

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, February 23, 2025  
Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

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

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## This Week At A Glance

### February 23 - Today

Upward Recognition Sunday  
9:00 AM Worship - Contemporary (CC)  
10:15 AM Sunday School Classes  
11:15 AM Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)  
11:30 AM Denbigh Christian Church (CC)  
6:00 PM Children & Youth Ministries  
8:00 PM AA Mtg (Rm 20)

### Monday, February 24\*

9:00 AM Meals on Monday Prep (FH)  
12:00 PM Meals on Monday Serve (FH)  
6:00 PM Upward Game Makeup (CC)  
7:30 PM Choir Practice

### Tuesday, February 25\*

9:30 AM Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)  
1:00 PM Staff Meeting (library)  
6:00 PM Upward Game Makeup (CC)  
6:00 PM Scouts (FH)

### Wednesday, February 26\*

10:30 AM Bible Study  
6:00 PM Dinner Church (FH)  
6:00 PM Pickleball (CC)

### Thursday, February 27\*

2:30 PM Bible Study @ Vancostas  
6:00 PM Cub Scouts (Rm 27/28)  
6:30 PM UMM Dinner/Meeting (FH)  
7:00 PM Finance Team Mtg (FH)

### Friday, February 28\*

6:00 PM Pickleball (CC)

### Saturday, March 1

12:00 PM Upward Celebration (CC)  
2:00 PM Memorial for John Lenwell

\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

For event and room reservations please email Rodney Wise at [facility.manager@wmumc.org](mailto:facility.manager@wmumc.org) to receive a Facility Use Agreement

## This week's message will be based on Exodus 5:1-4 Week 7: Spiritual Discipline of Celebration

When Moses and Aaron first appear before Pharaoh to ask for the Israelites to be set free, it is explicitly to celebrate a festival to God. We are called to rejoice in the Lord, and we do that through observance, commemoration, and widely praising God. As disciples, it is actually a spiritual discipline to take time to celebrate God and the blessings we have. This holy work helps us to find levity, counterbalances the struggles we endure, and brings God's people together. This Sunday we explore what celebration can look like for us, and how it will help us mature as disciples when we approach it as a discipline.

## Dates to Remember:

### Monday Evening Bible Study Beginning March 3rd

From 6:00 to 7:00 PM join Pastor Sarah for Monday Evening Bible Study. The study will start at the beginning of Genesis. All you need to bring is your Bible.

### Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes & Worship Service

Stop by on your way to work/school on Ash Wednesday for Pastor Sean to bless you with Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Between 6:00 and 8:00 AM, enter through the main parking lot. Ash Wednesday worship service will be at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary following Dinner Church.

### Lenten Book Study

Pastor Sean will lead this year's Lenten book study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM in Room 10 from March 11th to April 15th. The book will be "The Final Days" by Matt Rawle. Through this book during our Lenten journey we will ponder the Lenten themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.

**PORT (People Offering Resources Together) Shelter Is Coming Soon:** Our annual week to host the PORT shelter is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th to Wednesday, March 19th. Our night to host is Sunday night and the youth will be a huge part of that evening. If you are interested in helping to volunteer during the week, please reach out to our Facility Manager, Rodney Wise, by calling the church office at 757-877-2270 or email [facility@wmumc.org](mailto:facility@wmumc.org).

### Resurrection Play

On April 12th we will have an Easter event which will include a dramatic performance of the Resurrection scripture, crafts, and fun for children of all ages. Volunteers needed for many parts of this event. Please reach out to Pastor Sarah to learn more on how you can help with this event.

### 5th Sunday Fellowship Brunch

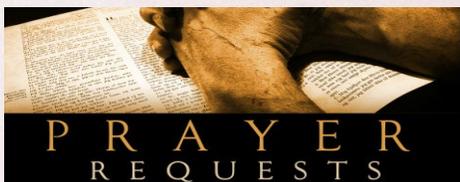
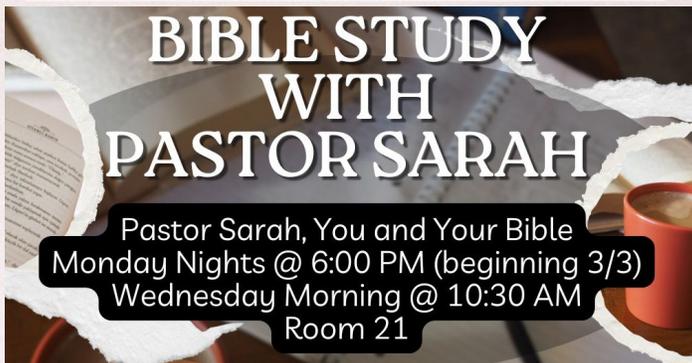
On Sunday, March 30th, we will come together during Sunday School hour to fellowship on the 5th Sunday of the month. We will provide water, coffee, tea and lemonade. Please bring something to share.



## 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.



Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or care facility: Ruth Ritenour (Mennowood) \* Betty Palmer (Hidenwood) \* Frances Topping (Mennowood) \* Margie Pillow (Walter Reed Rehab) 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) \* 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) \* Trish Ployd \* Charles Ragan \* John Lenwell's family and friends \* and all those who are grieving or sick - God knows!

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

## Attendance Numbers (2/16)

9:00 AM in-person: 80  
 Online Weekly Views: 51  
 11:15 AM in-person: 55  
 Online Weekly Views: 38  
 Sunday School: 66  
 Dinner Church 2/19/25: No DC



Our Children and Youth Fellowship, now known as "Next Generation Ministry" is a fun and exciting ministry time that is planned for Sunday evenings. You are invited to come and help with the faith journey of our children and youth.

- \* **Children's Fellowship** - for students K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- \* **Youth Fellowship** - for students 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

Feel free to reach out to leaders for more information:

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**Church Library:** The library would love to have additional books to share with our friends at Dinner Church! The "Free Book Table" has proven to be exceedingly popular with those who attend our Wednesday night worship service. We welcome all kinds of Christian reading: fiction or nonfiction for adults, teens, and children as well as devotional books. Donations can be dropped off in the Church library.

## Covenant Sunday School Class Upcoming Book Study

The Covenant Class meets in the Fellowship Hall and will begin a new study on the book "Why?" by Adam Hamilton. Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike? How can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation? In "Why?", Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the question of how to understand the will of God.

## Book of Mark Study

Beginning February 20th, Linda McLawhorn will lead a Bible Study group on Thursdays at 2:30PM at Vancostas (food ordering is not required.) We will begin with the study of the Book of Mark. Bring a Bible and study materials will be provided.

## United Methodist Men Dinner & Meeting

All men are invited to attend a taco bar dinner beginning at 6:30 PM followed by a brief meeting for our United Methodist Men. Come and fellowship and share ideas for our future as well as discuss plans for our upcoming post-Easter breakfast on April 26th.

## Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



TikTok



Facebook



YouTube



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