

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, January 5, 2025
Second Sunday After Christmas | Epiphany Sunday

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This Week At A Glance

January 5 - Today

9:00 PM Worship - Contemporary (CC)
10:15 AM Sunday School Classes
11:15 AM Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM Denbigh Christian (CC)
6:00 PM NO Children & Youth Ministries
8:00 PM AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, January 6*

9:00 AM Senior Fellowship Breakfast
9:00 AM Meals on Monday Prep (FH)
9:00 AM AARP Training (FH)
12:00 PM Meals on Monday Serve (FH)
6:00 PM Upward Practice (CC)
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 7*

9:00 AM AARP Training (FH)
9:30 AM Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
1:00 PM Staff Meeting (library)
5:00 PM Upward Practice (CC)

Wednesday, January 8*

9:00 AM AARP Training (FH)
10:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 21)
6:00 PM Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, January 9*

9:00 AM AARP Training (FH)
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (Rm 27/28)
6:00 PM Upward Practice (CC)
7:00 PM Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

Friday, January 10*

12:00 PM AARP Training (FH)

Saturday, January 11

8:00 AM Upward Game Day

* 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 message will be based on Matthew 2:1-12 Week 6: Bringing the Gift of Epiphany

Our first worship of the new year will feature the traditional story of the arrival of the Magi, those educated representatives of foreign monarchs, who came to deliver gifts to Joseph and Mary for the honor of Jesus. These gifts have remained an important part of our worship practices in the church, and they provided a tangible means for Joseph to relocate his family to Egypt to avoid the wrath of Herod. Come discover how Epiphany is as relevant as ever.

Please join us next Sunday, January 12th, as we kick off the new year with a new worship series.



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Upward games have begun, however, we are still in need of many hands to continue with the success of this wonderful program. If you feel called to help in ANY way, please reach out to Sharon Ellis or Kerry Blazek. Games are every Saturday. You are welcome to stop and help with set-up as early as 9am. Games will continue through end of February. Volunteers are needed to help with coaching, score keeping, timing, greeting, concessions and more. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Sharon Ellis or sign up on line here <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BwhWjHgT5ZyjP5dEXZwnSQz6q3vW7LTXcXiflVTcNq0/edit?usp=sharing> and one of the coordinators will reach out to you. As always, please keep this ministry in your prayers.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Classes

All classes begin by 10:15am.

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.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 10:30am in Room 20. All are welcome, just bring your Bible. No meeting on January 29th.

Thank You Notes

Thank you again to everyone who helped promote our first annual Live Nativity. The event was a huge success and many local families came to visit and some returned for worship for Christmas and the following Sunday. If you used one of the yard signs to help promote the event, and it is still in "good" condition, please return it to the church office when you have a chance.

We would also like to thank everyone once again for the help with the Cookie Walk and Bazaar. The cookie sale proceeds were just over \$4600 and will be put toward some special projects within our church (Fellowship Hall kitchen improvements, new carpet in the hallways, and other needs.) Proceeds from the bazaar and silent auction brought in over \$8500, and this will be given to various local and worldwide missions. Thank you again to everyone who gave their time and talents to make this event such a success. As you put away your Christmas decorations, please remember that we will take seasonal items you no longer want for the Attic Treasures table next December. Contact Marsha Six for more details at 757-810-4850.

Attendance Numbers (12/29)

9:00 AM: in-person: 71
 Online Weekly Views: 214
 11:15 AM: 56
 Online Weekly Views: 124
 Sunday School: (5th Sunday Fellowship 63)
 Dinner Church 1/1/25: 36

Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group Tomorrow

The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be **Tomorrow, Monday, January 6, at 9:00 AM at Vancostas on Warwick Blvd.**

Stop by and grab breakfast and enjoy some fun fellowship with this amazing group!



Next Senior Fellowship Book Club will meet on January 16th at 12:30 PM. Location is yet to be determined. The book they are reading is "A Paris Apartment" by Michelle Gable.

Based on the fascinating true story of a treasure-stocked Parisian apartment opened for the first time in seventy years. April Vogt, Sotheby's continental furniture specialist, is speechless when a Paris apartment shuttered for seventy years is discovered in the ninth arrondissement. Beneath the cobwebs and stale perfumed air is a goldmine, and not because of the actual gold (or painted ostrich eggs or mounted rhinoceros horns or bronze bathtub). First, there's a portrait by one of the masters of the Belle Epoque, Giovanni Boldini. And then there are letters and journals written by the very woman in the painting, Marthe de Florian. These documents reveal that she was more than a renowned courtesan with enviable decolletage. Suddenly April's quest is no longer about the bureaux plats and Louis-style armchairs that will fetch millions at auction. It's about discovering the story behind this charismatic woman.

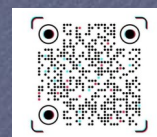
The book for the March club will be "Flight Patterns" by Karen White. Details to follow in February.

Please RSVP to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622. This lunch is a Dutch treat.

Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



TikTok



Facebook

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Ministry Opportunities

Are you feeling called to serve in your church? Then, we need you! We have a few ministries within the church that need a few extra hands but there are also many more areas, reach out to Pastor Sarah to see where you could share your gifts.

* Upward Basketball games & Cheerleading has begun. We still need many hands to help with this amazing program. Please reach out to Sharon Ellis or Kerry Blazek. Basketball knowledge is not required. See page 1 for more details.

* Assist the children and youth on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. See above for more information or reach out to Sharon Ellis (children) or Kerry Blazek (youth) to learn more. Meetings resume Jan. 12.

* Greeters/Ushers are needed for both the 9:00AM service and the 11:15 AM service. Reach out to the church office or the pastors.

* We are in need of people to help count offerings on Sundays after the 11:15 AM service. We need a volunteer for the 3rd Sunday of the month and two volunteers for the 4th Sunday of the month. No finance experience is necessary, computer knowledge is helpful but not required. We will train you. Please reach out to Mary Ann Hoye if you would like to know more (757-218-1021).

Please contact the church office at 757-877-2270 to learn more about where you can help.



Please Note—Due to the Upward Practice Schedule and upcoming game season, Pickleball will be limited through the end of February. Check the church calendar on our website at www.wmumc.org for updates.



Our Children's Fellowship and Youth Fellowship will resume meetings next Sunday, January 12th. A fun and exciting ministry time is planned for Sunday evenings during the school year. You are invited to come and help with the faith journey of our children and youth.

- * Children's Fellowship - the "M&M's" - is open to students K to 5th grade.
- * Youth Fellowship is open to students in 6th – 12th grade.

Both groups meet on Sunday evenings, 6 – 7:30 PM.

Feel free to reach out to leaders for more information: Sharon Ellis (Children's Ministry) 757-478-5020 or email cutygrgal@cox.net
Kerry Blazek (Youth Ministry) 757-310-9891 or email kerryblazek@gmail.com

2025 Honduras Medical Mission Team Trip 2/15/25—2/22/25



Friends of
Barnabas



Medical Mission Team Needs

We are still in need of a medical person and a translator to complete a "Friends of Barnabas" medical mission team going to Honduras. The mission trip is planned for February 15-22, 2025. Prayerfully consider becoming a member of this group which is sponsored by Main Street UMC in Suffolk and Warwick Memorial UMC. Mission team provides medical/dental/eye care to five mountain villages. God may be calling you to this very mission. The experience is both rewarding and life changing.

You can also help by donating new toothbrushes that you got from the dentist and are not going to use. You can also make baby slings and menstrual pads, you can find the pattern at <https://www.fobf.org/supplies>. You can drop off these items in the basket in the copier room across from the church office.

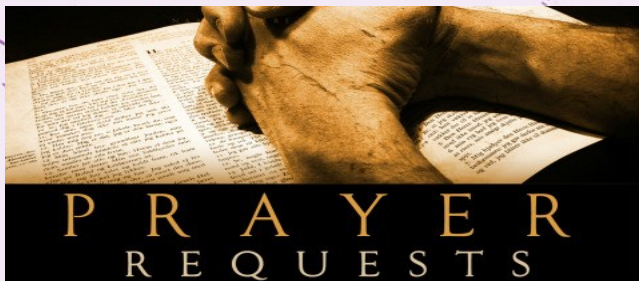
For more information or to volunteer, please contact co-leader Carlos Liceaga at Carlos.Liceaga@gmail.com or 757-768-2223.

Ways to Give to WMUMC

This is just a reminder of the options to give to WMUMC:

1. In the offering plate on Sunday (envelopes are available in the welcome table in the CC and in the pews in the Sanctuary.)
2. Via BillPay direct from your bank.
3. Drop off your offering to the church office any time (drop in the black lock box outside office door.)
2. Give securely on line by credit card at www.wmumc.org.
5. By card in person on Sunday (look for Mary Ann or Vanessa) or scan the QR code on the bulletin.
6. Gift of stock to WMUMC - you can avoid paying capital gains taxes giving this way. For information to do that, contact VAUMF at telephone number (804) 521-1121.

If you have questions about how to give to WMUMC, reach out to the church office, Jim Corliss, finance chair, Mary Ann Hoye, finance secretary.



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 @ 9:30 AM on Tuesday mornings for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom for Prayer time at 1:00 PM - 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

Free Lunch and Dinner - Join us!

Meals on Monday

* Free Lunch available on Mondays between 12 noon and 1:00PM. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building. Many hands make light work! Reach out to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 to see how you can help this ministry.

Dinner Church

* Everyone is welcome to dinner - you can use the invite cards that are around the church or our Facebook event page to encourage friends and family to attend. We have food, fun, music and fellowship with worship. Reach out to Tim Claus at 757-570-4532 to see how you can help this ministry. Remember - something good happens every week - come and see for yourself.

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 and 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.

Sick? Going to Hospital?

If you are hospitalized, planning surgery, or have become ill, please contact the church office at 767-877-2270 or by emailing warwick.memorial@wmumc.org. If you have an urgent situation, please call **the church office at 757-877-2270 and go to the administrative assistant extension (rolls to cell phone) or leave a message on 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 pastorsarah@wmumc.org or pastorsean@wmumc.org.*

Prayer List

Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or care facility:
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) * Katie Tanner-Barker * Jeff Cox * Vince & Marion Bonacci * Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) * Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine * Barbara Freund * Bea Hoal * Lorie & Cheryl Pruitt * Cindy & Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) * Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) * Ken Marcuson * Lori McCormick * Lonnie Frye, Sr. (Mary Ann's brother) * Carol DeGreen (Mary Ann Hoye's relative) * Delores F. Lewis (Alvia's mom) * Mark Crockett (Cheryl Pruitt's cousin) * Kevin Moorehead * Will Davis (Josie Cole's Brother) * Ann Pulsifer (Amanda Blake's Mother-in-Law) * Kelly Flick * Sam Fenner (Joy Robinon's brother) * Page Williams * Trish Ployd * Valerie Herman * Paul Cummings for the passing of his wife, Nancy * and all those who are grieving or sick - God knows!

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

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