

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, April 14, 2024

This Week At A Glance

April 14 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)
3pm Do Well Class (Library)
6pm Children and Youth
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, April 15*

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

Tuesday, April 16*

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

Wednesday, April 17*

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

Thursday, April 18*

6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)
7pm Ministry Core Team Meeting

Friday, April 19*

Saturday, April 20

11am Russell Memorial Service

* 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 24:36-48

Easter Sermon Series: **Belong. Behave. Believe. Eating With Ghosts**

This week is the third Sunday of Easter. Easter never seems to be a very meaningful name for the most momentous event in the history of our world. The resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Resurrection – what a word. What a fact! Should we rename Easter Sunday as Resurrection Sunday? You've heard of being an Easter church, an Easter people. But what would we think of ourselves if we took seriously the fact that we are actually Resurrection people, living and witnessing as a resurrection church?

In this week's gospel reading we hear another episode of the Risen Christ appearing to His disciples. Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you." They thought they were seeing a ghost and were scared half to death. But He reassured them, "Don't be upset, and don't let all these doubting questions take over. Look – my hands; look at my feet – it's really me. Touch me. Take my hand. Look me over from head to toe. A ghost doesn't have muscle and bone like this." As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. Jesus was still Jesus.

They still couldn't believe what they were seeing. It was too much; it seemed too good to be true. He asked for something to eat.

They gave Him a piece of leftover fish they had cooked earlier. He took it and ate it right before their eyes. Spooks don't eat. Jesus really was Jesus. New. Fresh. Alive. It was Him. Resurrected. Still Him, but different. On the first day of spring, who didn't feel that little bit more alive, as what seems to have been a long sluggish winter suddenly gave way to the newness of spring? When we see the dogwood trees in full bloom we are moved to 'wow'-ness: Resurrection beauty: let your heart give a leap of joy and say 'God, you're amazing'! This is resurrection. The old has gone, the new has come! Winter is over, summer is coming. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Adapted from an article on <https://badshotleaandhale.org/> written by Lesley Crawley

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, April 16th. 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.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. You are invited to join us every Wednesday morning at 10:30am. We are currently taking studying "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 at pastorangie@wmumc.org.



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



First Responder's Appreciation Breakfast

WMUMC is planning our annual Appreciation Breakfast to express our thanks and admiration to all who serve as First Responders in our community. Personnel from Police and Fire Departments, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Services will be invited to be our guests for breakfast in the Celebration Center on Saturday, May 18th, from 7am to 10:00am. If you are a local first responder, we hope that you will join us. If you know a first responder, please invite them (police, fire/rescue, EMS, Sheriff, etc.) Fliers will be available on the information tables and in Sunday School classes in the next week or so.

If you would like to help out, please watch for sign up sheets in the adult Sunday School classes or **contact Marsha Six at 757-874-3071.**

"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 to Dinner Church - 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.

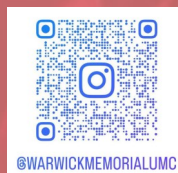
Join us for a great meal, musical entertainment, devotional message brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week, in the evening, for worship.

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

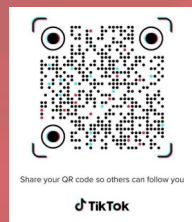
Volunteers Needed: We need help with set-up and breakdown, please reach out to **Tim Claus** to learn more about how you can help, or, just come and join us! You can reach him by email at tjclauscw4@gmail.com



Come and Be Social With Us . . .



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Facebook



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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



Church Work Day

A huge "Thank You!" to the members of WMUMC who came to the Trustees Spring Clean-up Day yesterday. Giving your time and energy in service to your church is appreciated by all!



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.

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

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. We will be fundraising during the year to help off-set individual costs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Kerry.



Senior Fellowship Book Club

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, May 16th at noon** at Tuscany Ristorante Italiano. The book we are reading is the #1 *New York Times* bestseller "The Boys from Biloxi." John Grisham returns to Mississippi in his most gripping legal thriller yet, the riveting story of two sons of immigrant families who grow up as friends, but ultimately find themselves on opposite sides of the law. Grisham's trademark twists and turns will keep you tearing through the pages until the stunning conclusion.

For most of the last hundred years, Biloxi was known for its beaches, resorts, and seafood industry. But it had a darker side. It was also notorious for corruption and vice, everything from gambling, prostitution, bootleg liquor, and drugs to contract killings. The vice was controlled by a small cabal of mobsters, many of them rumored to be members of the Dixie Mafia.

Keith Rudy and Hugh Malco grew up in Biloxi in the sixties and were childhood friends, as well as Little League all-stars. But as teenagers, their lives took them in different directions. Keith's father became a legendary prosecutor, determined to "clean up the Coast." Hugh's father became the "Boss" of Biloxi's criminal underground. Keith went to law school and followed in his father's footsteps. Hugh preferred the nightlife and worked in his father's clubs. The two families were headed for a showdown, one that would happen in a courtroom.

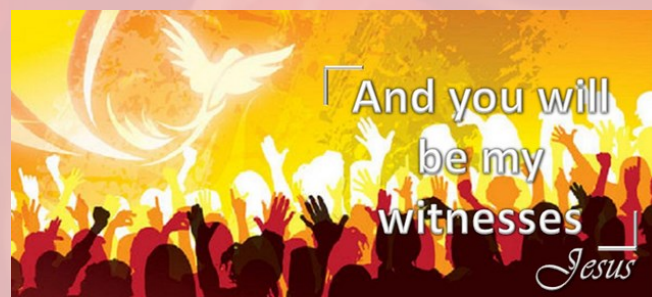
Life itself hangs in the balance in *The Boys from Biloxi*, a sweeping saga rich with history and with a large cast of unforgettable characters.

The book for July will be "Magic Hour" by Kristin Hannah. Please RSVP to Linda Brooks that you will be attending.



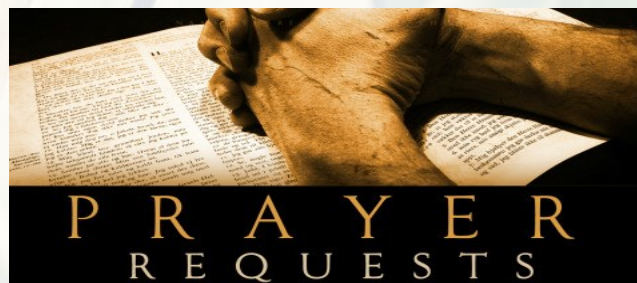
Watch us on YouTube

Don't forget you can watch our services on our YouTube channel - search for Warwick Memorial UMC, Newport News, VA and subscribe to our page to be notified when a new video is posted.



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, May 6, 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 * 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 Jim Russell, and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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Attendance Numbers (4/7)

9:00am: in-person: 77
Online: 124
11:15am: 53
Sunday School: 65
Dinner Church 4/3: 58



Attic Treasures & Spring Artisan Fair

Help us share this event with your friends, neighbors, family and co-workers. We currently have over 30 table sign-ups for this event, from yard sale items to business vendors and crafters and artists. Come and shop for awesome treasures and wonderful mother's day gifts. If you would like to know more about a table, please reach out to Denise Workinger at (757)329-9892 or call the church office at (757)877-2270. Please share the event on our Facebook page.

We will also be hosting a THRIVE food drive and will give you a free raffle ticket for each canned food item you bring for THRIVE—look for the donation bin by the entry door. Please share the attached flier with a friend or post somewhere to help promote the event.

WARWICK MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS:

ATTIC TREASURES

And *Spring* Artisan Fair

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

Shop a wonderful assortment of gently used housewares, decor, 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 including Paparazzi, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Pink Zebra, Tupperware, Buff City Soaps, and more.

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Blood Drive Warwick Memorial UMC

Fellowship Hall
38 Hoopes Rd.

**April 27, 2024
9am to 2pm**



Lenten/Easter Offering 2024

Thank you for supporting our Lenten/Easter offering this year. We raised a total of \$3,695 which is split as follows: \$1,231.67 to Meals on Monday ministry; \$1,381.67 to Dinner Church ministry and \$1,081.66 to Children and Family Ministries. Every donation is greatly appreciated.



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.



Warwick By The Numbers

Budget Income/Actual Income January to March, 2024

	Annual Budget Income	Actual Income YTD
Operating Income:		
Pledged Gifts	\$475,945.88	\$117,948.36
Loose Offering	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,190.76
Unpledged/Identified Givers	\$ 76,740.00	\$ 24,907.39
Rental Property	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 2,430.00
Church usage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,440.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 12,972.07	\$ 0.00
Other Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 114.00
2022 Carryover	\$ 31,563.21	\$ 31,563.21
K Account Reserve Fund	\$ 4,071.33	\$ 4,071.33
Total Income	\$ 622,992.49	\$ 622,992.49
	Annual Budget Expense	Actual Expense YTD
Operating Expenses:		
Trustees (facility maintenance)	\$164,098.00	\$ 36,043.66
Finance (admin/finance costs)	\$ 11,160.00	\$ 1,661.88
SPRC (staff & related costs)	\$336,773.49	\$ 82,884.65
Apportionments	\$ 89,856.00	\$ 22,464.00
Connect	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 300.00
Evangelize	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 372.44
Worship	\$ 7,955.00	\$ 103.56
Serve	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 600.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$622,992.49	\$144,430.19
Net Income		\$ 42,234.86

This data was provided by the Finance Committee.

We would like to thank you for your outstanding support during the first quarter of 2024 to our Family Life and Operations Fund. We started the year out with a carryover of \$31,563 which has helped us to have a current net income of \$42,234.86. Expenses are not as high at the beginning of the year, but as we progress through the year, this will change. We are so happy to release these figures for the end of the first quarter and we pray that you will continue to support your church and our family life and operations fund as well as the second mile giving opportunities. We raised over \$3600 for our lent/easter offering, as well as funded the 2024 Honduras Medical Mission team and working on supporting the Red Bird mission team. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jim Corliss, finance chair. Quarterly statements will be sent out by email on Monday, please watch for that. If you have requested it to be mailed, you should receive it by Friday. Feel free to reach out to the church office if you do not receive it. Thank you!