



Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, January 28, 2024

This Week At A Glance

January 28 - Today

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

Monday, January 29*

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

Tuesday, January 30 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
11am NO Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6pm Upward Practice (CC)

Wednesday, January 31 *

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

Thursday, February 1*

6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

Friday, February 2 *

Saturday, February 3

Upward Basketball Games

** Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location*

For event and room reservations please email Rodney Wise at facility.manager@wmumc.org to receive a Facility Use Agreement

NOTE: Zena will be out of the office from 1/26 to 2/8. Mary Ann will be covering the office. If you need anything, she will do her best to help. Please be patient with us during this time.

This week's Sermon is based on Mark 1:21-28.

Please welcome guest preacher, Rev. Peggy Langille

This week's scripture takes place in a nice, stately, dignified synagogue in the cultured city of Capernaum—with pious Jewish people sitting all around to see it. Try to imagine the sound of such a horrible, demonic shriek ripping through the sanctuary in a beautiful church building—right in the middle of a dignified time of worship! And though we're not told, we can only imagine that—after the demon had left in such a violent way—the poor man was suddenly quiet, and sitting in his right mind on the floor, and perhaps looking up at Jesus with tears of gratitude in his eyes. The shock of it all must have been unspeakably tremendous!

Do you remember their attitude toward Jesus before this happened? We're told that they were astonished at His teaching. Probably their astonishment was accompanied with a deep sense of offense at the way He was presenting Himself as if He was some kind of 'great authority'. No doubt their attitude had been changed by all that they had just seen.

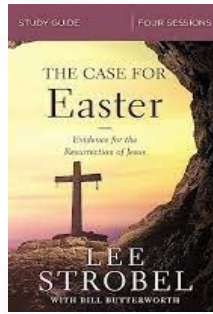
We're told that they were "amazed"; and the word that is used here is a different one than what was used in verse 22. Back then, they were "astonished" in the sense of being "struck". But now, they are "amazed" with a kind of amazement that comes from having encountered something awesome and holy. Mark tells us, "Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, 'What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him' (v. 27).

So now you see that the focus wasn't on the event that just happened. It wasn't a story about the casting out of a demon. Rather, it was a story about a transformation of attitudes toward the authority of Jesus! They had been hearing Him speak and teach in such a way as to present Himself as an authority greater than all others—and they were offended at it. But now they saw—with their own eyes—that this man Jesus truly did have such authority! He had the authority to command unclean spirits, and those spirits obey Him in terror! He had manifestly divine authority! What 'new doctrine' then was this He was declaring to them—?! Clearly, it was from God!!

We're told, "And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee" (v. 28). This remarkable event set the tone for the teaching and preaching and healing ministry of Jesus that we then go on to read about in the rest of this chapter—and in the whole of this gospel.

Men's Fraternity Bible Study

The Men's Fraternity will begin 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. We will meet in room 10 from 7pm to 8:30pm. Questions? Email or call Gerry Mingee at 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 by January 25th so enough books can be ordered.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. We have returned 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.



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.

Students in 1st – 5th grades (Children's) and 6th – 12th grades (Youth) are invited on Sunday evenings, 6 – 7:30 pm for a time of fellowship, learning through lessons, and fun with games.

Check the calendar below for monthly events and reach out to leaders for more information.

Sharon Ellis (Children's Ministry) 757-478-5020 or email cutyrgal@cox.net

Kerry Blazek (Youth Ministry) 757-310-9891 or email kerryblazek@gmail.com

January 28th Regular Sunday meeting 6–7:30 pm

February 4th Regular Sunday meeting 6 – 7:30 pm

February 11th No meeting – Super Bowl Sunday *

February 18th Family Ministries Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner 5–7:30pm

February 25th Family Lesson Night

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 details.

*Other Details:

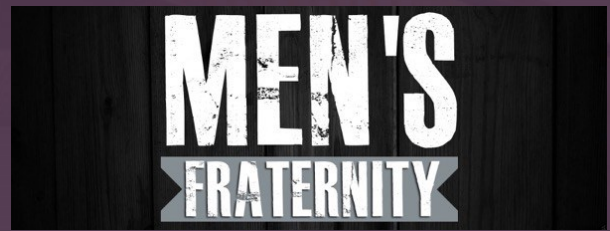
Children and Youth will be taking orders for valentines to be delivered on Sunday, February 11th. Watch for them this Sunday and next Sunday (Feb 4th) to order your valentines.

February 11th will also be Souperbowl of Caring and we will collect non-perishable food and cash to deliver to THRIVE Peninsula to support this nation-wide drive to help alleviate hunger.

Upward Basketball Through March 3rd

The season is up and running!

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help with this amazing ministry, but, we still need help through March 3rd (except on 2/17). Volunteers are needed for various different jobs including greeting and socializing with our guests, score keepers, half-time devotion readers, helping with concessions and more. 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. (February 17th is a bi-week due to a private wedding which will use the entire facility. Congratulations to Kensley Jeffries and Caleb Lawrence.)



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 ggmingee@verizon.net or 757-880-9485.



What Is A Bridge Church?

Bridge Churches are United Methodist faith communities which are confident they will remain United Methodist. **Bridge Churches** will provide pastoral support, nurture, and opportunities for connection during this time of grief and transition, always in response to each individual's needs, timing, and sense of God's call. These congregations bring no expectation of church membership; rather they offer support based on the needs of each person and community. Such support may include:

- * Individual pastoral care by laity and clergy from the **Bridge Church**;
- * physical space for groups to gather as they consider what faithful next step God is calling them to take;
- * providing information on ministry opportunities in which to engage – or not (there will be no pressure) - these opportunities may include: worship, the invitation to grow in discipleship, small group gatherings, Bible studies, and prayer opportunities as well as participate in mission opportunities to serve through hands-on ministries;
- * assistance in finding and connecting with other individuals and groups displaced by disaffiliating churches, both for grief support and for discipleship and discernment about faithful next steps;
- * help connecting with Conference and District resources to help them discern their next steps as they consider a new church home.

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.

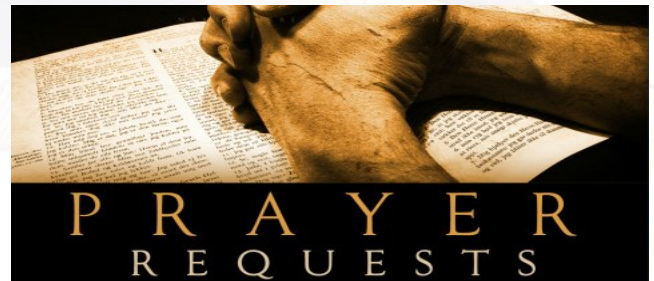
Look up a book to see if we have it and then get directions to locate it in the library. You are welcome to check out books and return at your convenience.

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. 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

**Next 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. 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 or 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 (1/21)

9:00am: in-person: 58
online: 118
11:15am: 50
Sunday School: 59

Dinner Church 1/24: 50

