



Spring Dates TBD



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January 29, 2023

9:30 Worship

"New Year New Committment" Rev. Matthew J. Smith

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Warren IL







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Warren United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Announcements "J-E-S-U-S" Sona

*Song Open the Eyes of My Heart. Video

*Call to Worship

L: God, we come this morning to worship You

P: And remember that You are a God of joy

L: To our dear children, grace and peace to you

P: We will always give thanks for you.

L: We pray for you constantly because we love you.

P: We love you just as God loves you.

L: We know, children of God, that God loves you so much.

P: There are no words to express it.

L: You remind us of God's love.

P: Teach us to see the world as you do.

L: Surprise us with the wonders you see.

P: Show us what gifts God has given you.

L: We will bless you, and protect you,

P: And we will always give thanks for you.

L: Now, God, as we enter worship fill our mouths with laughter

P: And may shouts of joy come from our lips. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer **Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer**

Story Time "God Gave Us Love"

*Song "Jesus Loves Me" Video

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Regular Offering **Noisy Offering**

Video

Game Time

Sermon "New Year New Commitment" **Pastor Matt**

A Valentine's Day Skit

Video

*Benediction

*Postlude "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Julia Spinhirne (Jan 27),

Anniversaries:

FINAL CALL If you would like to have a picture included in the directory. Bring a copy before February

UPCOMING MINISTRY

Birthday Card Making February 8 - 5:00pm Joan Miller's House

Last Weeks Attendance: 35 **Last Weeks Offering: \$569.00** Avg. Offering Needed: \$ 900.00



PASTOR'S CORNER

I saw an advertisement on Facebook this week for 1-800-FLOWERS that showed a couple and she is beaming over a gorgeous bouquet of roses. The

tagline was, "Win at Love."

I was struck by that. Win at romance? Yes. Win at lust? Maybe. Win at buying things that are already dying? Yep. Win at this inflated, wasteful holiday? Definitely.

But winning at love...by buying things? Umm...no. We believe that God is love and that it is by God's love, God's grace, God's unmerited, unwarranted, unfathomable gift of love that we are able to enter into the New Heaven and the New Earth one day.

And does God show love by buying us things or by giving us trinkets or by giving us something that was going to die? Oh...wait...He did. God gave us His Son knowing that Jesus would be sacrificed on the cross for us as the ultimate demonstration of what love truly means.

By all means celebrate the ones you love on Valentine"s Day, but don't forget what **LOVE** is.



Cereal, crackers, peas, pancake mix, cake mix, laundry soap, liquid hand soap, shampoo



Today: Squirmy Butt Service

Tuesday (1/31): PM in Office 9:30-3 Thursday (2/2): PM in Office 9:30-3,

Sunday (2/5): Worship (9:30)

WIF MEETING

February 5th Before Church (8:30am)

WATCH THIS SPACE

Exciting plans for Lent and Easter are in the works!! More info coming soon.

DON'T FORGET

Clothing Donations for Warren Elem and SSM Health



Jenny Carter, Wayne Wubbena, Denis Toay, Donna Burck, Harper Hess, Brandon Hartzell, Chuck Sidor, Lynn Workinger, Roger Broshous; Candy Blair Schellinger; our people in the nursing homes, all those who are suffering with certain sicknesses; service men, women, and their families; police, firefighters, and EMTs, doctors, and nurses.

Please leave a message with Susan Stone at (815) 297-2028 with additions or changes to the prayer list.