

# Warwick Weekly

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## Sunday, October 8, 2023

### This Week At A Glance .

This calendar was prepared on Monday,  
please check the website for any changes.

#### October 8 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)  
10am Reception for Kerri's 10 Years  
10:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Facebook Service  
11:15am Worship Sanctuary  
4pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)  
6pm Children & Youth Fellowship (CC)  
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

#### Monday, October 9 \*

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

#### Tuesday, October 10 \*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
10am Crafts (FH)  
11am Staff Meeting (library)  
5:30pm Church Conference (Sanctuary)  
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)  
7pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study (Rm 10)  
7pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)

#### Wednesday, October 11 \*

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

#### Thursday, October 12 \*

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

#### Friday, October 13 \*

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
7pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)

#### Saturday, October 14

6pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)

\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

### Message this Week Based on 1Timothy 6:17-19

All wisdom is from God, and all that we need for our learning is given in His Word. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and a knowledge of the holy One gives understanding – but godly wisdom is rooted in faith and faith always comes back to trusting the Lord at all times and for all things. It is when we stray from the path of trusting God by putting our hope in an alternative provision like our own flawed, human wisdom or our own accumulated wealth, that we find ourselves on a slippery slope into the proud, pagan mindset that excludes God from our thinking and places our feet on the quicksand of this fallen world system.

Whether we are rich or poor, young or old, male or female, our trust should rest securely in God's provision. We should not trust in our own abilities nor should we rely on our personal bank balance. We should maintain our hope in the Lord Who made heaven and earth, and be content with our lot. No matter what our circumstances may be, our trust should be in our Heavenly Father and not in our own financial intuition.

And in the closing section of his first letter to Timothy, Paul lays emphasis on the correct Christlike attitude toward riches and wealth and its connection to godliness and contentment. He writes: "Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy." We are not to wallow in an egocentric swamp of self-reliance, but to trust Him implicitly. We are to rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him to act in our lives, for he has promised to richly supply us with all things to enjoy.

The wealth of this world is passing away, but the riches of God that are ours in Christ, are eternal. We should place neither trust in our own sufficiency nor fix our hope on that which is fading away, but maintain faith in the Word of the Lord which reminds us that our hope in today's provision is from His gracious hand, and that our secure hope for the future comes from Jesus Christ alone.

Adapted from <https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/1-timothy-6-17>

#### Prayer

Loving Father, I know that I live in the world and can be influenced by the false schemes and lying strategies of this present evil age which can cause me to take my eyes off You. Thank You for Your gracious provision, and may my reliance rest on You completely. In Jesus' name, AMEN



## 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).



## 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



## 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.

## "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.

**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.

**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.

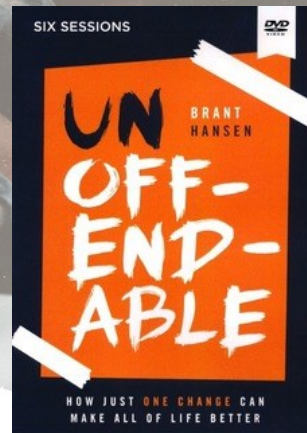
You are invited to join us for a great meal, musical entertainment, devotional message brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week, in the evening, for worship.

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



## 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 [gmmingee@verizon.net](mailto:gmmingee@verizon.net)



## Giving is Worship

GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE

## TITHES & OFFERING

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

~2 Corinthians 9:7





## Children & Youth Fellowship Groups

### 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.

### Flowers for the Sanctuary

We have been enjoying some anonymous donations of flowers for the Sanctuary and Narthex over the past few weeks, including the flowers from Pastor Angie's son's wedding before that. It has been so nice to have fresh flowers in our church. If you would like to donate altar flowers at any time—even a nice bouquet from the grocery store—please let Zena in the church office know which week you would like to do so and if there is a special reason for them (anniversary, birthday, etc.) Call the church office at 757-877-2270 or email [warwick.memorial@wmumc.org](mailto:warwick.memorial@wmumc.org).



**Trunk or Treat**—please bring your car and decorate for our Trunk or Treat event on October 22nd. Please contact Sharon by email [cutygrgal@cox.net](mailto:cutygrgal@cox.net) or cell 757-478-5020. If you cannot help with a car, donations of extra candy are also appreciated. Bags can be left in the church office through Friday, Oct 20th.

### Elder Balance Presentation

Our Care Team and Senior Fellowship bring you a continued presentation with more advanced strengthening of core and building for better balance from Ellen Polacheck and Sandy Marcuson.

**Saturday, October 21st at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.**

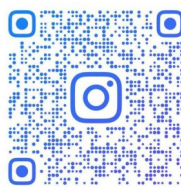
This will be an in-person presentation only. The first training is still available on our Facebook page. If you would like to know more, please reach out to Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109.

### 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.

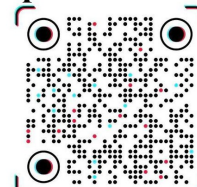
A few members of the Men's Fraternity Group would like to assist the men and women in our church with their home needs. If you need some help with home repairs or safety improvements in your home for medical issues or other reasons, please call the church at 757-877-2270, Frank Blake at 757-876-9799 or Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109.

### Be Social With Us and Spread the Love of Jesus ...



@WARWICKMEMORIALUMC

Instagram



Share your QR code so others can follow you

TikTok



Facebook



Give Now

### Rock the Block THANK YOU

A big thank you to our church!! Rock the Block was busy with people from Hoopes Road, dinner church, meals on Monday and Pear Ridge neighborhood! Thanks for the cakes—we had a lot of happy people walking out with cakes. Thanks for the door prize donations, many people registered to enter to receive them. The cooks were fabulous and the food was yummy and enjoyed by all. Special thank you to everyone who helped with set up and clean up—it would not have happened without all of you stepping in and making it a huge success. Thank you thank you thank you!  
Evangelism Committee



## 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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Associate Pastor

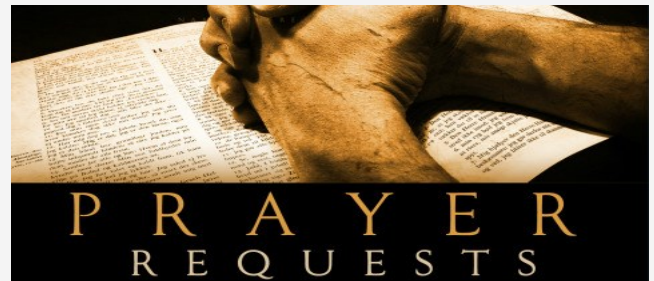
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## Attendance Numbers (10/1)

9:00am: 47  
10:15am (online): 108  
11:15am: 48  
Sunday School: 67  
Dinner Church 10/4: 60



## 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 \* The family of Sue Holiday (passed away 10/1) \* and all those who are grieving or sick.

**Deployed Armed Forces:** Laura Lomas, Brian Budlove, Lance Szczesny (Coast Guard).

As for the rich  
in this present age,  
charge them not to be haughty,  
nor to set their hopes on  
the uncertainty of riches,  
but on God, who richly provides us  
with everything to enjoy.  
1 Timothy 6:17



## Called Church Conference, October 10th at 5:30pm

We are asking for a vote to use or not use approximately \$32,000 from the original endowment investment of \$172,000 to supplement the 2024 budget, if needed. Remember the more money we can bring in to the Operating Budget during the year, the less we will need to withdraw from the endowment earnings and/or initial investment. As a church member and invested into the life of this church, please plan to attend this Church Conference and let us know your vote. Tuesday, October 10th at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

### Summary:

**What is the vote?** If we receive the 2/3 majority of votes for yes, we will place the \$32,000 of Endowment Fund Principal along with about \$50,000 in Endowment Fund earnings in our 2024 budget as income to balance the budget.

If the majority vote is no, then our teams will need to make choices on what to cut in our budget. This will mainly affect Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and dramatic changes will occur to the way our church functions. Ultimately, the more money that can come in to support the 2024 budget, the less we will need to use from endowment earnings or the endowment principle.

**What else can you do to help?** Bring a friend to church, share our events and posts on Facebook, spread the word of our amazing mission and ministry programs, participate in our events, volunteer for anything that interests you.

A copy of our current budget is available in our church library on the shelf above the computer. You are invited to look at it at any time in order to understand where our money is allocated. Please think hard about this decision and attend the church conference on October 10<sup>th</sup> to vote YES to use the endowment principle if needed or NO to not use it and make other cuts within our budget.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Corliss, Henry Bennett or Pastor Esther.

To see the full detailed explanation and history to this situation, please see last week's Warwick Weekly (copies available in the church office and on our website [www.wmumc.org](http://www.wmumc.org).)

**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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