

Warwick Weekly

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

Sunday, March 31, 2024

This Week At A Glance

March 31 - Today

6:30am Sunrise Service (parking lot)
9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)
3pm Private Event (CC)
8pm NO Children and Youth
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, April 1*

9am Meals on Monday
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm NO Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 2*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
11am Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
7pm Leadership Team Mtg (FH & Zoom)

Wednesday, April 3*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, April 4*

6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

Friday, April 5*

Saturday, April 6

8am Men's Breakfast (CC)

* 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 20:1-18

Sermon Title - Good Enough: A Good Enough Faith

Jesus told his disciples that there would come a time when they would not see him, but he'd return and that their sorrow would be turned to joy (John 16:16-22). We see this pathway of sorrow to joy in our text as they disciples start to grasp that Jesus really did rise from the dead. Today, we celebrate that—Happy Easter!

It is surprising how much Jesus talked about his suffering, death and resurrection but the disciples and his other followers did not understand or believe it. In our passage this week, we read that Mary Magdalene, Peter and John did not expect the tomb to be empty, they did not believe the resurrection would happen, at least not in their lifetime with the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

John highlighted the resurrection of Jesus in a unique way by showing us different snapshots of Jesus meeting people and opening their eyes to the truth of the resurrection. Peter, John, Mary and Thomas all get different experiences with Jesus and he meets them where their spiritual needs are to help them believe and trust that he really did rise from the dead. John got a glimpse of it, and understood what Jesus taught, as he examined the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene was the first one to interact with Jesus and was transformed into the first witness to the resurrection.

Since Mary became the first witness to the resurrection, this makes us wonder why Jesus did not appear first to Peter or John, but what we do know is that he will show up to the disciples with his resurrected body and some of them are quick to believe and others hold onto doubt.

What we learn from all of these various accounts is that it is an act of faith to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. There is great evidence for it, but each person has to overcome some sort of unbelief to put their trust in the reality that Jesus rose from the dead and in the process of doing that we learn how Jesus met each of them and helped them to trust and how he will do that with his people today through His word.

Jesus was faithful to His promise to rise from the dead to defeat death and give us new life and He meets His followers, even in their doubt and questions to help them to trust.

Because of this trust, we are here to say - Happy Easter!

Adapted from an article on <https://www.westhills.org> written by David Frederick

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. Last Wednesday we begin a new study. You are invited to join us every Wednesday morning at 10:30am. We are now taking a "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.

THE EASTER OFFERING

Lenten/Easter Offering 2024

This year, our Lenten & Easter offerings 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 free Community Family Dinner, serves a hot, home cooked meal for dinner every Wednesday, along with an encouraging message and musical entertainment as we fellowship together. 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. Our annual tradition has been the youth hosting the sunrise service and breakfast which follows the sunrise service on Easter Sunday, also hosted by our youth.

All funds raised for Family Ministry help them to host our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School in June, youth mission trips, month intergenerational events and much more.

All Lent and Easter 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 within Warwick Memorial UMC.

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.

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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

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 Minge at ggingee@verizon.net.



Children, Youth & Family Ministries

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 cutygrgal@cox.net

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

* March 31 - No Meeting - Happy Easter

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.

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.

Red Bird Mission Team 2024

It's time to start thinking about and planning for our 2024 trip! This year we will be attending Red Bird Sunday July 28 to Friday August 2. If you are

ready to join our team this year, please contact Kerry Blazek via email kerryblazek@gmail.com. **\$50/person deposit is due by Sunday April 28**. This will guarantee your spot on this year's team. There are no age limits for team members.



Do You Need Some God Based Financial Guidance?

Do Well is Crown Financial's classic Biblical Financial Study. To complete this 10-week course, each participant (couples can share) will need the *Do Well* manual, the book *The Worst Financial Mistakes in the Bible and How You Can Avoid Them* and a *Money Map*, all included in this set. Weekly introductory videos are available that correspond with each week's lesson.

Each week's lesson has two components – an in-depth Bible study on that week's topic and hands-on financial exercises. The participants will be guided to apply newly-gained wisdom to their personal lives and finances. **The teaching strategy used in this study treats more than the symptoms of financial bondage – it creates a long-term transformation of the heart.** This is the most effective way to find biblically based answers to one's financial questions and difficulties.

2-hour classes

Meeting Nights: Sunday afternoons at 3pm

When: Beginning April 7th

Church Hosting the Training: Warwick Memorial UMC

Teacher: Rev. Angie Hoen

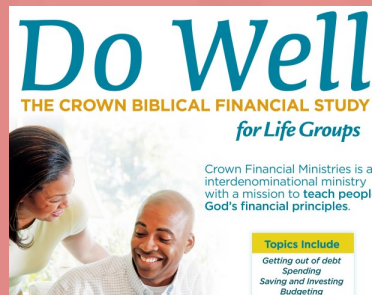
Cost: approx. \$30/participant for the three resources OR couples may share. It is recommended for each person of a couple to have a *Do Well* manual and those are an additional \$25 each, so **total cost per couple is approx. a \$55 investment**. (Angie will order all at one time to save on shipping costs.)

Introduction class will be on April 7th at 3pm. Classes will run through approx. June 9th (if we have to adjust schedule due to unforeseen issues we can.)

Please let Pastor Angie know if you have any questions or are ready to sign-up. She will tell you how it has impacted her own life. So, let's get you signed up by 4/2—email **Pastor Angie at**

pastorangie@wmumc.org.

We will order the books on your behalf (will be approx. \$30 for single or \$55 for couple—will let you know after 4/2 the total due.)



Church Work Day

The Trustees have scheduled Saturday, April 13th from 9am to 3pm for our WMUMC church family to help fix-up, clean up, and beautify our church building and grounds. Work that needs to be done will be on checklists and we will have supplies,

so everyone is encouraged to lend a hand. We have plenty of projects for inside and outside work, including spreading mulch (so please bring any tools we can use for this project!) All ages can help! RSVP is not necessary, just show up ready to work. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Watch for sign-up forms beginning next week, but if you are not sure if you can help, you do not have to sign up.



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TikTok



Facebook



Give Now

Church Library

Are you looking for a particular book, or would just like to see what our library has to offer? Feel free to scan this QR code which will now lead you to the church library on-line. Look up a book to see if we have it and then get directions to locate it in the library. You are welcome to check out books and return at your convenience. If you would like to donate books for the library to use or to give away to our Dinner Church guests, feel free to leave any donations on the table in the library.



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 Workinger. Please share the event on our Facebook page.



Blood Drive Warwick Memorial UMC

Fellowship Hall
38 Hoopes Rd.

April 27, 2024

9am to 2pm



"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

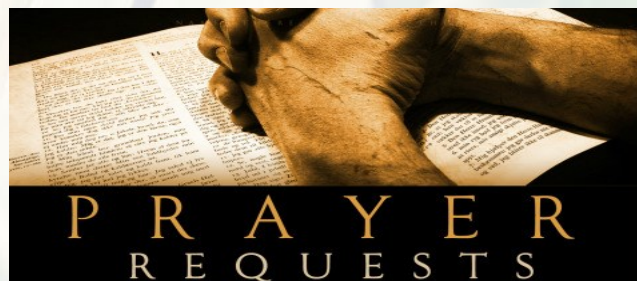
- * Bring Your Treasures - Old, New, Handmade & Repurposed
- * Shop for Treasures, Gifts & Special Treats

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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WWW.WMUMC.ORG | WARWICK.MEMORIAL@WMUMC.ORG
CONTACT US AT 757-877-2270 FOR A SELLER APPLICATION.

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 **tomorrow, 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 * Frank Felice (Dan Felice's Dad) * Joy Robinson (her mother and brother are both having medical issues) * Ginny Chappell * Lorie & Cheryl Pruitt * Erin Finley-Orick * Donna Curran * Gene Osborne * Jeanne Shaffer * Jane Shaffer * Cindy & Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) * Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) * Ken Marcuson * Judy Hackett * Frank Crispens * Janette Crowder * Lori McCormick * Lonnie Frye, Sr. (Mary Ann's brother) * the family of Raye Gwyn (Mary Jackson's mom), and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

Attendance Numbers (3/24)

9:00am: in-person: 75
Online: 162
11:15am: 80
Sunday School: 65
Dinner Church 3/27: 60

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Save the date, May 18th, for our First Responders Thank You Breakfast.

