

# Warwick Weekly

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**GENEROSITY**  
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## Sunday, October 22, 2023

### This Week At A Glance .

#### October 22 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Facebook Service  
11:15am Worship Sanctuary  
2pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)  
5pm Trunk or Treat (parking lot)  
6pm NO Children & Youth Fellowship  
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

#### Monday, October 23 \*

9am Shekinah Prayer Time  
9am Meals on Monday  
6pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7:30pm Choir Practice

#### Tuesday, October 24 \*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
10am Crafts (FH)  
11am Staff Meeting (library)  
6pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)  
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)  
7pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study (Rm 10)

#### Wednesday, October 25\*

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

#### Thursday, October 26 \*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)  
6pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)  
7pm Finance Meeting (zoom)

#### Friday, October 27 \*

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
7:30pm Drama Performance (CC)

#### Saturday, October 28

7:30pm Drama Performance (CC)

\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

For all event and room reservations  
please email Rodney Wise at

### Upcoming Events:

**Tonight, 5pm to 7pm**—Trunk or Treat in the big parking lot—all are welcome!



**Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28th at 7:30pm, Sunday, October 29th at 2pm** - Drama Production of "Steel Magnolias (see page 5 for details)

**Sunday, October 29th** - 5th Sunday Fellowship & Brunch (see page 2 for details)

**Sunday November 12, 4pm** - Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event—see page 3 for details



**Sunday, November 19** - Turkey Escape Room—intergenerational community event, 6pm to 7:30pm (more details to follow next week)

**Friday, December 1** - Craft Bazaar 1pm to 6pm in the Celebration Center

**Saturday, December 2** - Cooking Walk and Craft Bazaar—9am to 4pm in the Celebration Center





## WHAT ARE YOU DOING THANKSGIVING?

Are you interested in joining others for your Thanksgiving meal if you do not have other plans? We are gathering in the church Fellowship Hall at 1PM for a pot luck holiday Dinner. Turkey will be provided. Join us for dinner and a fun time! If you are interested please let Sina Hofler know no later than November 1. Phone - (H)757-877-6109, (C)757-869-2960, [email-hofler2@verizon.net](mailto:email-hofler2@verizon.net).



## “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—**This Wednesday, October 24th, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall** (due to the drama performance in the Celebration Center.)

**Everyone Is Welcome** - you can use the invite cards that are around the church to encourage friends, family, or anyone you know to join you for dinner or our Facebook event page. **The message this week will be from Pastor Angie and you are invited to wear something fun for Halloween!**

**Volunteers needed for Meals on Monday** (reach out to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 or Linda McLawhorn at 757-713-1519) **for making/ donating dessert items for 120 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 secured 2 small grants for 2023 to help support both of these ministries, but any additional donations are gratefully appreciated for both programs. You can mark your offering “MoM” or “Dinner Church.” Please feel free to invite anyone to either or both events.

**You are invited to 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.**



## Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the Celebration Center following worship or meet in 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:

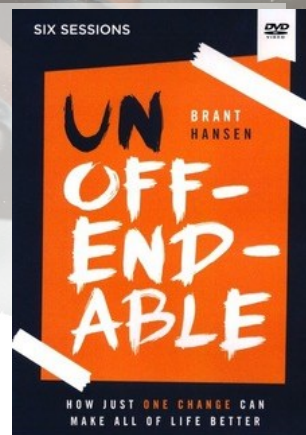
Covenant Class - FH  
Family Faith Class - FH  
Trinity Class - Room 10  
Wesleyan Class - Room 21  
Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20  
Young Adults - Room 24  
Children - Room 29  
Youth - Room 22  
Carpenters Class - Room 30

## Men's Fraternity Bible Study

Join the Men's Fraternity on Tuesday nights at 7pm in Room 10 for the 6 week study of “Unoffendable” - how just one change can make all life better. Brant Hansen shares practical ways to live life with less stress and more care by becoming unoffendable.

This week will be the 3rd week, but you are welcome to participate.

For more details, contact Gerry Mingee at [ggmingee@verizon.net](mailto:ggmingee@verizon.net)



## Wednesday Bible Study

You are invited to join us on **Wednesday mornings at 10:30am**. We are currently studying “Journey Through the Bible Volume 14: Romans - Philippians.” We still have a few books available and the cost is \$11. Please see Pastor Angie if you need one. This book highlights pivotal points in the scripture, lifting up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events and people. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the library. You can catch up with the reading but you can join in at any time for this Bible Study. For additional information, please reach out to Pastor Angie.



## 5th Sunday Fellowship

Join us on Sunday, October 29th, for our 5th Sunday Fellowship Potluck Brunch following the 9am worship service. This our opportunity to meet and mingle during the Sunday School hour as a whole church. Bring your favorite dish to share, coffee, juice and water will be provided.

Our next 5th Sunday Fellowship will be on 12/31/23.





## Children and Youth Ministries

Our Youth Director, Kerry, works with our Children's Fellowship Coordinator, Sharon, to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for the children and youth for the upcoming School year. Our Children and Youth ministry programs meet September to May. The Youth meet in the youth room, while the children meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. You can follow the youth on their Facebook page (WM Youth) for week to week activities which includes other meetings and activities outside of Sunday Youth Fellowship. Children meet in the Fellowship Hall and Youth meet in the youth room on Sunday evenings at 6pm.

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.

## Warwick By The Numbers

### Budget Income/Actual Income January to September, 2023

	Annual Budget Income	Actual Income YTD
Operating Income:		
Pledged Gifts	\$427,000.00	\$315,689.44
Loose Offering	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,707.47
Unpledged/Identified Givers	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 60,990.88
Rental Property	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 7,015.00
Church usage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,600.00
Lowe's Gift to OB	\$ 27,048.32	\$ 27,048.32
Endowment Fund	\$ 35,501.05	\$ 0.00
Other Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 108.00
2022 Carryover	\$ 19,541.88	\$ 19,541.88
Total Income	<u>\$611,791.25</u>	<u>\$438,697.99</u>
	Annual Budget Expense	Actual Expense YTD
Operating Expenses:		
Trustees (facility maintenance)	\$155,600.00	\$ 102,496.50
Finance (admin/finance costs)	\$ 11,470.00	\$ 5,065.77
SPRC (staff & related costs)	\$336,690.25	\$251,591.14
Apportionments	\$ 83,376.00	\$ 62,532.00
Connect	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 3,182.06
Evangelize	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 582.94
Worship	\$ 7,955.00	\$ 4,678.78
Serve	<u>\$ 9,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,524.47</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$611,791.25</u>	<u>\$432,653.66</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 6,044.33</b>

This data was provided by the Finance Committee.

We would like to thank you for your continued support to the 2023 Family Life and Operations Fund.

As you can see, we did pull in the Lowe's gift balance putting us back in the positive for the end of September. We appreciate the continued support of tithed offerings and increases in gifts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Jim Corliss, finance chair. Thank you!

## Bazaar and Cookie Walk 2023

**Friday, December 1**  
**1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**(Bazaar only)**

**Saturday, December 2**  
**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**(Bazaar and Cookie Walk)**

Our annual Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk is coming soon and we are making plans! Sales for the Bazaar will be on Friday and Saturday, offering handcrafted gifts and decorations, a Silent Auction, and Attic Treasures (gently used Christmas items). The Cookie Walk will be open on Saturday only, with thousands of homemade Christmas cookies baked by members and friends of WMUMC.

This is a huge event for our church and the community, so please consider helping out in some way – invite a friend or two and post a flier somewhere for all to see!

Call Marsha Six (810-4850) or Sharon Blake (876-9864) for information.

Fliers will be available next week.

## 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.

## Annual Charge Conference

Our annual charge conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 5th 2:30pm. This year we will meet at Chestnut United Methodist Church. All leaders are encouraged to attend, it is open to all church member to attend.

## Honduras Medical Mission Team

We need more volunteers to participate in the upcoming Medical mission trip. We are scheduled for February 17th to the 24th, 2024. Prayerfully consider becoming a member of this group, sponsored by Main Street UMC in Suffolk and Warwick Memorial UMC, as it provides medical/dental/eye care to five mountain villages. God may be calling you to this very mission. The experience is both rewarding and life changing.

If you are unable to attend, you may help by making a donation towards medical supply costs or a scholarship to enable someone else to join the team. Your contributions made out to WMUMC with "Honduras" on the memo line will be greatly appreciated along with your prayers.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Carlos Liceaga at 757-768-2223 or carlos.liceaga@gmail.com.



## 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](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. and 9:30am on 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,**

**November 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.



## Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

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## Attendance Numbers (10/15)

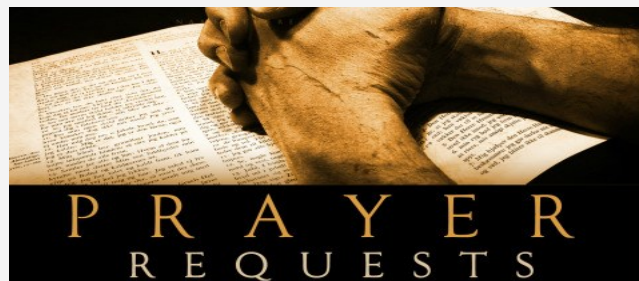
9:00am: 69

10:15am (online): 92

11:15am: 54

Sunday School: 53

Dinner Church 10/18: 73



## 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 by emailing them at [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) \* Evelyn Bilk (Charter Assisted Living) \* Frances Topping (Mennowood) \* Nancy Setty \* Norma Coleman \* Anne Corliss \* Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) \* Jim Cole \* Clara Reid \* Katie Tanner-Barker \* Sam Federico, Sr. (Sam Federico's father) \* Jim Russell \* Tiffany Brandt \* Jeff Cox \* Marion Bonacci \* Sara Manner \* Susie Stein (Fern Holley's niece) \* Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) \* Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine \* Jim Taylor \* Barbara Freund \* Raye Gwyn (Mary Jackson's mom) \* Frank Felice (Dan Felice's Dad) \* Gail Henry (Rodney's mother-in-law) \* Joy Robinson (her mother and brother are both having medical issues) \* Ginny Chappell \* Donna Shafer \* Lawrence & Cheryl Pruitt \* Erin Finley-Orick \* Heather Sreves \* Rev. Angie Hoen \* Ruby Hambleton and family (loss of her daughter-in-law) and all those who are grieving or sick.

**Deployed Armed Forces:** Laura Lomas, Brian Budlove, Lance Szczesny (Michigan, Coast Guard), Tyler Laird (Middle East).



**Warwick Memorial's  
Living Word Drama Team Presents:**

# *Steel* **MAGNOLIAS**

BY ROBERT HARLING

**Directed by Dave Amaker**

**Production Dates and Times:**

Friday, October 27th at 7:30pm

Saturday, October 28th at 7:30pm

Sunday, October 29th at 2pm

Tickets \$15 in advance or at the door.

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# Extravagant GENEROSITY

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## 2024 Stewardship Campaign

Our stewardship campaign this year is based on the book *Extravagant Generosity, The Heart of Giving* by Robert Schnase. This is week 3 of our 4 week sermon series as we present the opportunity to our church family to let us know their estimated gift of stewardship to the church for the 2024 operating budget. Giving helps us become what God wants us to be. God uses our generosity to reconfigure our interior lives, to create us anew, and to foster in us “the mind that was in Christ Jesus.” As a congregation who is seeking to form people into followers of Christ, we have a responsibility to think deeply, prepare thoroughly, act wisely, and teach courageously about the relationship between faith and money. How does our giving affect our relationship to God? How does our relationship to God affect our giving? How does being a follower of Jesus shape all our behaviors concerning money—how it is earned, spent, saved, and offered to God?

Generosity, not consumption, is a key value of a meaningful life. Tithing is a relevant theological issue that must be considered. Tithing is first mentioned in Genesis 14:20 “and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand! And Abram gave him one tenth of everything.” But the idea of tithing is not unique to the Old Testament or Mosaic Law. Tithing is found as a key principle in the history of many cultures. This tithe was a one-tenth portion of income or available resources. In the Old Testament, there were three kinds of tithes—A tithe was given annually for the support of the local priesthood “A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord. Whoever would redeem any of their tithe must add a fifth of the value to it. Every tithe of the herd and flock, every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd's rod, will be holy to the Lord.” This is similar to a church budget. The second kind of tithe, to underwrite the expenses of the three major Jewish festivals of Passover, Feast of Tabernacles, and Feast of Weeks, is found in Deut. 12:5-19 and 14:22-27. The third tithe identified in Deut 14:28-29 and 26:12-15 was taken every third year for local communities to help the needy. Today, this need is addressed by government programs, public charities, like United Way, and benevolent and mission giving in the church. Therefore, the annual average of the tithe in the Old Testament equaled twenty-three and one-third percent of income before any buildings or special offerings. In the New Testament, tithing is mentioned four times, in Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42; Luke 18:12 and Hebrews 7:4-9. Tithing was the expectation in Jesus’ culture, so it was not necessary for Him to teach it. Paul and John do not provide specific teachings about the tithe, but they strongly address the issues of attitude and motives for giving.

We hope you will join us for the remaining week of this Stewardship Sermon Series and prayerfully consider your gifts to the church for 2024. If you are able to return the Estimate of Giving card that was mailed this past week, this will help our Leadership Team to make budget decisions for 2024. It was determined on Tuesday, October 10th, to not have access to the initial funds from our endowment investment at this time, only to use the earnings from those funds. We will place that amount into our budget along with the estimate of giving from the forms that are returned, as well as the non-pledge giving, facility use and rental income. If we are unable to obtain enough guaranteed income for the 2024 budget, we will need to review our budget very carefully to see what we are able to reduce or cut for 2024, including the Staff Parish Relations section and the Trustee’s section. Although we are already very tight with expenses, some drastic decisions may need to be made. You are welcome to look at our budget at any time, a copy is available in the church library on the shelf above the computer. If you are interested in helping on our Finance team or our evangelism team, please reach out to Pastor Angie

If you do not receive your letter and estimate of giving form in the mail, please let the church office know, or pick one up from the table in the Gathering Area or Narthex. They can be dropped in the offering plate on Sunday morning or dropped off at the church office at any time.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church and all of the missions and ministry programs that we continue to provide to serve God.

**As of Friday, October 20th, we have received 21 pledges for a total of \$213,808.00.**

*“Take the things you heard me say in front of many other witnesses and pass them on to faithful people who are also capable of teaching others.” 2 Timothy 2:2*