

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, January 7, 2024

This Week At A Glance

January 7 - Today

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

Monday, January 8 *

9am AARP Training (FH)
9am Meals on Monday
2pm Mary Freeman Circle
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 9 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
11am Staff Meeting (library)
12pm AARP Training (FH)
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
7pm Evangelism Mtg (Rm 20)

Wednesday, January 10 *

9am AARP Training (FH)
10:30am NO Bible Study (Rm 20)
6pm Family Dinner Church (CC)

Thursday, January 11 *

9am AARP Training (FH)
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Finance/Admin Core Team

Friday, January 12 *

AARP Training (FH)

Saturday, January 13

Upward Basketball Games

** Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location*

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

Upcoming Events:



Upward Basketball Through March 3rd

Games have started! Yesterday were our first games of the season. 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 Blazek or Sharon Ellis if you would like to learn more about volunteering or just stop by on Saturday to see how you can help out.

Elk's Hoop Shoot January 14th

Sunday, January 14th beginning at 12 noon in the Celebration Center. Basketball Free throw contest is open to all children, boys and girls, ages 8 to 13. Contestant's age group is determined by his/her age as of April 1, 2024. Hoop shoots happen throughout the United States through all Elks lodges. The Hoop Shoot allows every boy and girl between 8 and 13 in an Elks Lodge community the opportunity to participate in a fun, age-appropriate program that sets them up for future success.



Intergenerational Event January 26th

Brave the cold and join us for a fun, warm evening of hot chocolate + board games. This is an intergenerational event hosted by Warwick Memorial's Family Ministry. All are welcome, so bring your family, friends and neighbors. If you have any questions contact Kerry Blazek by email at kerryblazek@gmail.com.

Please Welcome Denbigh Christian Fellowship

Beginning this Sunday, January 7th, at 11:30am, Denbigh Christian Fellowship will be utilizing our Celebration Center for their small worship group. They recently sold the building they were meeting in and are looking for a temporary home until they find something more permanent. This might be short time, or longer term, but we welcome them into our facility. For the weeks of January 14th and 21st due to previously committed events in the Celebration Center, they will worship later in the day in our Sanctuary. If you see them in the building or if you stop by for any reason outside of church times, please give them a warm welcome to our facility. We hope to build a relationship with their membership and welcome them into our classes and programs as we are welcome to worship with them at any time.

Baptism Sunday/Epiphany?

For a little explanation of this weekend - the feast of the Epiphany is January 6th (Saturday this year). On the following Sunday (the 7th) we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. The first Sunday after Epiphany always commemorates Christ's baptism. Sometimes these two feast days sneak up on us, especially when there is only one additional Sunday during the 12 days of Christmas. So this year, January 6th is Epiphany, and Sunday, January 7th, is Baptism of our Lord. So, many churches will move the feast of the Epiphany to the nearest Sunday. This week, you will see a combination for our worship, between music and the message as well as a moment for you to remember your own baptismal vows. This is also communion Sunday for both services.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Thank you again for our fun 5th Sunday fellowship event last Sunday. Our next one will be June 30th (5th Sunday in March is Easter Sunday.)

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 to order a book for you. You are welcome to join us any Wednesday morning at 10:30am in Room 20. For additional information, please contact Pastor Angie.

"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.

We have secured 2 small grants for 2023 to help support both of these ministries, but any additional donations are gratefully appreciated for both programs. You can mark your offering "MoM" or "Dinner Church." Please feel free to invite anyone to either or both events.

You are invited to 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 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.



RESPIRE CARE



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.



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 for those details. The next intergenerational event is scheduled for Friday, January 26th and will involve hot chocolate and board games (see page 1).

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.



Come and Be Social With Us . . .



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Senior Fellowship Book Club

The next book we are reading is "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave. Before Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note to his beloved wife of one year: Protect her. Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers—Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. Bailey, who lost her mother tragically as a child. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother. As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered, as the FBI arrests Owen's boss, as a US marshal and federal agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity—and why he really disappeared. Hannah and Bailey set out to discover the truth. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon realize they're also building a new future—one neither of them could have anticipated.



Join us on January 18th at Tuscany Ristorante Italiano at 12noon. Contact Linda Brooks for more information. The book for the March meeting will be "Between Sisters" by Kristin Hannah.

Your Year End Gifts to Second Mile Giving

We would like to thank you for your generosity to our many different ministry programs in the last quarter of the year.

Rise Against Hunger—raised an additional \$6,390.88 for our event in November to provide 20,000 meals to help end hunger around the world.

Honduras Village Support—raised an additional \$1,677.75 to help with our 2-year commitment of \$3250 each year for our adopted village.

Thanksgiving & Advent Offerings—collected \$740 which was split between Meals on Monday and Dinner Church.

Christmas Eve Offering—collected \$1,256.50 to support our new missionary, Helen DeLeon Cammarce.

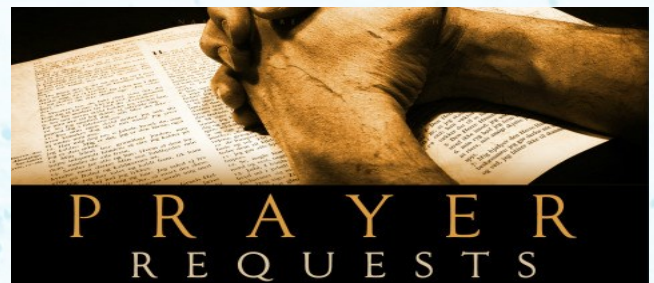
Cookie Walk Sales & Donations—\$4,396.69 which was divided between various ministries including Red Bird, Fellowship Hall kitchen remodel, Meals on Monday, Dinner Church, Family Ministries and the church aesthetics account.

Craft Bazaar—raised \$9,424.20 for United Women of Faith. These funds go to support various different ministry and mission programs that help support women and children.

Thank you for your dedicated support to all of our mission and ministry programs that help within our church and outside of our church walls. The love of Warwick Memorial spreads far and wide and touches many people. Thank you!

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

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. (This is the only
time it will be on



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 * Tiffany Brandt * Jeff Cox * Marion Bonacci * Sara Manner * Susie Stein (Fern Holley's niece) * 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 * Paul Ramsey * Gene Osborne * Jeanne Shaffer * The families of Jerry Haynes and Willie Lucento, and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

Attendance Numbers (12/31)

9:00am: in-person:53 online: 209

11:15am: 45

Sunday School: 0 (5th Sunday)

Dinner Church 1/3: 48



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