

# Warwick Weekly

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## Sunday, October 29, 2023

### This Week At A Glance .

#### October 29 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:15am 5th Sunday Fellowship  
11:15am Worship Sanctuary  
2pm Drama Performance (CC)  
6pm NO Children & Youth Fellowship  
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

#### Monday, October 30 \*

9am Shekinah Prayer Time  
9am Meals on Monday  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7pm Leadership Team Mtg (Rm 20)  
7:30pm Choir Practice

#### Tuesday, October 31 \*

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

#### Wednesday, November 1 \*

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

#### Thursday, November 2 \*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)  
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

#### Friday, November 3 \*

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
2pm Memorial Service (Holliday @ Warwick Forest)

#### Saturday, November 4

\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

### Upcoming Events:

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

**Sunday, October 29th at 2pm** - Matinee performance of the Drama Production of "Steel Magnolias in the Celebration Center.

**Thursday, Nov. 9, Friday, Nov. 10th, Sat. Nov. 11th** - Directory Photos. Sign up at [www.UCDIR.com](http://www.UCDIR.com) - login VA209 password photos

**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)

**Ongoing through November** - Upward Basketball/Cheerleading registration. Evaluations will be in October...specific dates/times coming soon.

Participants Registration: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW85210>

**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



**Bible Study Groups** - Various Advent Book Studies beginning Tuesday November 28th at 6:30pm and Wednesday, November 29th at 10:30am. See page 2 for details.





## 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.

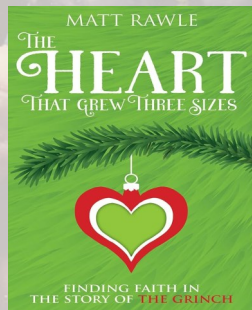
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

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

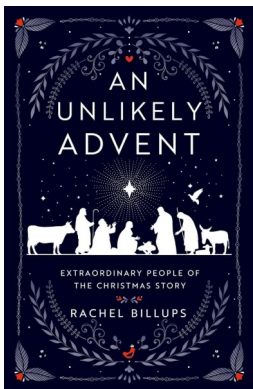
## Tuesday Evening Bible Study Advent Begins 11/28

You are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm beginning November 28th for an Advent Bible Study. We will be using the book "The Heart That Grew 3 Sizes" by Matt Rawle. Books will be \$13 each. Please RSVP to Zena at Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org or 757-877-2270 (so we can be sure to have enough books.) For additional information, please reach out to Pastor Esther.



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study Advent Begins 11/29

You are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am beginning November 29th for our Advent Study. We are currently studying "Journey Through the Bible Volume 14: Romans - Philippians" and will begin our advent study of "An Unlikely Advent" by Rachel Billups on 11/29. Books will be \$14 each. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in Room 20. For additional information, please reach out to Pastor Angie.



## Men's Fraternity Bible Study

Join the Men's Fraternity on Tuesday nights at 7pm in Room 10. A new study will begin next Tuesday, Nov 7th. For more details, contact Gerry Mingee at ggmingee@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 in the Celebration Center.

**Everyone Is Welcome** - 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.

**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.**



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

## Senior Fellowship Book Club

The next book we are reading is "The Victorian Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now eighteen with nowhere to go, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected

encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. **Join us on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Tuscany Ristorante Italiano at 12noon.** Contact Linda Brooks for more information. The book for January will be "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave.

## 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.





## 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 Memorial UMC

**Sunday, November 12th**  
4 pm - 6 pm

**Scan to  
register  
and  
donate!**



*Help us package  
**20,088 meals**  
to fight global  
hunger!*

or go to:  
[events.riseagainsthunger.org/Warwick2023](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Warwick2023)

Please register on line to volunteer so we can stay on top of how many people we will still need. We are packaging over 20,000 meals so we need all the helping hands we can get!

## 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 (757-810-4850) or  
Sharon Blake (757-876-9864) for information.

Fliers will be available next week.



## 5th Sunday Fellowship

Join us today, October 29th, for our 5th Sunday Fellowship Potluck Brunch following the 9am worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Our next 5th Sunday Fellowship will be on 12/31/23.

## 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.

## 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 Hoffer know no later than November 1. Phone - (H)757-877-6109, (C)757-869-2960, [email-hoffer2@verizon.net](mailto:hoffer2@verizon.net).





## 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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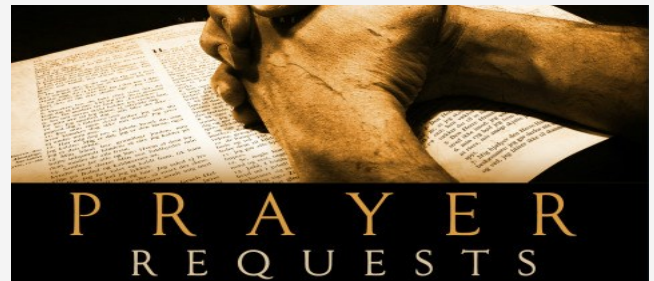
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## Attendance Numbers (10/22)

9:00am: 57  
10:15am (online): 92  
11:15am: 55  
Sunday School: 70  
Dinner Church 10/25: 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 \* Bea Hoal \* Ron Burnett and Family (passing of Mildred, his mother on 10/24) \* family of Sue Holliday (service is on 11/3) and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

FOR GOD SO  
*loved*   
THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE  
HIS ONLY *Son*  
BEGOTTEN  
THAT WHOEVER  
*believes*   
*in Him*  
SHOULD ~~NOT~~ PERISH  
BUT HAVE  
*Everlasting*  
LIFE.  
JOHN 3: 16

# Extravagant GENEROSITY

The Heart of Giving



## 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 4 of the 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 to our church 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. Tithing is found as a key principle in the history of many cultures. The 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.” Today, 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 (our example of this would be THRIVE and Link.)

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.

Even though our Generosity Sermon Series ends this week, we hope you will prayerfully consider your gifts to the church for 2024. If you are able to return the Estimate of Giving card that was mailed recently, this will help our Leadership Team to make budget decisions for 2024. It was determined on Tuesday, October 10th, to not have access at this time to the initial investment funds from our endowment account 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 proof of verified income for the 2024 budget, we will need to review our expenses 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. Please remember that part of our building is aging and needs some TLC, mostly cosmetic, but, we have aging boilers, a few aging heat/AC units, older plumbing, older and damaged windows. Our campus is also rather large and takes a lot of maintenance to keep it looking nice for you and our visitors. We are very conservative, but, things cost what they cost, and sadly, some of those costs have increased and that is out of our control. 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 did 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 27th, we have received 49 pledges for a total of \$308,262.00.**

*“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*