

Transfiguration Sunday Souperbowl of Caring

Warwick Weekly

CALLED TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

Sunday, February 11, 2024

This Week At A Glance

February 11 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)
6pm NO Children and Youth Fellowship
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, February 12*

9am Meals on Monday
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (FH)
6pm Eagle Scout (Sanctuary & FH)
6pm Worship Team Mtg (Zoom)
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7pm SPRC Team Mtg (rm 16 or 20)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 13*

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

Wednesday, February 14*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20)
6pm Family Dinner Church (CC)
7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service (FH)

Thursday, February 15*

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

Friday, February 16*

Wedding Set-up (Sanctuary, FH, Rm 20, CC)
6:30pm Leadership Training (Rm 21)
6:30pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, February 17

10am - 10pm Private Wedding Event

* 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

This week's Sermon is based on Mark 9:2-9.

Sermon Title: Jesus, Man of Mystery: Exposed

The sights and sounds of the Transfiguration suggest that Peter, James, and John find themselves on holy ground, in privileged company. After all, Jesus appears alongside Moses and Elijah, the two greatest prophets in Jewish memories.

Many things made those two ancient prophets great. For one thing, in the Bible each shares a moment of striking intimacy with God, through Moses' face-to-face chats with God and his glimpse of God's backside (Exodus 33:7-23) and Elijah's encounter with God in a strange "sound of sheer silence" (1 Kings 19:11-13). When one is so close to God, everything changes. Impossibilities dissolve. After all, some Jews believed that both of these prophets successfully avoided death and were assumed directly into heaven, as recorded about Elijah in scripture (2 Kings 2:1-12) and as the first-century Jewish author Josephus reports about Moses (*Ant.* 4.323-26).

We should also note that both prophets, like Jesus, labored to help the people of God remain faithful as they were enticed by idolatrous religious ideas. All of them sought to keep the people of God hopeful as they suffered the burdens of abusive political systems. That is, Moses' and Elijah's closeness to God wasn't something to be hoarded; it energized them in their service to others, equipping them to know and pursue the Lord.³

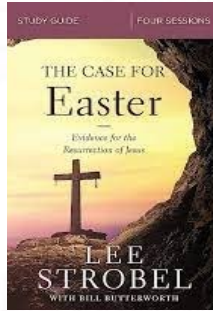
At the Transfiguration, Jesus stands in impressive company, sharing the moment with two others who know what it is to share close communion with God and to frustrate that pesky and seemingly unyielding boundary between life and death.

The bright light of the Transfiguration affirms life, a light that shines ahead into Lent to keep that season in perspective, never without hope and confidence. This light speaks a promise that God is here. And that God is knowable. God seeks relationship. Because God is life.

Adapted from <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/transfiguration-of-our-lord-2/>

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 - Morning & Evening Options

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. 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, books are available. The Wednesday morning Bible Study will also be studying the same book so if you miss one evening, you can join on Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. We will begin studying "Witness at the Cross, by Amy-Jill Levine on Wednesday, February 14th. 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.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. All are welcome, no pre-registration required. The cost is \$12 per class. Classes are beginner friendly and work with any level. This class is a good place to start for those new to yoga. The instructor is Bethany Caddell and you can contact her by email at Bethanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org or through www.christianyogastudio.org.



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.

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

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.



Upward Basketball Through March 3rd

We are more than half way through the season—can you believe it?? 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.

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. (February 17th is a bi-week due to a private wedding which will use the entire facility. Congratulations to Kensley Jeffries and Caleb Lawrence.)



This year, our Family Ministries will head up the Souperbowl of Caring food collection event. Today, February 11th (Superbowl Sunday) we will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash to donate to THRIVE Peninsula as our effort to help change the game and tackle hunger! The youth will be standing outside each of our services on Sunday morning with soup pots to collect any cash donations, and food donations can be dropped in the entry areas in the collection baskets.



Ash Wednesday

Join us this Wednesday, February 14th, for our Ash Wednesday service. Beginning at 6pm in the Celebration Center, join us for dinner and a devotional message and music, then join us in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm for our Ash Wednesday worship service.

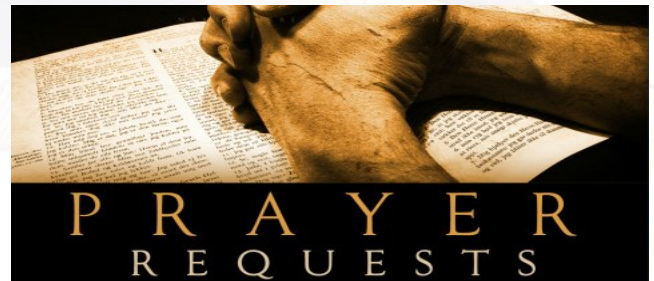
Church Library

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

Monday, March 4,
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) * 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 * Judy Hackett * Frank Crispens, and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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Attendance Numbers (2/4)

9:00am: in-person: 79
online: 210
11:15am: 62
Sunday School: 75
Dinner Church 2/7: 58

