

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

This Week At A Glance

April 28 - 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 29*

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

Tuesday, April 30*

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

Wednesday, May 1*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)
7pm Denbigh Christian Revival (CC)

Thursday, May 2*

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

Friday, May 3*

7pm Denbigh Christian Revival (CC)

Saturday, May 4

1pm Memorial/Reception Marvin Holly (FH)

* 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 Acts 8:26-40 Sermon Title will be "Follow the Verb"

A man came to a church one Sunday morning in a time of great need in his life. He'd had a well-paying job with an oil company, but had recently lost it to downsizing, and was now trying to make a living as a farmer. At about the same time, his wife had left him. He was feeling lost and alone in the world, and he knew he needed help.

He hadn't been near a church for a long time, but he had a friend who was a churchgoer, who had once shared with him the story of his own spiritual journey home to Christ. So he decided to take his courage in his hands and go to the little Anglican church his friend attended. Now it so happened that there was a guest preacher at the church that day. One of the readings set for that Sunday was Jesus' story of the lost sheep, and that's what the guest preacher spoke about. The man said afterwards, 'That was me; I was the little lost sheep, and I was coming home'. And so began a process that eventually led to this man becoming a Christian.

The regular pastor eventually baptized this man and became a spiritual mentor to him. But as he looked back on that experience, what stood out for him was how God was at work. God worked through the friend who shared the story of his faith journey. God worked through the timing – having the man come to church on the exact Sunday when that lost sheep story was being read, and then having the preacher speak about that story. The timing was right, the Holy Spirit was at work, the people who needed to speak said what needed to be said, a welcome was offered, and a connection was made. And months afterwards, when everyone gradually realized how beautifully it had been arranged, they shook their heads and marvelled at the way God had worked.

Has this experience happened to you, or a friend, or have you seen this happen at church. The timing is always right. God is always looking for the right moment for the right thing to happen to bring the message to the person that needs to hear it.

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.

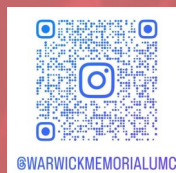
Join us for a great meal, musical entertainment, devotional message brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week, in the evening, for worship.

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

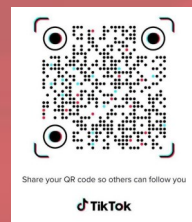
Volunteers Needed: We need help with set-up and breakdown, please reach out to **Tim Claus** to learn more about how you can help, or, just come and join us! You can reach him by email at tjclausw4@gmail.com



Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



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



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.



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.

Family Ministries Cinco de Mayo Party

Join us Sunday May 5th to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, 4 - 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall! Munch on chips, salsa, queso and guacamole while enjoying fun games and fellowship. This is an intergenerational event, everyone is invited and welcome and encouraged to bring friends and family. Questions, contact Kerry Blazek.

WARWICK MEMORIAL FAMILY MINISTRIES

Join us for Mexican Appetizers, games + fellowship
Sunday May 5th
4 - 6 pm

CINCO DE MAYO

**INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT
ALL ARE INVITED + WELCOME**



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.

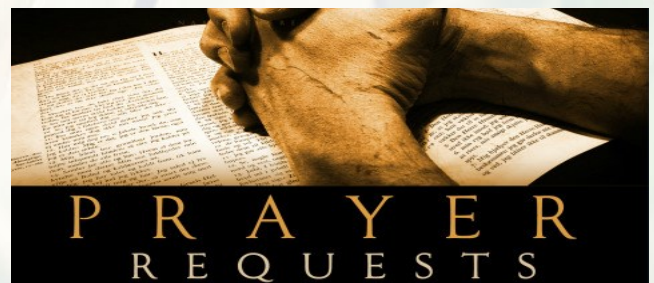
WMUMC'S Respite Care Ministry

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.

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 Brant * 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) * Carol DeGreen (Mary Ann Hoye's relative), and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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Attendance Numbers (4/21)

9:00am: in-person: 75
Online: 190
11:15am: 58
Sunday School: 69
Dinner Church 4/24: 52

