

5th Sunday in Lent

Warwick Weekly

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

Sunday, March 17, 2024

This Week At A Glance

March 17 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)
6pm Children and Youth
6pm Lent Bible Study (Library)
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, March 18*

9am Meals on Monday
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 19*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
10am Craft Day (FH)
11am Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 20*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)
7pm 4 His Glory @ Warwick Forest

Thursday, March 21*

6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

Friday, March 22*

Saturday, March 23

** 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 Sermon is based on John 12:1-8

Sermon Title - Good Enough: We Are Fragile

Scripture is clear: We are to help the poor, feed the hungry, and care for widows, orphans, and aliens among us. At the same time, we may have questions about our decisions. How should we give? What do we give specifically and graciously to help the poor among us? What do we give to support other facets of the Lord's work generously and extravagantly?

Each is important. Each can honor God. So let's not be critical of those who give extravagantly to any of God's work. God knows the hearts of the givers, and we need to rejoice in their generosity to honor him. Even more, we all need to be generous with the Lord and those in need! After all, Jesus himself reminds us that how we use our blessings is important and that we are actually caring for him when we care for those less fortunate!

Reckless devotion to Jesus is never a bad thing. Our emotions should show when our hearts are in tune with Jesus. We may not pour out perfume in His honor, but we will want to express our love for Him through song, words, raised hands, dance, etc.

True worship will cost us something. Worship is not about mere words, although words are important. It is not just about turning up on Sunday. When we worship from the heart, our attitudes and priorities will change. It is no longer about what we want to do, but about surrendering to God's will. Our money and time become surrendered to God, and we find ourselves blessed with a generous spirit that wants to give to others and to God's work.

Prayer

Loving and gracious Father, mold my heart to be more like yours. Bless me with graciousness, generosity, thankfulness, and a forgiving spirit. Open my eyes to all that Jesus has done, is doing, and will do for me so that I will more freely share with others my love, possessions, money, and time. In Jesus' name and because of Jesus' love, I pray. Amen.

Adapted from articles on <https://newlifennerrabri.wordpress.com> and <https://heartlight.org>

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. We will wrap up the Lenten study on March 20 and will begin a new study on March 27th. You are invited to join us every Wednesday morning at 10:30am. On March 27th we will begin Journey Through the Bible, Volume 15 and will run that through June 19th. Please reach out to Pastor Angie for a book. You are welcome to join us **any Wednesday morning at 10:30am in Room 20.** For additional information, please contact Pastor Angie.

{ JOIN US FOR } SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship.

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 - FH
- Family Faith Class - FH
- Trinity Class - Room 10
- Wesleyan Class - Room 21
- Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20
- Children - Meet in the toddler nursery room
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30



Blood Drive

Warwick Memorial UMC

Fellowship Hall
38 Hoopes Rd.

April 27, 2024

9am to 2pm



American
Red Cross



Special Offering

Lenten Offering 2024

This year, our Lenten offering will go to benefit 3 of our in-house ministry programs. - Meals on Monday "MoM", Dinner Church "DC" and our Family Ministries program. MoM is currently preparing and serving approximately 120 lunch meals every Monday to families in our community. DC, which is our Community Family Dinner, serves a hot, home cooked meal for dinner every Wednesday, along with an encouraging message and musical entertainment as we fellowship with the friends of our community. Many of our guests have become regular church visitors to Sunday worship as well as Wednesday night worship. Our Family Ministries has now encompassed our children's fellowship, youth and family ministries into one - Family Ministries. Every month in 2024, the children and youth will host an intergenerational event for all of our church members to participate in. This began last year with the Turkey Escape Room & Pie as well as the Christmas Gingerbread House & Donuts event. Recently they hosted a Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner event. All funds raised for Family Ministry will help them to host an amazing Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School week in June, youth mission trips, and much more.

All Lenten special offerings will be divided equally between the 3 ministry programs or you are welcome to choose just one to support (please mark your offering envelope with the chosen ministry if you wish to do that.)

We thank you in advance for your generosity to all of the mission and ministry programs.



MEN'S FRATERNITY SPRING BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 6th

Guest Speaker: Dave Amaker

8am to 9:30am

Men's Fraternity Breakfast

You are invited to our Men's Fraternity Spring Breakfast on **Saturday, April 6th 8am to 9:30am** in the Celebration Center. Breakfast provided at no charge and all men are invited. You are welcome to bring a friend. This is free, however a love offering will be collected to support Meals on Monday. Guest speaker will be Dave Amaker. This is a celebration of the risen Christ meeting with the fishing disciples, providing a miracle catch and telling them "Come and have breakfast." If you would like to know more about Men's Fraternity, please contact Gerry Mingee at ggingee@verizon.net.

What Is A Bridge Church?

Bridge Churches are United Methodist faith communities which are confident they will remain United Methodist. **Bridge Churches** will provide pastoral support, nurture, and opportunities for connection during this time of grief and transition, always in response to each individual's needs, timing, and sense of God's call. These congregations bring no expectation of church membership; rather they offer support based on the needs of each person and community. Such support may include:

- * Individual pastoral care by laity and clergy from the **Bridge Church**;
- * physical space for groups to gather as they consider what faithful next step God is calling them to take;
- * providing information on ministry opportunities in which to engage – or not (there will be no pressure) - these opportunities may include: worship, the invitation to grow in discipleship, small group gatherings, Bible studies, and prayer opportunities as well as participate in mission opportunities to serve through hands-on ministries;
- * assistance in finding and connecting with other individuals and groups displaced by disaffiliating churches, both for grief support and for discipleship and discernment about faithful next steps;
- * help connecting with Conference and District resources to help them discern their next steps as they consider a new church home.



Free Parents Welcome

Easter

EGG HUNT

FREE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED UP TO 5TH GRADE
YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER

Crafts, Games, Candy & Gifts for the kids!
Fellowship Time for Parents

WARWICK MEMORIAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
38 HOOPES ROAD | NEWPORT NEWS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
10AM - 12PM

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Join us for EASTER



Beginning next Sunday, Palm Sunday, please join us for Easter Week and invite friends to celebrate the Hope that comes with Easter.

We will celebrate Holy Week beginning on the 24th with Palm Sunday and then moving through the week on Thursday with our special Maundy Thursday service followed by a special Good Friday service. Saturday will be a fun Easter Egg hunt for the children before the blessings of Easter morning on Sunday, March 31st with our sun rise service hosted by our youth.

Palm Sunday, March 24th: Worship at 9am and 11:15am.

Thursday, March 28th: Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm.

Friday, March 29th: Good Friday Worship in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm.

Saturday, March 30th: Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages. Promotional fliers are available. 10am to 12pm.

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday - Sun Rise service on the lawn by the cross at 6:30am, followed by breakfast in the Celebration Center, hosted by our youth.

9am Modern Contemporary Lampstand Worship in the Celebration Center - high energy, modern Christian music led by our Lampstand Band and worship leader. This service is streamed to Facebook and YouTube.

11:15am Traditional worship in the Sanctuary with age-old hymns and anthems led by our choir and music director.

Many things are being planned by our Worship, Connect and Evangelism teams to make all of these events meaningful, fun and blessed. Please plan to join us and invite friends and family to one or all of these events.

Easter Egg Hunt: We need your help in many areas, if you would like to help on the day of, please reach out to Sharon Ellis or Kerry Blazek to see how you can help. We will have at least 1 egg stuffing event the week before the event. We appreciate any donations of candy to fit inside the eggs—Easter is a little early this year so some chocolate will be ok for the earlier hunts, but non-chocolate is safer. Donations can be dropped in the basket in the church office.

Please help promote our events from our Facebook page.



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@christianyogastudio.org or through www.christianyogastudio.org.

Bazaar and Cookie Walk 2024 Prep

Join the ladies in the Fellowship Hall every 3rd Tuesday of the month. We will gather again this Tuesday, March 19th. Join them between 10am and 2pm to work on craft projects for the bazaar. Bring something to share for lunch and come and have some fun. Reach out to Marsha Six or Sharon Blake with any questions.



Attic Treasures & Spring Artisan Fair

This is open to all church members and friends to participate by renting a table for \$15 to sell your "treasures" or your art, craft or vendor items. We have the use of 4 classrooms also for an additional fee. Each table after the first is \$10 (at this time you can have 3 tables.) Applications are available in Sunday School classrooms, in the Narthex and Gathering Area or the church office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office at 757-877-2270 or Denise Worker. Please share the event on our Facebook page.

Come and Be Social With Us ...



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Instagram



Share your QR code so others can follow you

TikTok



Facebook



Give Now

"Meals on Monday" and "Family Dinner Church"

* Free Lunch available on Mondays between 12 noon and 1pm. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building.

* Free Family Dinner every Wednesday night at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone Is Welcome - 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 worship, a little praise and an awesome dinner.

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.

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.

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

Volunteers Needed: We need help with set-up and break down, please reach out to Tim Claus to learn more about how you can help!



WARWICK MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS:

ATTIC TREASURES

And *Spring* Artisan Fair

**APRIL 27TH 2024
9AM TO 3PM**

- * Bring Your Treasures - Old, New, Handmade & Repurposed
- * Shop for Treasures, Gifts & Special Treats

Shop a wonderful assortment of gently used housewares, décor, furnishings, clothing, accessories and more! Our Sale will also include a selection of local artisans selling hand-made, high quality art, craft and repurposed items along with some popular business vendors.

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CONTACT US AT 757-877-2270 FOR A SELLER APPLICATION.**



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

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

Check the calendar below for monthly events and reach out to leaders for more information.

Sharon Ellis (Children's Ministry) 757-478-5020 or email cutyrgal@cox.net

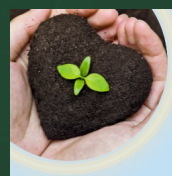
Kerry Blazek (Youth Ministry) 757-310-9891 or email kerryblazek@gmail.com

- * March 17 - Regular Meeting
- * March 24 - Regular Meeting
- * March 31 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

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.



Come join the fun!!! WMUMC book club is for all 50+ folks (however, we do not really age discriminate, so if you are not yet 50 but love to read, you are still welcome to join us!) Join us for the next book club gathering on **Thursday, March 21st at noon** at Tuscany Ristorante Italiano. The book we are reading is "Between Sisters" by Kristin Hannah. Meghann Dontess is haunted by heartbreak. Twenty-seven years ago she was forced to make a terrible choice, one that cost her everything, including the love of her sister, Claire. Now, Meghann is a hotshot divorce attorney who doesn't believe in intimacy-until she meets the one man who can change her mind. Claire Cavanaugh has fallen in love for the first time in her life. As her wedding day approaches, she prepares to face her harsh, judgmental older sister. It is the first time they have been together in more than two decades. Over the course of a hot Pacific Northwest summer, these two women who believe they have nothing in common will try to become what they never were: a family. The book for May will be "The Boys from Biloxi" by John Grisham. Please RSVP to Linda Brooks that you will be attending.



ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Planting the Seeds For
A Faithful Legacy



Endowment Fund Information Notebook

Information regarding the Endowment Fund has been placed in a green notebook in the church Library on the shelf above the computer monitor along with the Finance Team notebook. The Endowment Fund notebook contains the following items:

- * End of Year Endowment Fund Status Report for 2023
- * Latest report from the Virginia UM Foundation where the funds are invested
- * Current Operational Guidelines for the General Endowment Fund
- * Endowment Grant Program Guidelines
- * Original Resolution Establishing the Endowment Committee
- * Church Council Minutes Authorizing the Establishment of an Endowment Committee
- * Operational Guidelines for the Bennett Family Endowment

WMUMC Endowment Grant Program

Active members of Warwick Memorial are eligible for an Endowment Grant for church related training, outreach activities, or ministry activities. All requests must support the mission and vision of WMIMC. The scholarships mentioned below generally are not meant to completely pay for training or a mission trip, but rather to fill in the gap between the funds the person can personally come up with and what the total training/trip will cost them.

Church Related Training - The purpose of this element is to provide scholarship assistance for attending church related training, or to study for the ministry.

Outreach Element – The purpose of this element is to provide funding to organize, develop, strengthen, or participate in **future** outreach activities. An outreach activity is one that results in someone getting helped **directly** in some way, such as physically or spiritually, within a reasonable amount of time. Although existing outreach activities will be eligible for these funds, priority will be given to "innovative" activities that introduce new or changed methods or areas of church outreach, program or study. Therefore, requests should be for outreach activities that are not normally funded through the annual operating budget of the church. Scholarship assistance to participate in outreach activities is also available under the conditions described in the opening paragraph.

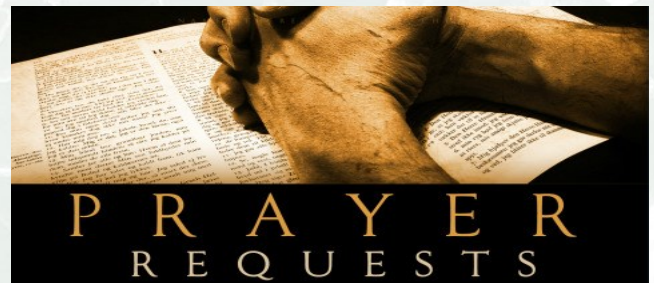
Ministry Element - The purpose of this element is to provide funding to strengthen or expand existing ministries or to initiate new ministries. Ministries include, but are not limited to, preaching, teaching, music, health, activities for children, youth or adults, education, worship, etc. Requests for new ministry funding should be for ministry activities that are not normally funded through the annual operating budget of the church.

For more details about this program and the application process, please call or text Henry Bennett at 757-877-2258 or send e-mail to jhbenn3940@gmail.com.



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. 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.



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, April 1, at

9am at Vancostas on Warwick Blvd.

Stop by the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall to see a group picture of our fellowship group.



Sick? Going to Hospital?

If you are hospitalized, planning surgery, or have become ill, please contact the church office at 877-2270 or by emailing warwick.memorial@wmumc.org. If you have an urgent situation, please call **the church office at 877-2270 (9am to 5pm or go to 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 pastoresther@wmumc.org or pastorangie@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 (Hidenwood) * Frances Topping (Mennowood) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) * Clara Reid * Katie Tanner-Barker * Jim Russell * Tiffany Brandt * Jeff Cox * Marion Bonacci * Sara Manner * Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) * Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine * Jim Taylor * Barbara Freund * Bea Hoal * Raye Gwyn (Mary Jackson's mom) * Frank Felice (Dan Felice's Dad) * Joy Robinson (her mother and brother are both having medical issues) * Ginny Chappell * Lawrence & Cheryl Pruitt * Erin Finley-Orick * Donna Curran * Gene Osborne * Jeanne Shaffer * Jane Shaffer * Cindy and Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) * Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) * Ken Marcuson * Judy Hackett * Frank Crispens * Janette Crowder * Kendra Hofler * Lori McCormick, and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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Attendance Numbers (3/10)

9:00am: in-person: 71

Online: 123

11:15am: 59

Sunday School: 63

Dinner Church 3/13: 58

