

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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This Week At A Glance . .

January 8 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Facebook Worship
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
6pm Children/Youth Ministry
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, January 9

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
8:45am AARP Training (FH)
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday Prep
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (Rm 20)
6pm Upward (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
6:30pm Special Olympics Mtg (Rm 16)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, January 10

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
12pm ASRP Training (FH)
6pm Upward (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Rm 21)
7pm Evangelism Mtg (Rm 20)
7pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study (Rm 10)

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
12pm AARP Training (FH)
7pm Admin Core Team Mtg. (FH)
7pm Yoga (Rm 21)

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

10am Upward Games

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

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Scripture This Week—Matthew 3:13-17

In this week's scripture, we have here a rather strange interchange between Jesus and John the Baptist. Now, John has been preaching that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand; therefore, people everywhere must repent of their sin because in their current condition they are not ready for the Kingdom to appear.

The first thing we should note is our Lord's humility. He was the superior. In fact, John had just told us that Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit would be far superior to his water baptism. We also see that John quickly realizes who he is speaking to that this is God's Messiah. With all this in mind we still see Jesus approaching John for baptism.

Why does Jesus come to John for a baptism of repentance when He had no sin for which He should repent and what about this event pleased God? And how did this baptism fulfill all righteousness?

The answer to these three questions is really the same. Jesus was baptized by John in order to identify with what John was preaching, namely, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand and Jesus was baptized to identify with all those who were currently following John. In humility and faithfulness Jesus submits to John's baptism as a way to identify with John's message and John's people.

Jesus' baptism was an affirmation of John's ministry. By being baptized it was as if Jesus was saying, John I want you to baptize Me, because that will show that your message was true, your ministry was true, and it will link Me, the Messiah, with your ministry, which was to pronounce the coming of the Messiah, and it will link My ministry with your ministry as building upon it. So that is the first thing that His baptism does to fulfill all righteousness.

Jesus will take John's message and make it His and He will take John's disciples and make them His disciples. John truly was the forerunner of the Messiah.

Things to think about for the new year - have you embraced Him? Are you apathetic about Him? Are you holding Him at bay? Are you waiting for a more appropriate time? Now is the day of salvation. Embrace the one that God the Father has identified as His Son in whom He is well pleased.

“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.

* 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!

Special Concert Event planned for Wednesday, February 15th at 6pm. More details to come in the following weeks.



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.

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.

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 or Mary Ann know and they 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 is offering a Bible Challenge for the new year. 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 (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.

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. Our total collection from our Thanksgiving and Christmas collection was \$3,365. We will continue to raise funds during the year (you are welcome to mark your offering as “Honduras Village.”) We raised enough to cover one full year and are just short about \$1300 for a 2 year commitment. \$3,250 is needed for each 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



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: Children and Youth meetings resume today, January 8th



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.

Lay Servant Academy Training

Lay Servant Academy is excited to share its Winter Training that will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 17th & 18th. The course schedule features Michael Beck, originator of Fresh Expressions and a leader in cultivating movements. In addition to this course in Planting Fresh Expressions, additional courses include Fruitful Small Groups, Lay Pastoral Care-Giving, Basic Course, Spiritual Gifts, and Certified Lay Ministry Orientation. Courses are offered in person only at Shady Grove UMC Mechanicsville, VA. Registration and additional information can be found using this link: <https://vaumc.org/layservantacademy/> For questions, you are welcome to email Tianna Durbin, Director of Lay Servant Academy.

THRIVE Peninsula Volunteer Recognition

Marilyn Gardner has been volunteering at THRIVE since 2009. After her husband died, she was looking for something to fill her time. We collected food for THRIVE (then DUCO), and Marilyn took the opportunity to deliver the food we collected to THRIVE in person. She later had an interest in the Shoe Mission and in a tiny room in a shed across from the main headquarters, she spends time matching and bagging all the shoes in pairs read for the monthly collection where they are taken to a central location to be shipped to third-world countries, repaired and distributed to those in need.

Marilyn feels good about this project because it makes money for THRIVE to help local clients with rent and utility payments and in turn, by selling shoes cheaply by the pound, people in third world countries can buy and repair them as part of a small business, and saves these shoes from filling up our landfills.

Now that Marilyn is fully retired, she devotes her time to several charitable organizations in addition to THRIVE and she co-teaches our Carpenters Class on Sunday mornings.

THRIVE recently recognized Marilyn for her commitment to THRIVE—Thank you Marilyn.



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. Pre-registration is not required. Open to all children—please invite your friends.

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

Is a healthy 2023 one of your resolutions? Yes? then, we can help! Bethany Caddell 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. (This Thursday, 1/11 will be in room 21.)

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. 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:

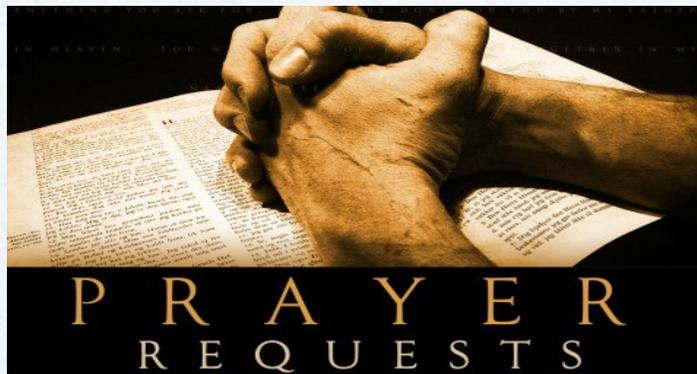
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone to be 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 **Monday, February 6, 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. 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 (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 * Marion Bonacci * Sara Manner, and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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Attendance Numbers (1/1)

10:15am (online): 122
11:15am: 64

Sunday School:

Dinner Church 1/4: 20

