

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, January 1, 2023

New Year's Day

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

## This Week At A Glance . .

### January 1 - Today

11:15am Worship Sanctuary  
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

### Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed to Observe New Years  
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
9am NO Shekinah Prayer Time  
9am NO Meals on Monday Prep  
6pm Upward (CC)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7:30pm NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Tuesday, January 3

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)  
6pm Upward (CC)  
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Wednesday, January 4

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
8:45am AARP Training (FH)  
6pm Family Dinner Church

### Thursday, January 5

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
8:45am AARP Training (FH)  
9am Shekinah Prayer Time  
7pm Yoga (Youth Rm)

### Friday, January 6

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
8:45am AARP Training (FH)

### Saturday, January 7

10am Upward Games

For all event and room reservations  
please email Rodney at  
facility.mamager@wmumc.org.

## Happy New Year

### Strong into the Night

*He who trusts in the LORD will be exalted. PROVERBS 29:25*

In September 1939, Great Britain allied with France and several other alarmed countries in declaring war on Hitler's Germany, which had invaded Poland in its intended march toward global domination. By the end of the year, anxieties throughout England remained on high alert; everyone was fearful of bombing and invasion.

When King George VI sat down before two large microphones to make his Christmas Day speech to the nation, he was dressed in his official uniform as Admiral of the Fleet. With so many parts of the world facing an uncertain future, his goal was to reassure the people that their nation was prepared and able and their cause right and just.

"A new year is at hand," the king said. "We cannot tell what it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall all be. If it brings us continued struggle, we shall remain undaunted." Then, turning to some lines of poetry his wife had recently shared with him, he concluded his speech with these words, which are a fitting close to our year together. They offer a word of encouragement that—we hope—will settle your hearts amid the troubles of our own era in history. These lines are from "The Gate of the Year," a poem written in 1908 by Minnie Louise Haskins:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!"

As you make the turn to a new year, what are you facing that needs you to sink your hand more deeply into God's hand?

Adapted from [www.crosswalk.com/devotionals](http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals)

## Prayer

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year. Amen

## “Community Dinner” and “Meals on Monday”

\* Free Lunch available on Mondays beginning at 12 noon until 1pm. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building. (Will resume on 1/8/23)

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

**Volunteers needed for Meals on Monday** (reach out to Linda Brooks or Linda McLawhorn) **for making/donating dessert items for 100 meals** and **volunteers needed for Dinner Church** (reach out to Judy Claus at 757-570-4532) for help with set up/clean up, cooking, greeting, etc.

We have been awarded some grants to help support both of these ministries for 2022 but any additional donations are gratefully appreciated, especially for Meals on Monday. You can mark your offering “MoM” or “Dinner Church.” Please feel free to invite anyone to either or both events, all are Welcome—you can use the invite cards that are around the church.

**Everyone is invited to join us for musical entertainment, devotional message, fellowship, and communion every Wednesday night. 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 for worship.**

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



## Offering Envelopes

2023 offering envelopes are on the table by the Fellowship Hall. If you are already set up with bill pay, we have kept your envelopes for processing your gifts - if you would like your special offering envelopes, please let Zena know and she will be happy to pull them out for you. If you plan to do bill pay in 2023, feel free to put your envelopes on Zena's desk with a note that you are doing bill pay and we will use the envelopes for your gifts when they come through the mail. Thank you.



## Proverbs a Day Challenge

The Men's Fraternity will offer a Bible Challenge to start our new year off right. We are challenging all men to read one chapter of Proverbs a day corresponding with the day's date - 31 Chapters in 31 days. Each Tuesday of January (3,10,17,24 and 31) at 7pm we will meet in Room 10 to discuss the chapters read so far.

Each man will be encouraged to bring a verse he selected from each chapter for discussion. All men are invited to join in and attend any one or all of the discussions during January. Everyone is invited to read a chapter a day.



## Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the Celebration Center following worship or meet at room 29 for class to start at 10:15am. (No classes on 12/25 or 1/1)

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\*
- Young Adults - Room 24
- Children - Room 29
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30

\*Wired Word and Blessed Mess are currently combined.

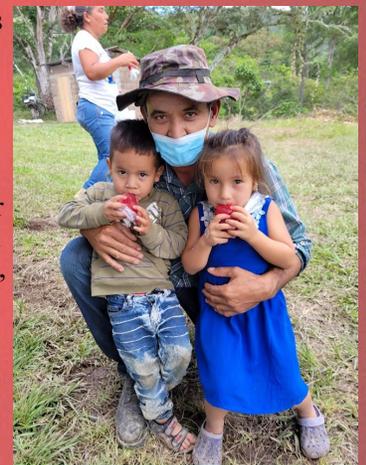
## Thanksgiving/Advent Special Offering

Since March 2020, Warwick has been supporting the community of Agua Zarca in Honduras. That community has decided that after the end this year it no longer needs our financial assistance. The community of Agua Salada has been identified to take their place next year which happens to be one of the communities that Pastor Peggy visited in her last mission trip. As of 12/30 we have just over \$4,000 in the K Account. We will continue to raise funds for our Advent offering so we can be sure to cover at least 1 year, and are on our way to year 2. \$3,250 is needed for 1 year of support to the village.

Your contribution will provide the following.

- \* Educational support for community leaders and community health volunteers
- \* Midwife training and support
- \* Community lectures and workshops by our Community Health Nurse
- \* Home visits during community education session

You can use your Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas Eve special offering envelopes or you can mark your offering “Advent offering” for it to be used for this special offering.





## Children & Youth Fellowship Groups

### Children and Youth Ministries

Kerry Blazek, our Youth Director, is working with Sharon Ellis, our Children's Fellowship Coordinator to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for the youth and children this school year. Youth meet in the youth room and children meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. You can follow the youth on their Facebook page.

If your child would like to participate in children's fellowship activities (age 2 to 5th grade), please contact Sharon Ellis at 757-478-5020. If your child would like to participate in youth ministry activities (grades 6 to 12) please contact Kerry Blazek at 757-310-9891.

**Note: No Youth meeting on December 25th and January 1st. Will resume on January 8th.**



**Elk's Lodge #315 Hoop Shoot** Contest is open to all children between ages of 8 and 13. This year's event will be held on Saturday, January 21st around 6pm. To learn more about the event, you are welcome to email Richard Means at [Richardmeans1961@outlook.com](mailto:Richardmeans1961@outlook.com). Pre-registration is not required. Open to all children—please invite your friends.



### 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.

### Bazaar & Cookie Walk Update

The Cookie Walk was a big success thanks to all of the generous people who baked cookies and bought cookies and gave donations. About 250 cookie purchases, large and small, were made on Saturday during the 4 hours before selling out! Our total was well over \$4000 before expenses, and the clear profit of \$3,743 has been divided to give \$400 to each of our in-house mission ministries: Rise Against Hunger, Red Bird, Meals on Monday, Dinner Church, Honduras Medical Mission. The remainder will go into the Aesthetics K Account for extra projects and purchases for the facility.

The Bazaar Craft Sale was huge and very successful on Friday and Saturday, as well as later purchases on the following Sundays! The selection was amazing and hundreds of people shopped enthusiastically. The craft sales brought in just over \$10,000 - our highest sales from the crafts to date! This fundraiser is a United Women of Faith fundraiser and 20% of the money will stay here for local missions that support women and children, such as THRIVE, Wesley Community Center, our Children & Youth ministry programs, Boys & Girls Club, Lackey Free Clinic, etc. The remaining 80% is sent to the UWF district office which uses the money for missions related to women, children & youth across the US and around the world.

The United Methodist Men (UMM) sold 185 jars of peanuts, for \$1110 and Mel and Chris Hofler helped to raise an additional \$450 from the sale of snacks, drinks and lunch on Friday and Saturday to help benefit the 2023 Honduras Medical Mission team trip.

Thank you again to everyone who helped from baking to donating items, to helping each month to make crafts, to setting up, taking down, and most importantly, shopping! We could not do this event without all of YOU!

### Senior Fellowship Book Club

Senior Fellowship Book Club's next meeting will be January 19, 2023 at 12 pm at Schlesinger's to review the book, "The Paris Library" by Janet Skeslien Charles.

Paris, 1939, a young and ambitious Odile Souchet has it all; her handsome police officer beau and a dream job at the American Library in Paris. When the Nazis march into Paris, Odile stands to lose everything she holds dear, including her beloved library. Together with her fellow librarians, Odile joins the Resistance with the best weapons she has: books. But when the war finally ends, instead of freedom, Odile tastes the bitter sting of unspeakable betrayal.

Montana, 1983, Lily is a lonely teenager looking for adventure in small-town Montana. Her interest is piqued by her solitary, elderly neighbor. As Lily uncovers more about her neighbor's mysterious past, she finds that they share a love of language, the same longings, and the same intense jealousy, never suspecting that a dark secret from the past connects them. This is a powerful novel that explores the consequences of our choices and the relationships that make us who we are—family, friends, and favorite authors—The Paris Library shows that extraordinary heroism can sometimes be found in the quietest of places.

Please RSVP to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 if you plan to attend.



### Yoga Classes to Resume

Is a healthy 2023 one of your resolutions? Yes? then, we can help. Bethany Caddell ERYT 200 will be teaching a beginner friendly Hatha style yoga class in Room 22 every Thursday @ 7pm. Bethany has been teaching yoga for 11 years and is experienced in the many ways to bring yoga to everyone. Modifications and challenges are both offered to help you in your personal journey toward wellness. Cost is \$12 per class - no pre-registration required.

## Church Prayer Requests

Even though we are back to worshipping together again, we know some people are still struggling with getting out. We are, however, still 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.

## Shekinah\* Glory Prayer Group

*The prayers of the righteous man are powerful and effective.*  
James 5:16

You can participate in the following ways:

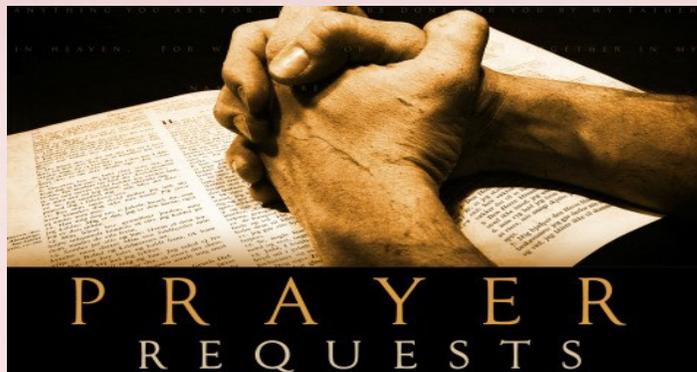
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone to be 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, January 2, at 9am** at iHop on Warwick Blvd.



## 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 **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 [pastoresther@wmumc.org](mailto:pastoresther@wmumc.org) or [pastorangie@wmumc.org](mailto: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 (Hiddenwood, apt. 428) \* Nancy Setty \* Norma Coleman \* Anne Corliss \* Jim Crittenden \* Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) \* Jim Cole \* Josie Cole \* Clara Reid \* Katie Tanner-Barker \* Heather Sreves \* Sharon Flick \* Shirley Myall (Zena's mom) \* Sam Federico, Sr. (Sam Federico's father) \* Jim Russell \* Jeff Cox \* Page Williams \* Carole Stockberger \* Marion Bonacci \* Sara Manner \* Zena Myall and Family for the loss of her father, Eric, and all those who are grieving or sick.

**Deployed Armed Forces:** CWO3 Michael Kreider, Cody Early, Laura Lomas, Brian Budlove.

## Attendance Numbers (12/24)

5pm: 115 (256 online)  
8:30pm: 55  
11pm 20

## Attendance Numbers (12/25)

11:15am Worship: 24

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## Daily Zoom Prayer Time

Monday to Friday join one of our pastors on Zoom at 1pm. Saturday and Sunday, Linda McLawhorn will facilitate the prayer time. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/312786077> Meeting ID 312 786 077

