

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

This Week At A Glance .

November 19 - Today

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

Monday, November 20 *

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

Tuesday, November 21 *

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

Wednesday, November 22*

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

Thursday, November 23*

Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed
9:30am NO Shekinah Prayer Time
1pm Potluck Lunch (FH)
6pm NO Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6:30pm NO Yoga (Rm 21)

Friday, November 24 *

Black Friday—Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

** Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location*

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

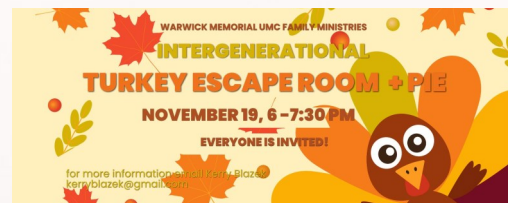
Upcoming Events:

TODAY—Sunday, November 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.

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day - Potluck Thanksgiving lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 1pm for anyone who needs a friend for Thanksgiving—if you are home alone, or just unable to cook this year, you are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a family style event. Bring a dish to share. We will have the turkey!

Upward Volunteers Needed - We have a record number of participants for the upcoming season, we need volunteer coaches and score keepers. If you are interested in helping with coaching/score keeping, or being a greeter, please contact Sharon Ellis for more details.

**Cookie Walk
& Holiday Bazaar**



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

Advent 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 Worship: The upcoming advent season begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Our sermon series will be based on "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.

Our beautiful Sanctuary choir will present the Lessons & Carols service on Sunday, December 17th at 11:15am and the annual Cantata will be on Christmas Eve at 11:15am.



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.

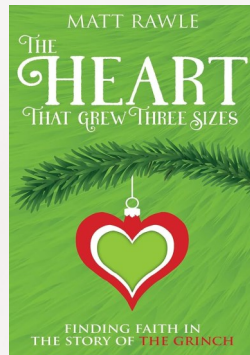
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

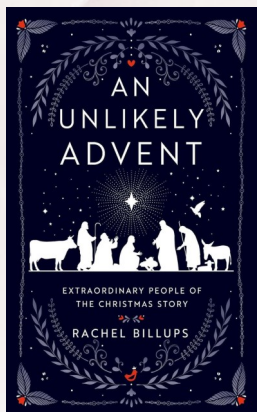
Covenant Class - FH
 Family Faith Class - FH
 Trinity Class - Room 10
 Wesleyan Class - Room 21
 Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20
 Young Adults - Room 24
 Children - Room 29
 Youth - Room 22
 Carpenters Class - Room 30

Tuesday Afternoon Advent Bible Study 11/28 to 12/19

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday afternoons 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 Advent Bible Study 12/6 to 12/27



You are invited to join us on **Wednesday mornings at 10:30am We will begin on December 6 and end on December 27th.** We will be using the book "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.

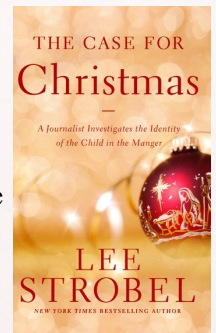
You are invited to join us for a great meal, musical entertainment, devotional message brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week, in the evening,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



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

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, NNs. 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



Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the youth room. All are welcome, no pre-registration required. The cost is \$10 per class. Classes are beginner friendly and work with any level. As long as you are comfortable getting down and up off the floor, this class is a good place to start for those new to yoga. Bethany is offering some special classes in December - on the 7th is a class on pranayama which is all about breathing techniques and their benefits and on the 14th a class on yoga philosophy and Christianity, explaining the philosophy behind yoga for our knowledge and discernment as Christians. Cost for these 2 classes is \$15 each. Our instructor is Bethany Caddell and you can contact her at thanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org or through www.christianyogastudio.org.



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.

REMEMBER: Today at 6pm the youth are hosting the Turkey Hunt Escape Room with pie and fellowship - OPEN TO ALL!

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, it's not too late to 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 Monday, November 20. Phone - (H)757-877-6109, (C)757-869-2960, email-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 11/15/23 we have received 81 pledge forms for a total of \$465,784. Thank you for your continued support.

Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



TikTok



Facebook



Give Now

BAZAAR & COOKIE WALK

Friday, December 1.....1 am – 6 pm

Saturday, December 2.....9 am – 4 pm

(*Cookies for sale on Saturday only)

If you have handmade items to donate or gently used seasonal items for our Attic Treasures sale, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday (9:30am – 2:30pm) or to the Celebration Center as we set-up on Thursday, November 30, anytime between 9:30 am – 6:00pm.

Many people have agreed to bake cookies for the Cookie Walk – Thank You!
We appreciate your willingness to help.

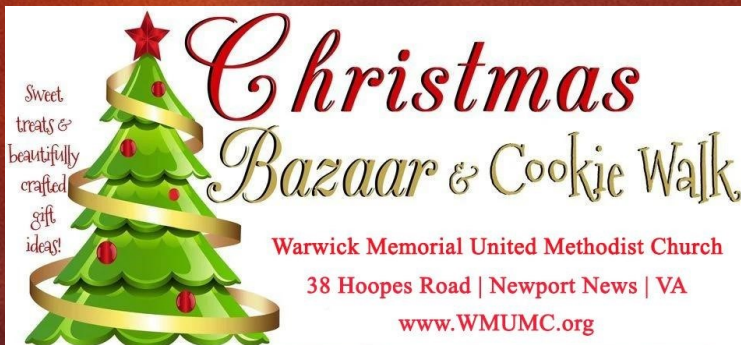
If you would be willing to contribute 8 - 10 dozen homemade cookies or volunteer some of your time to help with this big 2-day event, please let us know on signup sheets or call Marsha Six.

Trays to borrow for your cookies will be available today and next Sunday.

Please bring your cookies to the Fellowship Hall kitchen between 1 pm – 6 pm on Friday, December 1.

Please consider helping out in some way – WMUMC needs you!

Marsha Six (757-810-4850) or Sharon Blake (757-876-9864)



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Friday, December 1st



1pm-6pm (crafts only)

Saturday, December 2nd

9am - 4pm (cookies & crafts)



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

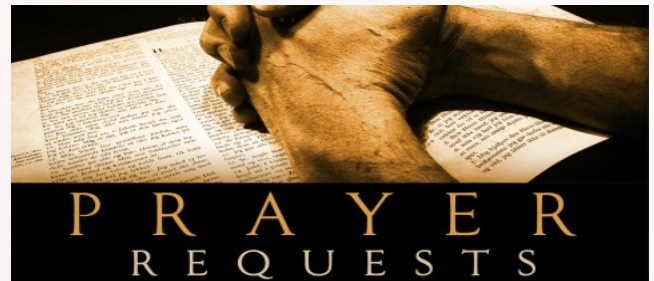
The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be

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 * 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 * Lawrence & Cheryl Pruitt * Erin Finley-Orick * Heather Sreves * Bea Hoal * Donna Curran * Paul Ramsey * Gene Osborne * Jeanne Shaffer * Jane Shaffer 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 (11/12)

9:00am: 70
10:15am (online): 82
11:15am: 64
Sunday School: 75
Dinner Church 11/15: 55

