

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

This Week At A Glance

December 22 - Today

9:00 PM Worship - Contemporary (CC)
10:00 AM Last Chance Sale (Rm 18)
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM Denhigh Christian (CC)
12:15 PM Last Chance Sale (Rm 18)
6:00 PM NO Children & Youth Ministries
6:00 PM Advent Study (Rm 10)
8:00 PM AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, December 23*

NO 9:00 AM Meals on Monday Prep (FH)
NO 12:00 PM Meals on Monday Serve (FH)
6:00 PM Pickleball (CC)
7:00 PM Finance Meeting (Zoom)
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 24*

9:30 AM Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship (CC)
8:00 PM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, December 25*

Facility Closed
NO 10:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 21)
NO 6:00 PM Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, December 26*

Facility Closed
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (FH)
6:00 PM Pickleball (CC)

Friday, December 27*

Facility Closed

Saturday, December 28

* 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 Mark 10:42-45 Week 4: What Gift Can We Bring? Our Service

Almost thirty-three years after His birth, Jesus will give His apostles a lesson in service: the greatest serve as Christ came to serve. Join us this week as we explore what service in the name of Jesus Christ means, and how it may look for you. It is more than an event on our calendar, but a shift in our identity, how we first see ourselves, and how we present to others. Jesus calls us to be good and faithful servants, but to honor His birth, perhaps we can strive for greatness in His name.



Join us on Tuesday, December 24th for one (or both) of our 2 unique worship services.

* 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship in the Celebration Center will have our live band singing joyful Christmas music and a special Christmas Eve message.

* 8:00 PM Traditional Worship will be in the Sanctuary with our choir, a solo from Heather Sreves and a special Christmas message.

Both services will close with candlelight. We will have special safety candles for the children.

Join Us Next Sunday

Our next 5th Sunday Fellowship s scheduled for next Sunday, December 29th.

We will not have Sunday School Classes but will enjoy some time together in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Brunch. You are invited to bring a dish to share (enough for approximately 10 to 15 people). We will provide water, juice, coffee & tea.



{ JOIN US FOR }

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

There will be no class on 12/25 and 1/1.

We Would Like To Hear From You!

We are inviting you to help us increase our awareness of our Family of Faith's Sunday morning schedule. You will find a short, five (5) question survey at this link. If you need to complete it via hard copy, please let the office know, as we have paper copies available. We will let you know the results once we have compiled the data. Thank you, in advance, for your time and assistance! If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Sarah or Pastor Sean.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/qCstdwAvQQzto95G6>
or scan the QR code:





Last Chance Craft Sale

Visit the "Bazaar Gift Shop" in room 18 (middle hallway) for last minute shopping. Dorothy Scott-Wren will be there for sales from 10am to 11:15am and after the traditional worship service from 12:15 to 1:00 PM. Cash and checks only please.



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.

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



Attendance Numbers (12/15)

9:00 AM: in-person: 81
Online Weekly Views: 125
11:15 AM: 101
Online Weekly Views: 179
Sunday School: 60
Dinner Church 12/18: 54

Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



TikTok



Facebook

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Children & Youth Ministry Programs

Our Children's Fellowship Coordinator, Sharon Ellis, and our Youth Director, Kerry Blazek, plan fun and exciting ministry time every Sunday evening for our children and youth 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.

They meet on Sunday evenings, 6 – 7:30 PM for a time of learning through lessons, fellowship 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

NOTE: Regular meetings will resume on January 5th. Merry Christmas.

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 begin in January. 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.
- * Assist the children and youth on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. See page 3 for more information or reach out to Sharon Ellis (children) or Kerry Blazek (youth) to learn more. Meetings resume Jan. 5.
- * 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.

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- **9am Contemporary Worship Service in the Celebration Center streamed on Facebook**
- **10:00 AM Adult Sunday School Classes (begin between 10am and 10:15am)**
- **11:15 AM Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary streamed on Facebook**
- **6:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner Church in the Fellowship Hall**



Please Note—Due to the Upward Practice Schedule and upcoming game season, Pickleball will be limited through the end of February. The next Pickleball open play dates are tentatively scheduled Monday, December 23rd and Thursday, December 27th from 6 to 8:00 PM in the Celebration Center.



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Upward practices started in December. Games will begin January 4th. 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 will begin in January. Volunteers are needed to help with coaching, score keeping, timing, concessions and more. 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.

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.
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 Hoye, finance secretary or contact the church office.

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: Pasta * Egg Noodles * Cereal * Canned Fruit * Pancake Mix * any shelf stable foods are welcome * hygiene products * cleaning products.

Shoe collection will return again in the spring. Please hold any shoe donations until we get updated collection details.

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 at (757) 874-4836. 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 Hoyer 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.



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. To learn more, please visit our Facebook page for details. Please RSVP to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622.

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



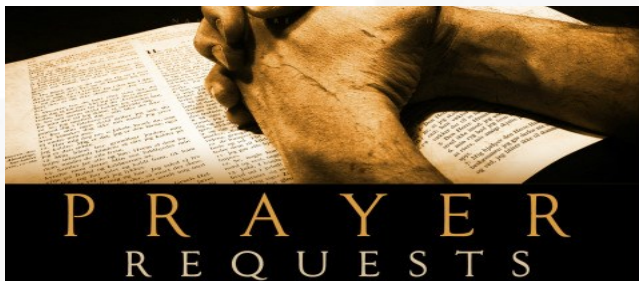
WMUMC'S Respite Care Ministry

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.

First Aid Kits

There are First Aid kits throughout the facility. If anyone is injured or just needs a band-aid you can locate a first-aid kit pretty quickly. There is one with each of the AED's which are located in the Narthex by the sanctuary and in the gathering area at the Celebration Center (by the door where the serving line exits the kitchen). Also, each kitchen has a first aid kit in it (the Fellowship Hall kit is behind the door going into the



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

Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be **Monday, January 6,**

at 9:00 AM at **Vancostas** on Warwick Blvd. Stop by and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with this fun group!



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 Hoyer'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) * Valerie Herman for the passing of her husband, Jackie and her grandson, Brandon * 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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