

The Connection

Faith Sharing from The United Church of Warsaw

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The United Church of Warsaw

Serving God's People with Love.

Dear friends and members of our family of faith:

Mid-summer blessings--of sunshine and rain, of faith, hope and love--to all of you.

In August, the mid-point of the season of summer, our faith community will: (1) continue our **Step-Up Campaign** to repair/replace steps at three entrances to our church; (2) share in **Living Testimony Sunday**; (3) participate in our outdoor **Blessing of the Animals** service; (4) experience **Summer Music by the Steeple**; (5) solidify plans for **Homecoming Sunday** on September 10; and (6) prepare for **Storytelling by the Steeple** in October 14.

On three Sundays in August, we will continue our sermon series on "**Better...than**" **Proverbs**. On the first three Sundays of August, we will gather in the sanctuary. On the final Sunday, we will conduct worship outside. Each Sunday, different singers/musicians will offer **Summer Music by the Steeple**. On August 6, we will celebrate **The Feast for All Sinners and Saints** and provide food items for our **Sharing-the-Light Food Collection**. Then we will re-gather in Fellowship Hall for our "**Room at the Table**" **Potluck Meal**. On August 13, we will continue our "**Better...than**" **Proverbs** series. On August 20, **Living Testimony Sunday**, we will honor the story of faith of Mrs. Elva Crawford. On August 27, we will resume our "**Better...than**" **Proverbs** meditations.

In August, members of the **F.A.C.E. (Faith And Caring Encounter) Group** will serve in various **Sunday Morning Ministry** roles and will lead **Summer Music by the Steeple**.

Each Sunday, the **Prayer Challenge** allows a new member of our family of faith to deepen their personal prayer life by implementing a focused pattern of prayer for one week.

Save the dates:

Homecoming Sunday, on September 10, at 10 a.m., when we re-gather our spirits and "**come home**" to begin a new year of faith-sharing;

Storytelling by the Steeple, on Saturday, October 14, at 7 p.m., when we host and experience an evening of storytelling presented by five different storytellers from our faith community and the greater community.

Through the first seven months of 2017, we are grateful witnesses to God's faithfulness to those who seek to serve God. Moreover, we are thankful for the generosity of church friends and members through **Committed Gifts and Free Offerings**, which have kept us on track with our **Church Budget**. To date, our 60-day **Step-Up Campaign** has received \$5300 toward its goal of \$6000. To those who have supported the **Step-Up Campaign**: Deep gratitude! To those who will support the **Step-Up Campaign** before August 31: Profound thanks! The "**Fortify Our Food Pantry**" **Campaign** continues to accept monetary gifts and designated donations at the **Warsaw Redemption Center**. For the enduring gifts from your hearts, your hands and your resources, bless you!

God be with you till we meet again.



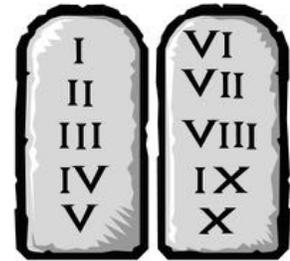
A Shove from the Dove

Beside you in the journey of faith,
Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese

Testimony: Ten Commandments of Wisdom

Originally written in 1948 by Elodie Armstrong,
then diagnosed at age 50 with multiple sclerosis
Adapted by Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese

- I. You shall not worry,
for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
- II. You shall not be fearful,
for most of the things you fear will never come to pass.
- III. You shall not cross bridges until you come to them,
for no one has yet succeeded in accomplishing this stunt.
- IV. You shall face each problem as it comes,
for you can only handle one problem at a time.
- V. You shall not take problems to bed with you,
for they make very poor bedfellows.
- VI. You shall not “borrow” other people's problems,
for they can better confront their own struggles than you can.
- VII. You shall not try to relive yesterday, whether for good or ill,
for it is forever gone and will distract you on what is happening now.
- VIII. You shall be a good listener,
for you will never hear new wisdom when you are always talking.
- IX. You shall not allow yourself to be “bogged down” by frustration,
for 90% of frustration is self-pity, which interferes with positive actions.
- X. You shall count your blessings, whatever their size,
for many small blessings add up a one big one.



The Ten Commandments

*By three methods we may learn wisdom:
first, by reflection, which is noblest;
second, by imitation, which is easiest; and
third, by experience, which is most lasting.*
-- Confucius

Church Directory Change: New Address

Anne Weidman
The Cloisters
Note: Anne's mailing address is:
PO Box 30
Warsaw, NY 14569

Testimony to Wisdom through the Ages

*The wise speak because they have
something to say.
Fools speak because they have to say
something.*

-- Plato

Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.
- Jimi Hendrix

*If you cannot be positive, then at least be
quiet.*

-- Joel Osteen

Warsaw Food Pantry
March, April and May 2017 Report



The Food Pantry helped 508 families in March, April and May. There were 644 adults, 342 children and 188 seniors. We assisted 46 new families.

Food donations were received from:

United Church of Warsaw congregation	Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church
St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church	First United Methodist Church
Immanuel United Methodist Church	John and Sandy Tiede
Warsaw Public Library	Joe Jackson
Ed Spears	Don Samsel
Dorothy Keenan	VFW Auxiliary
Sue Schell	Harold and Eric Martin
Diane and Bill Santora	Save-A-Lot
Warsaw Central School Kindergarten Classes	

Monetary donations totaling \$\$2,147.00 received from:

Dennis and Lucy Krajewski	Fred Heller
Sherry Cousins	Barb Litz
Susan Mitchell	Ellie and Bella's Yard Sale
Family Life Church	VFW Auxiliary
Trinity Episcopal Church	Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church
Knights of Columbus Wyoming Council 2240	

"Five for the Pantry" Lenten Offering totaled \$661.

Thank you to everyone who helps support the Food Pantry. We are very grateful and appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kiel
Interim Food Pantry Coordinator

Leaving a Legacy:
Please plant seeds for the future through a bequest to
The United Church of Warsaw



- The generosity and foresight of you—the members of the family of faith of The United Church of Warsaw—can ensure that your church will have financial means to carry out its missions in the future.
- The Endowment Fund of The United Church of Warsaw can be supported through your planned gifts (bequests, designated donations, etc.)
- The power of planned gifts is that they grow over time and that they enable donors to serve the needs of others in perpetuity.
- Providing a planned gift to The United Church of Warsaw ensures your continuing gift or final gift of generosity. A planned gift from you helps to ensure your church's ongoing financial strength and ability to fulfill its missions.
- How can you begin? Simply work with your financial adviser or your attorney to:
 - Plan for your family's needs
 - Plan for your own future needs
 - Learn how you may use your remaining assets to create a lasting legacy

Please consider including The United Church of Warsaw in your estate plans.

If you would like to discuss further the possibility of a planned gift to The United Church of Warsaw, please contact Rev. Barbara at the Church Office: 585-786-3868.

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August 2017 Acolyte Schedule

August 6	Evelyn and Wyatt LaWall
August 13	Russell Broughton
August 20	Lauren Howard
August 27	Ben Myers

August Events at The United Church of Warsaw

August 6 at 10 a.m.
 (In sanctuary)

“Better...than Proverbs” Sermon #3
Feast for All Sinners and Saints
Sharing-the-Light Food Collection
Sermon: *Is Solitude Sweet?*
“Better a dry morsel in quiet than a feast in strife” (Proverbs 17:1)
“Room at the Table” Potluck – Bring a dish to pass (In Fellowship Hall)

At 11:30a.m.

August 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Commission Meeting in East Room

August 13 at 10 a.m.
 (In sanctuary)

“Better...than Proverbs” Sermon #4
Sermon: *Is Love Delicious?*
“Better a supper of vegetables with love than a fatted ox with hatred” (Proverbs 15:17)

August 20 at 10 a.m.
 (In sanctuary)

Living Testimony Sunday to Honor Story of Faith of Mrs. Elva Crawford
Sermon: *Let the Little Children Come to Me*

August 27 at 10 a.m.
 (In Memorial Garden)

“Better...than Proverbs” Sermon #5
Sermon: *Are Animals More Humane than Humans?*
“Better to confront a mother bear robbed of cubs than a fool immersed in folly” (Proverbs 17:2)