

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, November 12, 2023

This Week At A Glance .

November 12 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
4pm RAH (CC)
6pm Children & Youth Fellowship
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, November 13 *

9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Senior Fellowship Breakfast (Vancostas)
9am Meals on Monday
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (FH)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 14 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
10am Crafts (FH)
11am Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
7pm Evangelism (Rm 20)

Wednesday, November 15*

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

Thursday, November 16*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
12 noon Book Club (see pg. 2)
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm SPRC Team Mtg

Friday, November 17 *

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, November 18

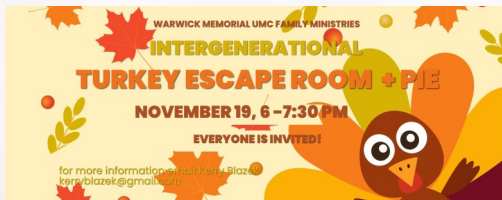
Leadership Team Retreat

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

Upcoming Events:

TODAY—Sunday November 12, 4pm - Rise
Against Hunger meal packaging event - see page 3
for details. Invite your friends!



Sunday, November 19 - Turkey Escape Room—intergenerational community event hosted by our youth and family ministries, 6pm to 7:30pm. Join us for a fun event with pie and fellowship to follow. Contact Kerry Blazek at kerryblazek@gmail.com for additional information.

Upward Volunteers Needed - We have a record number of participants for the upcoming season, we need volunteer coaches and score keepers. We also need volunteers to greet our visitors to the facility every Sunday as part of our outreach evangelism. If you are interested in helping with coaching/score keeping, please register as a volunteer. To help with greeting, please contact the church office at 757-877-2270

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

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



Bible Study Groups - Various Advent Book Studies beginning Tuesday November 28th at 2pm, Men's Fraternity on Tuesdays at 7pm, and Wednesday, November 29th at 10:30am. See page 2 for details.

Advent: The upcoming advent season begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Our sermon series will be "Angels Among Us" from Worship Design Studio. The angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth would have been very comfortable in our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point—their favorite line being #DoNotBeAfraid. As we look at the stories of these winged messengers to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds and their reactions to them, we will contemplate what messages we can offer that will counteract a culture of fear and bring #morehope, #morejoy #morepeace and #morelove to the world. Do not miss out on this blessed time of the year and remember to bring a friend.

{ JOIN US FOR }

SUNDAY SCHOOL



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.

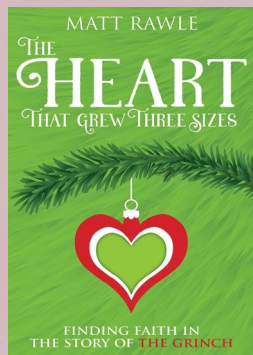
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

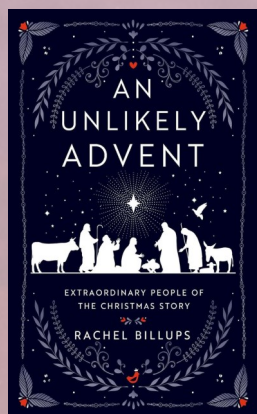
Covenant Class - FH
Family Faith Class - FH
Trinity Class - Room 10
Wesleyan Class - Room 21
Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20
Young Adults - Room 24
Children - Room 29
Youth - Room 22
Carpenters Class - Room 30

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Advent Begins 11/28

You are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings at 2pm 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.

"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.



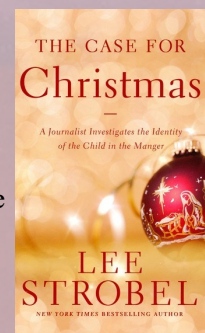
Something good happens every week - come and see for yourself and bring a friend!

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 16th 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.

Men's Fraternity Bible Study

Join the Men's Fraternity on Tuesday nights at 7pm beginning November 28th for their Advent Study. They will be meeting at the home of Gerry Mingee, 6 Cantor Court, NN's. This year's study will be on "The Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel and a new study each of the 4 weeks of Advent. Is Christmas real to you? Come to this study and hear the evidence that proves it is! For more details, contact Gerry Mingee at ggmingee@verizon.net





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 during the school year. Our Family Ministries programs for the children and youth meet September to May.

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. If you would like to come and help on Sunday evenings, we are always thankful for new Volunteers - come and have some fun and help with the faith journey of our children.

Warwick By The Numbers

Budget Income/Actual Income January to October, 2023

	Annual Budget Income	Actual Income YTD
Operating Income:		
Pledged Gifts	\$427,000.00	\$364,905.14
Loose Offering	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,172.42
Unpledged/Identified Givers	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 66,037.71
Rental Property	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 7,675.00
Church usage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,740.00
Lowe's Gift to OB	\$ 27,048.32	\$ 27,048.32
Endowment Fund	\$ 35,501.05	\$ 0.00
Other Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 158.00
2022 Carryover	\$ 19,541.88	\$ 19,541.88
Total Income	\$611,791.25	\$438,697.99

	Annual Budget Expense	Actual Expense YTD
Operating Expenses:		
Trustees (facility maintenance)	\$155,600.00	\$ 114,944.95
Finance (admin/finance costs)	\$ 11,470.00	\$ 5,578.47
SPRC (staff & related costs)	\$336,690.25	\$278,902.17
Apportionments	\$ 83,376.00	\$ 69,480.00
Connect	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 3,525.90
Evangelize	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 582.94
Worship	\$ 7,955.00	\$ 4,812.90
Serve	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 2,524.47
Total Operating Expenses	\$611,791.25	\$480,351.80
Net Income		\$ 13,925.67

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 transfer the Lowe's gift balance putting us back in the positive for the end of September and we did withdraw the endowment funds, however, they did not arrive until October. This will be reflected in the report next month. 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)

Just a few weeks until the big Annual Bazaar and Cookie Walk!

As in past years, all members & friends of Warwick Memorial will be asked to help bake homemade Christmas cookies for the sale.

(Cookies sold on Saturday only)

****So when someone from your church calls this week to ask for your help, please say "yes!"**

Please consider being generous with some time to help out.... **volunteer** on sign-up sheets in the hallways and in Sunday School Classes.

And last but not least - Invite a friend!

(Pick up some fliers to share with everyone you know!)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THANKSGIVING?

Are you interested in joining others for your Thanksgiving meal if you do not have other plans? Are you home alone this year or just the two of you and don't want to do a large meal? Then, come and join us - 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 14. Phone -

(H)757-877-6109,

(C)757-869-2960, [email-hofler2@verizon.net](mailto:hofler2@verizon.net).

You can also contact the church

office at Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org or 757-877-2270.



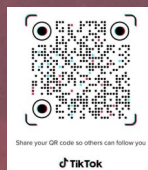
Stewardship Campaign Update

If you have not yet turned in your 2024 Estimate of Giving form, please do so before the end of November. This is a huge help for us to finalize our 2024 income/expense budget before the end of the year. As of 11/10/23 we have received 80 pledge forms for a total of \$436,984. Thank you for your continued support.

Come and Be Social With Us . . .



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TikTok



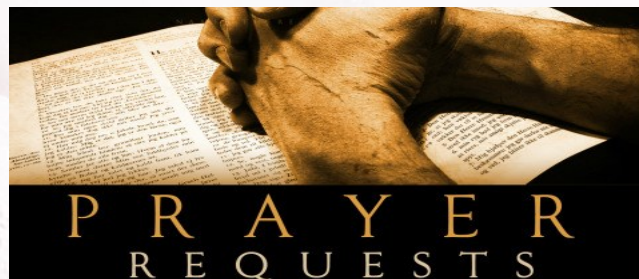
Facebook



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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. 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,

December 4, 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.



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) * 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) * 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 * Donna Curran * Paul Ramsey * Dave Ellis (passing of his sister) and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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Attendance Numbers (11/5)

9:00am: 54

10:15am (online): 87

11:15am: 53

Sunday School:

Dinner Church 11/7: 70

