

Sunday, December 26, 2021

# Warwick Weekly

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## This Week At A Glance . .

### December 26- Today

9am Worship Lampstand  
10am Sunday School Classes  
11:15am Worship Sanctuary

### Monday, December 27

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
9am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)  
9:00am Meals on Monday Prep  
12noon Meals on Monday Serve  
7:30pm NO Choir Practice

### Tuesday, December 28

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
9am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, December 29

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
10:30am Advent Book Study (Zoom)

### Thursday, December 30

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
12noon Senior Fellowship Book Club  
2pm Afternoon Prayer (Sanctuary)

### Friday, December 31

Church Offices Closed  
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

### Saturday, January 1

New Years Day

*Email [facility@wmumc.org](mailto:facility@wmumc.org)  
for all event/room reservations.*

#### A Note From The Office:

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 31st. Pastor Judy will be on vacation from December 25th through January 3rd. Pastor Angie will be available for any pastoral care needs. Feel free to contact the church office at 877-2270 and extension 122 for Pastor Angie. Please remember to bring in any year-end offerings by Thursday, December 30th at 1pm for credit for 2021.

## This Week's Message—Merry Christmas!

*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! — 2 Corinthians 9:15*

Jesus was the unique God-man. As God, He walked on water, calmed the storm, healed the sick, and rose from the dead. As man, He got thirsty and tired; He felt sorrow and pain.

Jesus came to earth as a helpless, tiny seed planted in the womb of a young Jewish girl. Forty weeks later, Jesus was born in a filthy stable.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Its name meaning “the house of bread,” Bethlehem was the birthplace of the Bread of Life. God wanted people to know that the hope of the world is a Savior.

This Christmas season, in the midst of family and friends, gadgets and gifts, please join Paul in exclaiming, *Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! — 2 Corinthians 9:15*

### Code Word: Love

The very definition of our Lord is this: “God is love” (1 John 4:8). As the Advent season comes to a close with this word: *love*. Love is the oxygen of the Kingdom. Without it there is no Christmas.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. — John 3:16*

Believe in Him!

*Lord, this Christmas season, and every day, I love You because You first loved me. Happy birthday, Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.*

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The church offices will be closed on Friday, December 31st in recognition of New Year's Day.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Christmas Special Offering

This year for Christmas, we are collecting funds to help with the items needed for the Afghan immigrants who are currently staying at various US military bases. We have the Amazon shopping lists for a couple of US bases and we can purchase items that will be shipped directly to the bases. Our Thanksgiving Special Offering collected \$658 for us to go shopping. We are now collecting for the Christmas Special Offering and will again shop after January 2nd. Please mark your check or offering envelope "Christmas Offering."

The US government established "Operation Allies Welcome" to help bring the Afghan immigrants to the US. For many of the Special Immigrant Visa recipients, background checks were completed before they were evacuated from Afghanistan, and for others, the process has continued at the US bases. Immigrants also undergo medical exams, including screening and vaccinations for all communicable diseases. Once immigrants leave these bases, various resettlement agencies will work to settle these newcomers into our communities. Our shopping will help these immigrants to receive various things they need, including hygiene and sanitary items, basic clothing needs, and more. If you would like to learn more about this process and how the United Methodist Church has partnered with "Operation Allies Welcome" you can visit <https://vaumc.org/resettlementprocess/>



## "Meals on Monday" & "Community Dinner"

We are continuing to serve an average of 80 meals each Monday and building relationships with people around our local community. We would like to thank everyone who has helped us to keep this ministry going but we continue to need both volunteer and financial support in order to provide these free home-cooked meals each week. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers for making this ministry so successful.

We are always open to additional volunteers, so if you feel called to help, please come and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9am on Monday mornings.

We are planning to begin "Community Dinner" on Wednesday, January 19th. The plan is to be inside the Celebration Center, however, we are watching Covid numbers and may have to move tables outside and prepare the food for take home like we have been doing for the Monday lunch. We plan to continue serving dinner every Wednesday night once we start.

If you are interested in helping with Dinner Church - preparing meals, greeting and serving to our guests, and of course, clean up, please contact Judy Claus 757-570-4532.

## PORT Thank You!

We would like to thank all the amazing volunteers who once again made our PORT week a success. The many guests felt welcome and enjoyed the fresh cooked nightly dinners, and our welcoming facility. This event cannot happen without all the wonderful volunteers who invest their time to come each night to help. Many churches work together to make this possible. We will once again host the program in March, from the 2nd to the 9th. If you would like to volunteer, watch for sign up information in February.

## Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin at 10am. Children's Sunday School has returned and the children are invited to gather in the Celebration Center following worship or meet at room 29 for class to start at 10am.

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 - Fellowship Hall (by kitchen)  
Family Faith Class - Fellowship Hall 11  
Trinity Class - Room 10  
Wesleyan Class - Room 21  
Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20\*  
Young Adults - Room 24  
Children - Room 29  
Youth - Room 22  
Carpenters Class - Room 30

\*Wired Word and Blessed Mess are currently combined.

## Daily Fellowship & Prayer Time at 1pm

Even though we have returned to in-person worship, we want to stay connected with you! We need to remember who our anchor is and that a church isn't just a building, it's the people.

Here at Warwick Memorial, we are a body of believers who want every person to know God, find community and serve people. In order to continue to do that, we are continuing to provide you with the opportunity to come together daily to share concerns, share prayer requests, chat for a few minutes and have a moment of prayer and quiet time with God. All are invited. On the weekdays the session will be led by Pastor Judy or Pastor Angie and on the weekends by Linda McLawhorn.

This is a time to come together via the internet or by phone. Follow this link (or enter into your computer, tablet or phone - <https://zoom.us/j/312786077>) to go to the meeting at 1pm daily. If you would rather join by phone, please call 1-253-215-8782 and enter meeting ID 312 786 077 when prompted. Either way, please join us!



## Children & Youth Fellowship Groups

Kerry Blazek, our Youth Director, is working with Sharon Ellis, our Children’s Fellowship Coordinator to coordinate the winter and upcoming spring activities.

If your child would like to participate in youth ministry (grades 6 to 12) please contact Kerry Blazek at 310-9891. If your child would like to participate in children’s fellowship (age 2 to 5th grade), please contact Sharon Ellis at 478-5020.

**Both Youth Ministry and Children’s Fellowship meet in-person on Sunday evening from 6pm to 7:30pm.** If you are interested in volunteering with our programs, even just to help monitor the children so we are in compliance with our Child Protection Policy, please contact Sharon or Kerry. Even if you can help once a month, or once a quarter, they would welcome your commitment. No “teaching” is required, just be here to physically help out. We are currently not offering a snack supper, so please make sure your kids do not come hungry!

As we reopen, things are a little different and we want to thank you for your patience during this difficult time. Please follow the youth on Facebook under WM Youth (ask to be added to the group) to keep up with all the fun new plans as well as any possible changes. Please make sure your children are wearing masks when they come into the facility.

Thank you

NOTE: Meetings will resume on January 9th. Stay tuned for details.



## UMCOR Tornado Response

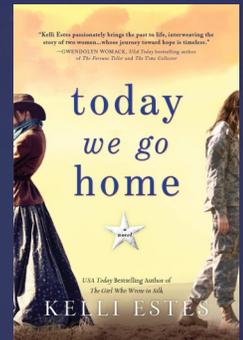
The Virginia Conference Disaster Response team is working closely with neighboring conferences to assess the need and where we can help. They will provide a status update via the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which we will share with you via Facebook or Warwick Weekly next week. In the meantime, we ask you to join us in sharing the hope by doing the following.

- 1. Pray** – Keep all who are affected by this event in your prayers. Pray for the survivors and victims. Pray for the first responders. Pray for the government officials involved.
- 2. Give** – UMCOR Disaster Response fund is the best way to support the survivors of this tragedy. You can mark your offering “Tornado Response 901670” or you may give online by going to <https://advance.umcmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>



## Senior Fellowship Book Club

The next book club meeting will be on February 17th at 12:30 at Schlesinger’s. The next read is “Today We Go Home” by Kelli Estes. This book shines an illuminating light on history and the female soldiers who have served this country from the Civil War to Afghanistan today. Pick up your copy and join the group for lunch on February 17th.



## Church Prayer Requests

During our current situation with Covid-19, we are committed to staying connected as a church. If you have a prayer request and would like one of our pastors to call and pray with you, please email [prayerchain@wmumc.org](mailto: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.

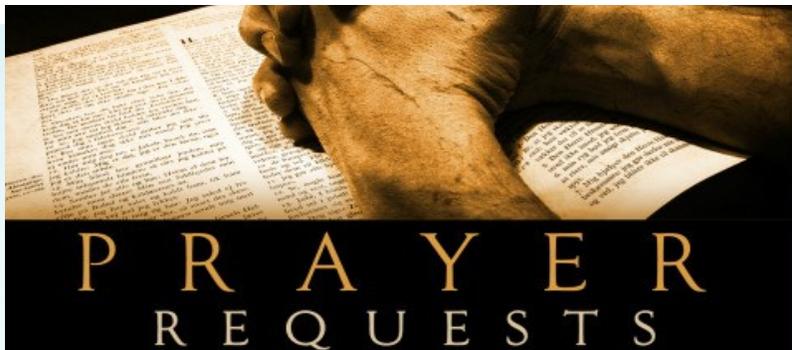
## Cookie Walk Report

Thank you, people of Warwick Memorial! Our Cookie Walk 2021 is over for another year and was wonderfully successful – wasn't it exciting to be back after missing last year's event? Thanks to your generosity and willingness to participate, thousands of delicious homemade cookies were sold with a profit of over \$4000.00! This money will be divided between the Honduras Mission team, to continue their good work in that country, the Meals on Mondays ministry, our active outreach to the community, and the Aesthetics account, which provides funds for projects within our church. Without the support of the entire church, such a huge and successful event could never have been realized.

*Marsha Six and the Cookie Walk Team*

## Peanut Sales

The United Methodist Men's proceeds from peanut sales this Christmas season have reached over \$800. Their profits fund various ministries and everyone's enthusiastic support is appreciated! They are currently sold out of salted peanuts (a few unsalted remain.) The UMM ask that if you have empty jars at home, if you could return them, that will help them to keep the cost at \$6 and be able to cook another batch in January.



## 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](mailto:warwick.memorial@wmumc.org). If you have an urgent situation, please call or text our care line at **(757) 509-7611** or the church office at **877-2270 (9am to 5pm)**. 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.

## Prayer List

Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or care facility: Fran Shaffer (York Convalescent Center) \* Kay Fippinger (Lakewood Manor Rehab, Room 310, c/o Lakewood, 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond, VA 23238) \* Gordan Chan (The Chesapeake) \* Ruth Ritenour (Mennowood) \* Beverly Mayeaux \* Nancy Setty \* Norma Coleman \* Anne Corliss \* Jim Crittenden \* Mike & Millie Shelor \* Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) \* Jim Cole \* Beth Cumming \* Nolan & Clara Reid \* Katie Tanner-Barker (Cindy and Lee Skaggs' daughter) \* Linda Henderson \* Ken Marcuson \* Solomon Kissimbo \* Heather Sreves \* Thyreese Blake \* Sharon Flick \* Shirley Myall (Zena's mom) \* Barbara (Pastor Judy's Sister-in-law), all those who are grieving or sick.

**Deployed Armed Forces:** CWO3 Michael Kreider, Cody Early, Laura Lomas, David Morales, Capt. Eden Moorehead

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## Last Week's Attendance Numbers (12/19)

11:15am Worship: 87

Online Worship: 122

Sunday School: 67