

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, December 29, 2024 First Sunday After Christmas

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

This Week At A Glance

December 29 - Today

9:00 PM Worship - Contemporary (CC)
10:15 AM 5th Sunday Fellowship
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, December 30*

Church Offices Closed
NO 9:00 AM Meals on Monday Prep (FH)
NO 12:00 PM Meals on Monday Serve (FH)
6:00 PM Upward Practice (CC)
7:30 PM NO Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 31*

Church Offices Closed
9:30 AM Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 1*

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

Thursday, January 2*

6:00 PM Cub Scouts (FH)
6:00 PM Upward Practice (CC)

Friday, January 3*

8:45 AM AARP Training (FH)
5:00 PM Upward Practice (CC)

Saturday, January 4

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 Isaiah 43:8-13 Week 5: What Gift Can We Bring? Witness

Once more we turn to the prophetic words of the prophet Isaiah, whose utterances and writings were filled with the promise of the arrival of our Messiah, but also the vision of the witness we are to bring after His arrival. Witness; the sharing of knowledge and experience as proof, is part of our call in discipleship. We do not just love, worship, and serve Christ, but we proclaim His reign and salvation to all.



Join Us TODAY . . .

Our next 5th Sunday Fellowship is today! We will not have Sunday School Classes but will enjoy some time together in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Brunch during the hour between worship. We will provide water, juice, coffee



Dinner Church This Wednesday

Join us this Wednesday at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for a special New Year's Day Dinner Church. Everyone is welcome and please invite a friend. Come for a message, good food, fellowship and music. Remember—something good happens every week and want you to be a part of it.

{ 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 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:



Nativity Thank You

We would like to thank you all for the support we had for our first ever Live Nativity with animals. It does take us all to make it happen. We needed lights, we needed people to put lights up around the property, actors, a director, a stable, AVL support, hay, refreshments, luminaries, advertising with signs and postings on Facebook, flyers, flyer delivery to our Hoopes Rd neighbors greeters, parking attendants, heaters and you were there. And as Pastor Sarah said, by supporting our church with your offerings and prayers you were very much a part of this experience. Thank you so much. And yes, it was to the Glory of God. And yes, the word of God was brought (multiple times).

With love, the Evangelism Team

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



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 757-768-2223 or Carlos.Liceaga@gmail.com.



Attendance Numbers (12/22)

9:00 AM: in-person: 93

Online Weekly Views: 155

11:15 AM: 60

Online Weekly Views: 139

Sunday School: 60

Christmas Eve:

5:00 PM: 118

On-Line: 300

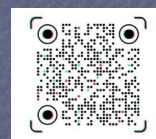
8:00 PM: 98

On-Line: 180

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 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 above 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).



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 décolletage. 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.



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.



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Upward games 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.

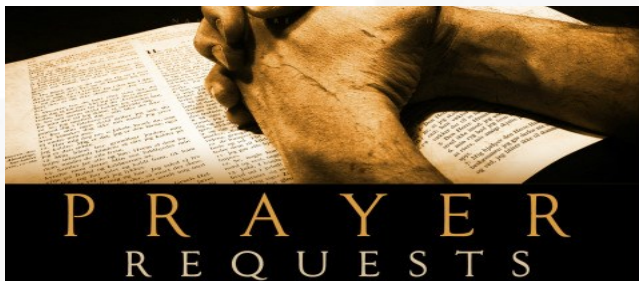
As always, please keep this ministry in your prayers.

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.



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

Tomorrow, 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) * Page Williams * 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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