

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, October 13, 2024
21st Sunday After Pentecost

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

This Week At A Glance

October 13 - Today

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

Monday, October 14*

Federal Holiday Church Office Closed
9am NO Meals on Monday Prep (FH)
12pm NO Meals on Monday Serve (FH)
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (FH)
6pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 15*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
10am Crafts (FH)
1pm Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, October 16*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 21)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, October 17*

6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

Friday, October 18*

Saturday, October 19

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

This week's message will be based on **Matthew 25:31-40**

Week 2: We Are Stewards: Dignity

As we continue our in-depth dive into the things which God has placed under our control, and called us to steward, we look to dignity. All human beings are persons of sacred worth, beloved of God, created in the divine image, and endowed with dignity, meaning that we are all worthy of honor and respect. The divine mandate to preserve the dignity of others rests squarely upon the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel account of Matthew. Join us this Sunday as we explore why and how we can be better stewards of others' dignity.

UMCOR Hurricane Disaster Relief

As the magnitude of Hurricane Helene's devastation for families, churches, communities and whole regions of the U.S. has become clearer in the past 2 weeks, UMCOR awarded solidarity grants to the **North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church** and the **South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church** to assist their relief efforts, with multiple grants in process for other annual conferences. Now, we are watching as Florida reveals damages from Hurricane Milton, UMCOR is preparing to respond as necessary.

UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERTs) are coordinating efforts to support the removal of debris, tarping of roofs, and cleaning out of homes in hard-hit areas of NC, GA, TN and FL. If you are interested in volunteering and being trained, we can connect you with our conference's disaster response ministry team. You can learn more about this by reaching out to Pastor Sarah. Please remember - do not self-deploy.

To financially give to support these disaster relief efforts, please mark your gift "UMCOR - Helene/Milton" and place it in the offering plate. Your gift will be recorded and Warwick will send your donations to directly to UMCOR for Advance 901670. The same advance is being used for both recovery efforts.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am.

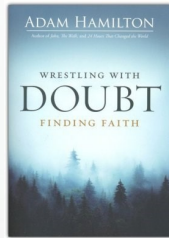
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

- Covenant Class - Fellowship Hall
- Trinity Class - Room 10
- Wesleyan Class - Room 21
- Wired Word - Room 20
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30
- Children - invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship

Covenant Sunday School Class

Beginning today, October 13, the Covenant Sunday School Class will begin a study using Adam Hamilton's book *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*. Are you struggling with uncertainties on your spiritual journey? Come and join our discussion. We meet in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen.



Christmas Live Animal Nativity Event

We are planning to host a Christmas live animal nativity with live actors as well as live animals on Saturday, December 21st. We will have a more child friendly format from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and a more traditional story format from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The story will be narrated while visitors enjoy a cup of hot cocoa. There will be petting time for the children following the story narration.

Help us bring the true blessing of Christmas to our church this year and invite your friends to participate. We are preparing hand out invitations and also yard signs to put in your front yard to help us promote this event. We hope you will help.

We also need volunteers on the day of the event to help navigate the traffic in the parking lot.

If you would like to be a part of this new, fun event for our church, please reach out to Linda McLawhorn at 757-713-1519.



Free Lunch and Dinner - Join us!



Meals on Monday -

* Free Lunch available on Mondays between 12 noon and 1pm. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, delivery (as they come up to the door) and cleaning up. Many hands make light work!

Family 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, family, or anyone you know to join you for a little Devotional worship, a little praise and an awesome dinner.



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.

To help with set-up, cooking, Clean-up and breakdown for Dinner Church, please reach out to Tim Claus to learn more about how you can help, or, just come and join us! You can reach him by email at tjclauscw4@gmail.com

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

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. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 or Linda McLawhorn at 757-713-1519 for Meals on Monday or Judy Claus at 757-570-4532 for Dinner Church.

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 on 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.
4. 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 Hoyer, finance secretary or contact the church office.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40



Children, Youth & Family Ministries

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

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

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

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.

Our upcoming Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for 10/27 from 6pm to 8pm. To register a "trunk" please reach out to Kerry Blazek at 757-310-9891 or kerryblazek@gmail.com. Please use flier on last page to share with friends to invite them.



Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

CPR/AED Training

Are you interested in becoming certified to perform CPR and to use an AED in an emergency? Remember, many times it is a family member who will need you to know these techniques. If you would like to become certified the course is in 2 parts. The first is an online class, cost \$16.50, and the link is <https://shopcpr.heart.org/heartsaver-cpr-aed-online>.

This course must be completed with a certificate in hand to perform the 2nd part of hands-on. The hands-on will be held at church the end of October (date/time TBD), cost \$30, and will take 1 hour to 90 minutes. When you have completed the online course or have any questions contact Sina Hofler at hofler2@verizon.net, 757-877-6109, or 757-869-2960 or contact the church. This is an American Heart Association class and certification is for 2 years.

Charge Conference Set for October 27th

Annually, an important meeting, called a charge conference, is necessary to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church leadership team that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church. The voting membership of the charge conference is the Leadership Team and the pastors, but everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This year it will be held at St. Luke's in Yorktown on Sunday, October 27th at 3pm.



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Registration Now Open

You can now register your children for UPWARD Basketball and/or Cheerleading. Please visit <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86928>. In order to make this another successful program, we need volunteers in many different areas. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86928/volunteer> and one of the coordinators will reach out to you.

Bazaar and Cookie Walk 2024 Prep

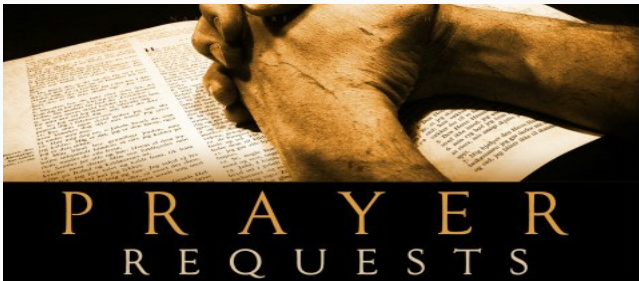
Join the ladies in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday between now and the Cookie Walk & Bazaar on December 6th and 7th. We will work together from 10am to 2pm on craft projects for the bazaar. Please bring something to share for lunch and come and have some fun. Donations of new and gently used Christmas/winter themed items for craft projects or the Attic Treasures table are welcome. You can drop off donations on Tuesdays or reach out to Marsha Six (757-810-4850) or Sharon Blake (757-876-9864) with any questions.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING THANKSGIVING?

Are you interested in joining others for your Thanksgiving meal if you do not have other plans? Gathering in the church Fellowship Hall at 1PM for a pot luck holiday dinner with turkey provided can be lots of fun. If you are interested please let Sina Hofler know no later than November 16. Phone - (H)-757-8776109, (C)-757-869-2960 or email- hofler2@verizon.net. If you like to play games while waiting to eat or afterwards, please bring your favorite board game.





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, November**

4, at 9am at **Vancostas** on Warwick Blvd. Stop by and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with this fun group!



Attendance Numbers (10/6)

9:00am: in-person: 81
Online Live: 15
Online Weekly Views: 193
11:15am: 64
Sunday School: 55
Dinner Church 10/9: 54

Lunch & Learn Opportunity Oct 23rd

Join us and learn about the great work going on every day in Honduras (not just the one week we send a medical mission team) through Friends of Barnabas. Grab your lunch, (we will have some snacks available) and come to Warwick Memorial to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm on October 23rd. Erin Cadwell, the
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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

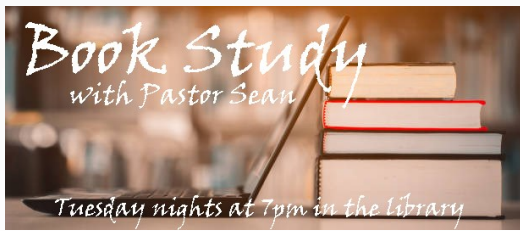
Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or care facility: Gordan Chan (The Chesapeake) * Ruth Ritenour (Mennowood) * Betty Palmer (Hiddenwood) * Frances Topping (Mennowood) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) * Katie Tanner-Barker * Jeff Cox * Vince & Marion Bonacci * Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) * Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine * Barbara Freund * Bea Hoal * Lorie & Cheryl Pruitt * Donna Curran * Jane Shaffer * Cindy & Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) * Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) * Ken Marcuson * Judy Hackett * 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 * Carlos Liceaga * Joy Robinson * and all those who are grieving or sick - God knows!

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

president of Friends of Barnabas and Lidia Cano, the Director of Programs & Operations in Honduras will be with us to share some of the great work that has been happening. Lidia is in great demand during the one week a year she is able to be in the US; we are very excited to have her visit us at Warwick this year. We will meet for 45-60 minutes and learn more about how FOB is living out their mission statement – **“To empower families in Honduras through healthcare and education.”**

As many of you know, in addition to the medical mission team trip in February each year, we are also in partnership with the village of Agua Saluda through FOB. Lidia will be talking about some of the things our partnership enables the organization to do with the people of Agua Saluda.

October 23rd, 12noon in the Fellowship Hall



Book Study With Pastor Sean

Pastor Sean will begin a new book study on **Monday, October 21st**. The next book will be "Three Simple Rules, A Wesleyan Way of Living" by Rueben P. Job. This small book offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for today. This insightful work calls us to mutual respect, unity and a deeper daily relationship with God. Cost of book will be \$7 and will be available the week prior to the 21st. This is a 3 week study and we will meet on Monday evenings for this study.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Sarah is teaching the Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. We are currently studying Genesis. Join us any Wednesday in room 21 - just bring your Bible and be ready to learn.

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.

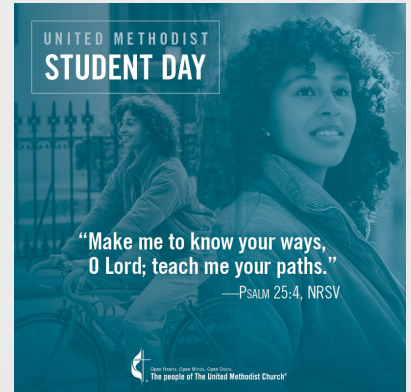
A few members of the Men's Fraternity Group would like to assist the men and women in our church with their home needs. If you need some help with home repairs or safety improvements in your home for medical issues or other reasons, please call the church at 757-877-2270, Frank Blake at 757-876-9799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

Special Sunday Offerings

Special Sundays are designated Sundays each year that deepen the connection between the local church and ministries on a global scale. On each unique Sunday, individuals and congregations are encouraged to give to support the church's collective work with a special offering. This includes efforts to:

- * Alleviate human suffering
- * Engage in social justice
- * Strengthen Native American ministries
- * Provide scholarships for higher education.

The next, and final Special Sunday for 2024 will be United Methodist Student Day on November 24th, 2024. This special offering provides scholarships for United Methodist students in undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. Pastor Sarah actually received a full tuition scholarship to seminary from this offering and fund saving her \$120,000 in student loan debt.



Eye Health—Free Community Event

Learn about your vision, prevalent eye conditions, and how eye problems can be indicators of other health issues, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and thyroid disorders. Dr. Catherine Batton will explain the importance of regular eye exams to help you maintain not just your vision, but also your independence, safety, and social connections. Presented by Mennowood Retirement Community, 13030 Warwick Blvd, NN, VA 23602, on **Thursday, October 17th from 12pm to 1pm**. Light refreshments will be served. Event is free, but please RSVP to 757-249-0355 by Tuesday, October 15th. Or email mryba@mennowood.com.

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@gmail.com or through www.christianyogastudio.org. (This is a private class and no money is collected for the church.)



Food Collection For THRIVE



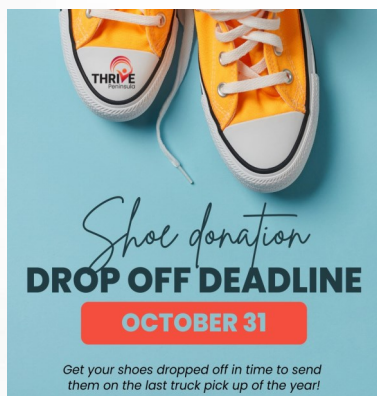
On the first Sunday of the month we invite you to bring your food donations for THRIVE Peninsula. However, you are welcome to bring donations into the church any Sunday, or drop them off at the church office during the week for our monthly collection. We transport the donations to THRIVE on the first Monday of the month. Thank you for your continued support.

Current needs: Spaghetti Sauce * Pasta Noodles * Ready Meals * Canned Fruit * Cereal * Canned Meats * Canned Vegetables * any shelf stable foods are welcome * hygiene products * cleaning products are also needed.

Last Call for Shoe Donations for 2024

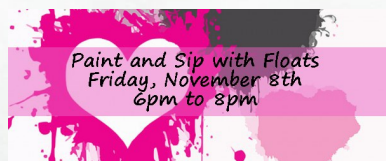
We're counting down to October 31st, the final day to donate shoes in 2024 for the THRIVE shoe collection! Get your shoes dropped off to allow us time to prepare them for the last truck pick up of the year. All sizes and types are welcome.

You can drop off directly to THRIVE Peninsula or in our collection box in the Gathering Area.



Save the Date

Join us on Friday, November 8th at 6pm for a "Paint and Sip with Floats" event. Come and have a fun evening painting your very own seasonal image while enjoying a yummy ice cream float. Cost will be \$30 and the option to purchase a paint kit to do at home is also available. Please register directly with Chris at 228-760-0540 or email christinahofler@gmail.com. All proceeds will go to benefit the 2025 Honduras Medical Mission trip. Open to all—invite a friend, children are also welcome.



To help us keep track of attendance (and visitors) please sign in on your way into worship in the Lampstand and use the pew attendance pads in the Sanctuary. If you bring a friend, please have them provide us with a phone number or email address so we can reach out to them to thank them for attending worship (a mailing address would be great too, but to start with, at least an email address.) If you watch on line, please say hello in the chat box that we know you were there, if you watch it as a replay, please say "#replay Hello" so we know you checked out the replay. Thank you for helping us with this. It's important to keep up with our guests and our visitors.

If you bring a visitor or notice a visitor/guest, we have welcome bags in the Narthex and Gathering area which visitors are welcome to take - just a little gift from us with some information about our church.

Other On-Going Events & Programs:

* **The United Methodist Men** Fresh cooked peanuts are available for purchase in the church office for \$6 a quart. Remember that they make great gifts! They are always in need of new volunteers to help with this ministry. If you are interested, please contact the office for details or reach out to Jim Hackett. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry. They give back to help many ministry programs within the church as well as the Cub Scouts and THRIVE Peninsula. (please remember to return any jars to help keep the cost at \$6.)

* **The United Women of Faith:** The ladies Circles meet monthly September to June. If you are interested in knowing more about United Women of Faith or joining one of the 2 Circles, please contact Mary Ann Hoye or Linda McLawhorn. Please reach out, or, look at the calendar on the Warwick Weekly to be sure you don't miss out on the meetings.

* **The Church Library:** A wonderful wealth of various resources. You can always check to see if our library has a resource you are looking for by visiting our site at <https://wmumc-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home> and search the inventory before coming to check out the book. A QR code for faster searching will be available soon. We also set out free books for our Dinner Church guests to take so any donations of books you have read or devotional books to share are greatly appreciated.



Watch us on YouTube

Don't forget you can watch our services on our YouTube channel - search for Warwick Memorial UMC, Newport News, VA and subscribe to our page to be notified when a new video is posted.



OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- **9am Lampstand Modern/Contemporary Worship Service in the Celebration Center which is also streamed on Facebook**
 - **10am Adult Sunday School (begin between 10am and 10:15am)**
- **11:15am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
- **Wednesday Community Family Dinner Church at 6pm**



WARWICK MEMORIAL
United Methodist Church

Please use this flier to share with friends and invite them to bring their children for a fun time.



Warwick Memorial UMC

TRUNK -OR- TREAT

OCTOBER 27, 2024

38 Hoopes Road, 23602
6 - 8 pm

All are welcome + invited to join us for this
fun, free event

To register to host a trunk, please contact the church office at 757-877-2270 or email Kerry Blazek at kerryblazek@gmail.com before 10/25/24