-oiled machine".

Thanks again for everyone's help, suggestions, and encouragement.

Celia Gross



About the Father's Business in... ...the Dominican Republic

Praises & Prayers



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"...so that with one heart and one mind you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." *Romans 15:5-7*

How beautiful to worship with the body of Christ on Sunday before clinics started. From 9 states, our U.S. team of 15 also began each day in song & de-



votions. And our cohort of multi-cultural servants circled at each site to sing & pray



before giving Gospel hope in Word & deed to the patients God would bring us, for apart from Holy Spirit working in & through us, we can do nothing. It is grace, grace alone, that empowers us to follow Jesus in medical-evangelism.

Physical therapy & ultrasound testing are unaffordable for most in developing countries. I'm so grateful God led PTs Steve Wolters & Lucy Estock plus sonographer Autumn Fair to the DR this year! Canes & walkers



blessed many, and Steve & Lucy also taught proper heavy-lifting, massaged aching muscles or performed dry-needling to relieve pain. Patients got



written instructions for continuing exercises at home, too.

Autum loved showing a pregnant woman her baby, as routine OB-ultrasound isn't common in socialized medicine clinics. Autumn also blessed patients by ruling-out disease or



confirming a needed follow-up by local practitioners.

Dr Silvia Martinez & husband Samuel head *The Luke Society Hospital* & its multi-faceted Christian ministries.

Their adult children Dr Samuel, Fanny & Pamela are key, beautiful servants through medicine, counseling & prayer, nutritional teaching and in other *Luke Society* leadership roles. Dr Urania Suarez

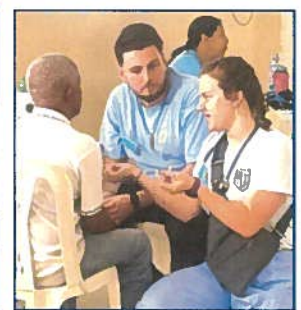


is fulltime in its hospital. (She wanted to adopt my grand-daughter Maggie Phillips!)



Sally Mercer, my R hand, with Silvia, Samuel & me

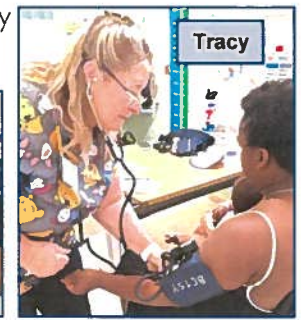
Having just finished her second year of medical school at UAB, Maggie was mentored by Dr Mike Euwema who guides ED Residents in Jacksonville FL. His pre-med, future son-in-law Jacob Smith-Roman was their amazing interpreter.



Before a patient was seen by our providers, RNs Danielle Euwema, Tracy Scull or Jamie Skaar showed him or her the welcoming love of Jesus at our Triage station. These 3 compassionate & talented women rotated between serving in Lab, Triage or doing wound care on nasty injuries or diabetic leg ulcers.



Danielle



Tracy

Pediatric nurse Jamie teamed up with PT Lucy to help developmentally-delayed 3-year-old Michnera. Born prematurely, she couldn't sit up alone & had major right-sided weakness. Sadly too, she'd never had any therapy & her mother was overwhelmed. Please, Lord Jesus, heal her miraculously & encourage her mother.



Jamie



I'm so thankful **bilingual Susan Service** has been a fun & faithful servant on my assigned teams, interpreting for RNs or blessing patients with readers. Key for leisure reading or study, they are important to seamstresses & carpenters, too. **Samuel Martinez** teamed up with Suzy on a busy Tuesday to share the gospel & pray with patients.

Prayer time is a huge priority with all providers, as well. Via his awesome interpreter **Ana**, Family Medicine MD **Wiley Smith** lifted up this patient's needs to our Abba Father.



Pediatrician **Craig Lem** & Internist/Pediatrician **Won Kim** have served on my assigned teams since 2014 & 2015! Huge blessings, both are **bilingual** so they can communicate with Spanish patients in their heart language. In the Dominican Republic, we need **inter-**

preters for Haitian Creole, too, & God provides those friends.

These men are **strong clinical & spiritual leaders and mentors** for me. They will be leading a medical team to Ecuador in September. Lord willing, I'll be able to join them.



I don't believe 'success' is measured in numbers, but rather that on mission "**less is more**" allowing **quality patient time**. But Holy Spirit sent us **nearly 700**, with more than half sweet children! Several were quite sick, in need of follow-up by *Luke Society* clinicians or referral to *Dominicano* specialists. Many require spiritual care by **pastor**

Carlos Heredia & his church, *Centro Cristiano Buenas Nuevas Alfa y Omega*. Through them, God has established 4 thriving house-churches.

We've both aged a bit & gotten gray, but grace keeps us serving with energy & joy, PTL!



2016!

Praise God for... His providence, mercy & kindness expressed through your prayers, encouragements, financial partnerships, whether on 'the home team' or as traveling colleagues ...**the staff of Luke Society & its wholistic ministries** to communities through local pastors as well—**how inspiring** to those of us who came to serve alongside them!

Please pray for... Holy Spirit to work in patients' hearts with believers having been encouraged by our care & seekers to be converted & disciplined well in follow-up contacts ...**fruit in His timing**.

Upcoming Schedule ...August 22-26 Holland MI 'Soul-Sisters Refresh'—5 of us (Thanks, Cornelia!) ...**September 18-26 Ecuador at altitude** Medical Team (as RN, not Team Leader) ...**October 10-17 Durango, Mexico** their 1st Medical Team (Please pray for final 2 RNs needed.)



Bless you for partnering in God's Kingdom work through medical evangelism!
Until He returns or calls,
Betsy

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June

July

August 2026

Lay Leaders

June 07 Mark Ash
14 Amanda Slack
21 Bill Gross
28 Ruth Morrison

Lay Leaders

July 05 Ivy Whilton
12 Celia Gross
19 Mark Ash
26 Bill Gross

Lay Leaders

Aug 02 Community Worship Service
09 Ruth Morrison
16 Ivy Whilton
23 Celia Gross

Sound Booth

June 07 Amanda Slack
14 Philip Nickerson
21 Amanda Slack
28 Jacob Bullock

Sound Booth

July 05 Jordan Bullock
12 Philip Nickerson
19 Jordan Bullock
26 Jacob Bullock

Sound Booth

Aug 02 Community Worship Service
09 Philip Nickerson
16 Jordan Bullock
23 Jacob Bullock
30 Philip Nickerson

After Church Coffee

June 14 Ivy Whilton

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None this month

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None this month

Sanctuary Flowers

June 07 Judy McElhatten
14 Mary Sue & David See
21 Denny & Chris McClellan
28 Penny Wolboldt

Sanctuary Flowers

July 05 OPEN
12 Bill Ransom
19 Jim & Ruth Morrison
26 Marcia McKown

Sanctuary Flowers

Aug 02 Community Worship Service
09 Bill & Celia Gross
16 Mark & Sheryl Ash
23 Rudy & Judy Rudolph
30 Mary Putnam

Ushers/Greeters

Mark Ash
Sheryl Ash

Ushers/Greeters

Nancy Bullock

Ushers/Greeters

Marcia McKown

Nursery Workers

No workers are provided this month.
You are welcome to take your
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Church Office Hours: Monday,
Wednesday & Friday 11 am to 1 pm.



Freedom's Price

Today we celebrate freedom,
thanks to those who came before.
Those brave men and women who fought and died
in each and every war.
Freedom always comes at a price,
and while we celebrate
we should tip our hats to the heroes
who made our country great.