



# Warwick Weekly

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**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

## **This Week At A Glance**

### **January 21 - Today**

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)  
10:15am Sunday School  
11:15am Worship Sanctuary  
12pm Elk's Hoop Shoot (CC)  
1:30pm Denbigh Christian (Sanctuary)  
6pm Children and Youth Fellowship  
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

### **Monday, January 22\***

9am Meals on Monday  
6pm Upward Practice (CC)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7:30pm Choir Practice

### **Tuesday, January 23 \***

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
11am Staff Meeting (library)  
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)  
6pm Upward Practice (CC)

### **Wednesday, January 24 \***

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20)  
6pm Family Dinner Church (CC)

### **Thursday, January 25\***

6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)  
6pm Upward Practice (CC)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)  
7pm Leadership Team Mtg (FH)

### **Friday, January 26 \***

5pm Pinewood Derby Set-up (FH)  
6pm Intergenerational Event (CC)

### **Saturday, January 27**

8am Pinewood Derby (FH)  
Upward Basketball Games

*\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location*

*For event and room reservations please email  
Rodney Wise at [facility.manager@wmumc.org](mailto:facility.manager@wmumc.org)  
to receive a Facility Use Agreement*

## **This week's Sermon is based on Mark 1:14-20. Sermon Title: Jesus, Man of Mystery: An Urgent Mission**

"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." It's not what was said that is important, but who said it - Jesus, Son of God. We hear the Word of God from the pulpit every week, but we hear the Word from a person. Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the Word from the Word. Even if they didn't quite know who was speaking to them, it must have been powerful. And Jesus didn't just speak a generic call; he knew who they were, knew their language, and spoke as they would understand. They were working men, and they understood the business of fishing. Jesus called them to do what they'd spent their lives training to do: Jesus called them to fish. Not knowing anything else, they knew they could do that.

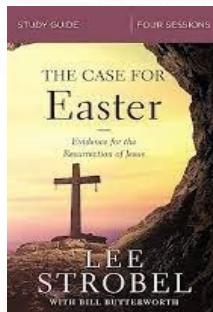
'Call' seems to be one of those church words that doesn't get used much outside of church. A person is "called" to be a pastor. But pastors are not the only ones who are called, and churches are not the only place where calls happen - we have military personnel among us. They were called to serve and protect this country, and they accepted that call. We have teachers among us who were called to instruct and nurture our young people, and accepted that call. We have health workers among us who were called to provide healing and comfort to the sick, they accepted that call. We have sales people among us who were called to help people find the products they need in an ethical way, and they accepted that call. We have homemakers among us who were called to support their families and provide a loving and safe haven from the troubles of this world, and they accepted that call. We have many retired people among us who were called to encourage the younger generations with their wisdom and experience, and they accepted that call. We could go on and on, but the point is that Jesus calls each and every one of us, and he calls us to do what we know. We're also called to discipleship. And that means we may be called to do uncomfortable or even unpleasant things. We may be called to forgive someone who has purposely hurt us, even if they don't seem to want our forgiveness. We may be called to help someone who we know will take advantage of our kindness, but help them anyway because they're genuinely in need. We may be called to step outside our comfort zone and take on some responsibility for this congregation, even though we don't feel like good leaders or examples. We may be called to do without something we want, because someone else is lacking something they need. But whatever we're called to do, we're called to do it as ourselves, as people who are loved and accepted by Christ, with all our shortcomings and weaknesses, simple fishermen called to do great things with their craft, ultimately becoming the foundation of the church.

This nine word sermon may not transform you, or even affect you at all. But it can be preached, and trust that God will work whatever miracles he wants to work with his word. So here goes - Christ accepts you as you are. Why not follow?



## Men's Fraternity Bible Study

The Men's Fraternity will begin a do a four week study on Tuesday, February 20th, called *The Empty Tomb Changes Everything* based on the book *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel. This study invites you to look beyond Easter traditions, examine the evidence for yourselves and consider why Easter is important to your faith. Bring your Bible. All men are invited to participate. Will meet in room 10 from 7pm to 8:30pm. Questions? Email or call Gerry Mingee at [ggingee@verizon.net](mailto:ggingee@verizon.net) or 757-880-9485



## Lenten Bible Study

This year's Lenten study will be based on the book **Witness at the Cross**, by Amy-jill Levine. Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. At this time, we are planning the study on Sunday evenings at 6pm from February 18th through March 25th and will be moderated by Pastor Angie and/or Pastor Esther. Please RSVP to Zena at [Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org](mailto:Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org) by January 25th so enough books can be ordered.

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Wednesday mornings at 10:30am Resuming January 17th.** We will return to studying "The Journey Through the Bible Volume 14" with the section on Galatians. If you would like to join this study group, please reach out to Pastor Angie for a book. You are welcome to join us any Wednesday morning at 10:30am in Room 20. For additional information, please contact Pastor Angie.



## Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship.

To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

- Covenant Class - FH
- Family Faith Class - FH
- Trinity Class - Room 10
- Wesleyan Class - Room 21
- Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20
- Children - Meet in the toddler nursery room
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30

## "Meals on Monday" and "Family Dinner Church"

\* Free Lunch available on Mondays between 12 noon and 1pm. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building.

\* Free Family Dinner every Wednesday night at 6pm in the Celebration Center.

**Everyone Is Welcome** - you can use the invite cards that are around the church or our Facebook event page to encourage friends, family, or anyone you know to join you for a little worship, a little praise and an awesome dinner.

**Volunteers needed for Meals on Monday** (reach out to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 or Linda McLawhorn at 757-713-1519) **for making/donating dessert items for 120 meals** and **volunteers needed for Dinner Church** (reach out to Judy Claus at 757-570-4532) for help with set up/clean up, cooking, greeting, etc.

Both of these ministries need our support. If you are able to give a donation to help keep them up and running, you can mark your offering "MoM" or "Dinner Church." Please remember that you are welcome to extend an invitation to community members to either or both events.

Join us for a great meal, musical entertainment, devotional message brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week, in the evening, for worship.



Something good happens every week - come and see for yourself and remember to bring a friend!

**Volunteers Needed:** If you would like to help out with a ministry without devoting much time, we need your help with breaking down after dinner and setting the room back up for the next event. Please reach out to Tim Claus or, just come and help on Wednesday night.

## WMUMC'S Respite Care Ministry

We are here to help! If you need help with buying groceries, picking up prescriptions and bringing them to you, or just need someone to talk to and check up on you, please contact **Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109 (home) or 757-869-2960 (cell)**. We have volunteers who have offered to help other church members who have difficulty going out. If you are in need of any help, please contact Sina. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, you are also invited to contact Sina. May God continue to bless this ministry.

A few members of the Men's Fraternity Group would like to assist the men and women in our church with their home needs. If you need some help with home repairs or safety improvements in your home for medical issues or other reasons, please call the church at 757-877-2270, Frank Blake at 757-876-9799 or Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109.

## Covenant Sunday School Class

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF MARK BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK! The Covenant Sunday School class will begin an extensive study of the Gospel of Mark on January 28. We meet in the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen. Our class is a discussion class and not just a lecture class. Come and join us.





## Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Our Youth Director, Kerry Blazek, works with our Children's Fellowship and Family Ministries Coordinator, Sharon, to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for our children and youth during the school year. Our Family Ministries programs for the children and youth meet most weeks from September to May.

You can follow the youth on their Facebook page (WM Youth) for week to week activities which includes other meetings and activities outside of Sunday Youth Fellowship. Children meet in the Fellowship Hall and Youth meet in the youth room on Sunday evenings at 6pm.

If your child would like to participate in our children's fellowship activities (age 2 to 5th grade), please contact Sharon Ellis at 757-478-5020.

If your child would like to participate in youth ministry activities (grades 6 to 12) please contact Kerry Blazek at 757-310-9891.

If you would like to come and help on Sunday evenings, we are always thankful for new Volunteers - come and have some fun and help with the faith journey of our Children and help to develop our family ministry program.

Kerry has planned a monthly activity for all church members to participate in with our youth, so please stay tuned each month for those details. The next event is scheduled for this coming Friday, January 26th, and will involve hot chocolate and board games. Join us in the gym from 6pm to 8pm.

**Hot Chocolate + Board Games**

Another fun intergenerational night brought to you by Warwick Memorial's Family Ministry.

**Friday January 26, 2024**  
**6 pm to 8 pm**

Contact Kerry Blazek with any questions  
kerryblazek@gmail.com

## Upward Basketball Through March 3rd

Games have begun and the season is off to an exciting start! Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help with this amazing ministry, but, we still need help through March 3rd. Volunteers are needed for various different positions including greeting and socializing with our guests, score keepers, half-time devotion readers, helping with concessions and more. Please reach out to Kerry B or Sharon E if you would like to learn more about volunteering or just stop by on Saturday to see how you can help out.



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## Men's Weekend Retreat

The Men's Fraternity's will be sponsoring a men's retreat weekend to Dick and Robin At Lee's home aka The Lake Near Retreat and Conference Center in Huddleston, VA. We will leave on the church bus Friday evening Feb 9 and return Sunday afternoon Feb 11 in plenty of time for the Super Bowl game. This year's retreat's theme will be "If : Trading Your 'If Only' Regrets for God's 'What If' Possibilities" and we will use material of the same name by Mark Batterson, New York Times bestseller author. The cost of the retreat is \$75 and all men of WMUMC and their guests are invited. For more information or to secure your spot contact Gerry Mingee at [ggingee@verizon.net](mailto:ggingee@verizon.net) or 757-880-9485.

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## Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the youth room. All are welcome, no pre-registration required. The cost is \$10 per class. Classes are beginner friendly and work with any level. As long as you are comfortable getting down and up off the floor, this class is a good place to start for those new to yoga. The instructor is Bethany Caddell and you can contact her at [Bethanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org](mailto:Bethanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org) or through [www.christianyogastudio.org](http://www.christianyogastudio.org).

## Church Library

Are you looking for a particular book, or would just like to see what our library has to offer? Feel free to scan this QR code which will now lead you to the church library on-line. Look up a book to see if we have it and then get directions to locate it in the library. You are welcome to check out books and return at your convenience.

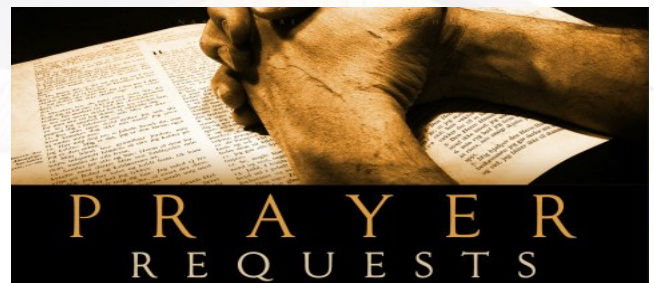
If you would like to donate books for the library to use or to give away to our Dinner Church guests, feel free to leave any donations on the table in the library.





## Church Prayer Requests

Your church family cares about you and your loved ones. We want to stay connected and support each other, so if you have a prayer request and would like one of our pastors to call and pray with you, please email [prayerchain@wmumc.org](mailto:prayerchain@wmumc.org). Someone will be in touch as soon as possible. If you would like the prayer put out to our membership prayer team, please let us know.



## Shekinah\* Glory Prayer Group

*The prayers of the righteous man are powerful and effective.*  
James 5:16

You can participate in the following ways:

1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9:30am on Tuesday mornings for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom for Prayer time at 1pm—Saturday and Sunday only, led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone to be your prayer partner.

Prayer points include our leaders—national, state and local; our school system; our church—pastors, leadership team, Sunday School teachers, ministers, missions - Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, Meals on Monday, Community Dinner, PORT, youth and children's' ministry programs, shut-ins - and any personal prayer requests.

\*The Glory of the Divine presence

## Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be **Monday, February**

**5, at 9am** at

Vancostas on  
Warwick Blvd.

Stop by the bulletin  
board across from the  
Fellowship Hall to see

a group picture of our fellowship group.



## Sick? Going to Hospital?

If you are hospitalized, planning surgery, or have become ill, please contact the church office at 877-2270 or by emailing [warwick.memorial@wmumc.org](mailto:warwick.memorial@wmumc.org). If you have an urgent situation, please call **the church office at 877-2270 (9am to 5pm or go to the pastors' phone extensions)**. If you are going to the hospital, please let us know the date, time, and hospital where you will be receiving care. Due to HIPAA regulations, the hospital will not automatically inform the church of your hospitalization. *If you would like some pastoral time with either pastor, feel free to reach out to them by emailing them at [pastoresther@wmumc.org](mailto:pastoresther@wmumc.org) or [pastorangie@wmumc.org](mailto:pastorangie@wmumc.org).*

## Prayer List

Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or care facility:  
Gordan Chan (The Chesapeake) \* Ruth Ritenour (Mennowood)  
\*Betty Palmer (Hiddenwood) \* Evelyn Bilk (Charter Assisted Living) \* Frances Topping (Mennowood) \* Nancy Setty \* Norma Coleman \* Anne Corliss \* Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) \* Jim Cole \* Clara Reid \* Katie Tanner-Barker \* Jim Russell \* Jeff Cox \* Marion Bonacci \* Sara Manner \* Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) \* Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine \* Jim Taylor \* Barbara Freund \* Raye Gwyn (Mary Jackson's mom) \* Frank Felice (Dan Felice's Dad) \* Joy Robinson (her mother and brother are both having medical issues) \* Ginny Chappell \* Lawrence & Cheryl Pruitt \* Erin Finley-Orick \* Bea Hoal \* Donna Curran \* Gene Osborne \* Jeanne Shaffer \* Jane Shaffer \* Lahoma Hart \* Cindy and Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) \* Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) \* Wayne Six \* Ken & Sandy Marcuson \* Judy Hackett, and all those who are grieving or sick.

**Deployed Armed Forces:** Laura Lomas, Lance Sczesny (Michigan, Coast Guard).

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## Attendance Numbers (1/14)

9:00am: in-person: 71  
online: (no service)  
11:15am: 52  
Sunday School: 70

Dinner Church 1/17: 50

