

# Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, November 26, 2023

## This Week At A Glance

### November 26 - Today

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

### Monday, November 27 \*

Cookie Walk Prep (CC Kitchen)  
9am Shekinah Prayer Time  
9am Meals on Monday  
5pm Upward Practice (CC)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7:30pm Choir Practice

### Tuesday, November 28 \*

Cookie Walk Prep (CC Kitchen)  
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
11am Staff Meeting (library)  
2pm Advent Study (Rm 20)  
5pm Upward Practice (CC)  
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)  
7pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study (Mingee's)

### Wednesday, November 29\*

Cookie Walk Prep (CC Kitchen)  
10:30am NO Bible Study (Rm 20)  
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

### Thursday, November 30\*

Cookie Walk Prep (CC Kitchen)  
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
1pm Gloss Memorial Visitation (Sanctuary)  
2pm Gloss Memorial Service/Reception  
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)

### Friday, December 1 \*

Bazaar 1pm—6pm (CC)

### Saturday, December 2

Cookie Walk & Bazaar 9am—4pm

\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

## Upcoming Events:

**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.

**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



**Saturday, December 16th - Gingerbread House Building & Donuts** - All are invited and welcome to this intergenerational event sponsored by Family Ministries. Contact Kerry Blazek kerryblazek@gmail.com for more information.

**Wednesday, December 20th - Community Family Dinner Church Special Christmas Concert** - All are invited and welcome to join us for a special Dinner Church Christmas Concert with musical entertainment from the Lampstand Band led by Kerri Hardwick.

**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.

## Angels Among Us



Advent Worship Series Dec. 3rd to 24th

**Advent Worship:** The upcoming advent season begins next week, 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  
The annual Sanctuary Choir Cantata, "A Journey to Joy" will be on Christmas Eve during the 11:15am service.  
Christmas Eve Services will be held at 9am, 11:15am, 5pm and 11pm.





## 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.

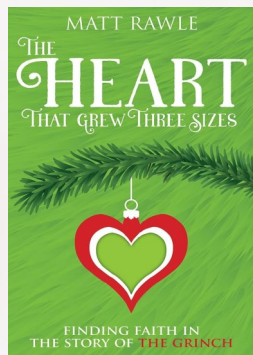
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

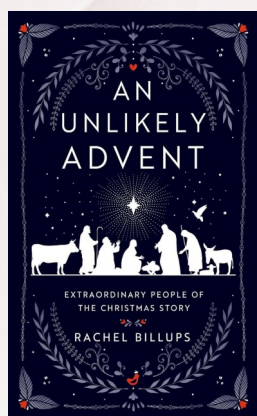
Covenant Class - FH  
Family Faith Class - FH  
Trinity Class - Room 10  
Wesleyan Class - Room 21  
Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20  
Young Adults - Room 24  
Children - Room 29  
Youth - Room 22  
Carpenters Class - Room 30

## 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](mailto: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.

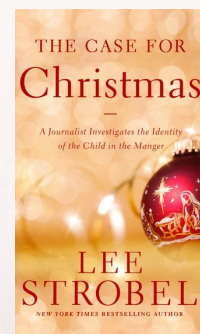
You are invited to join us for a great meal, musical entertainment, devotional message brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week, in the evening, 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](mailto: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](mailto:thanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org) or through [www.christianyogastudio.org](http://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.

## Stewardship Campaign Update

If you have not yet turned in your 2024 Estimate of Giving form, please do so before Thursday, November 30th. This is a huge help for us to finalize our 2024 income/expense budget before the end of the year. As of 11/22/23 we have received 83 pledge forms for a total of \$472,504. Thank you for your continued support.



Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



TikTok



Facebook



Give Now

## Thanksgiving Offering

Our 2023 Thanksgiving Offering will go towards our Community Family Dinner Church ministry. Thank you for supporting these special fundraisers. We will share our collection number next week, thank you to those who gave last Sunday, we will collect through this Sunday.

## 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.**

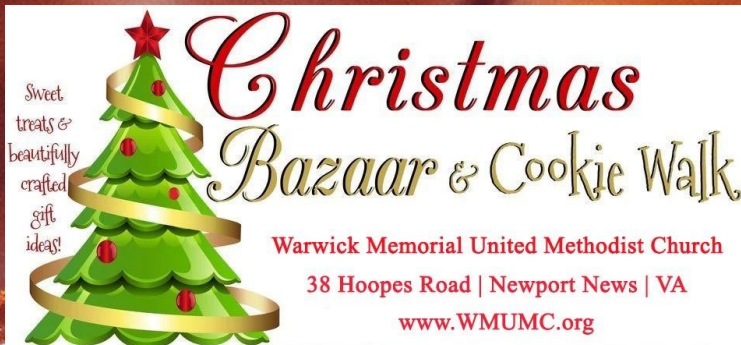
If you would be willing to contribute 8 - 10 dozen homemade cookies or volunteer some of your time to help with this big 2-day event, please let us know on signup sheets or call Marsha Six.

Trays to borrow for your cookies will be available today.

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)



Friday, December 1st

Saturday, December 2nd



1pm-6pm (crafts only)

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](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

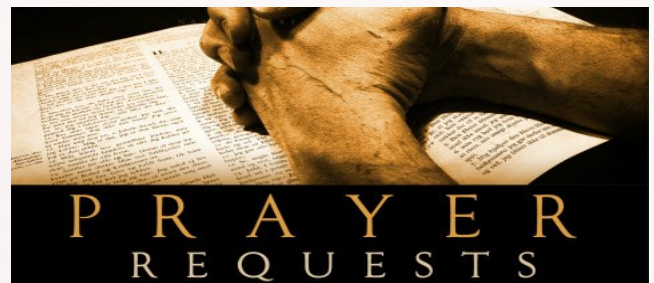
The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be

**Monday,**

**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](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 \* 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 (11/19)

9:00am: 73  
10:15am (online): 144  
11:15am: 54  
Sunday School: 77  
Dinner Church 11/22: 65

## Thank You Notes:

Thank you to Frank Blake and Brad Kiehner for repairing the craft storage shed. Sadly, 2 weekends ago, it appeared to have been "backed into" by a car/truck and sustained bad damage to the door and the foundation. Frank and Brad took time to repair it and secure it once again.

Special thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with Rise Against Hunger on the 12th. It was a huge success, we had 83 volunteers help to package just over 15,000 meals. The remaining meals were packaged at the warehouse. Thank you to all who supported this mission project to package 20,000 meals to help end world hunger.

# Cookie Walk & Bazaar

**Friday, December 1  
(Bazaar 1 – 6 pm)**

**Saturday, December 2  
(Cookie Walk & Bazaar 9 am – 4 pm)**

**Thank you!** Thank you to all who have agreed to bake cookies or give donations to buy ingredients to bake for the Cookie Walk. If you have **not** been called, but would be willing to bake cookies at home or at the church, please use the form below (tear off and place it in the offering plate) or call Marsha Six (757-810-4850) - we always need more cookies for the hundreds of people who come to our church for this event each year!

**Trays for you to borrow** will be available today or in the Fellowship Hall kitchen anytime during this week – if you divide your cookies to make 2 identical trays, they will be ready to put on the tables for the Cookie Walk! Please **bring your trays of cookies** to the Fellowship Hall kitchen anytime between **1pm – 6pm on Friday, Dec 1**

We will be **baking and decorating cookies in the Celebration Center kitchen** from 9:30 – 3:30 during the week before the “Big Day” – please sign up below and join us!

If you have **handmade items to donate for the Craft Sale**, please bring them to the Celebration Center on Nov 30 between 9:30am – 6pm while we are setting up.  
Everyone’s contributions are appreciated!

The entire congregation is encouraged to participate in some way - this is a huge event for the whole church and your help is needed for the day to go smoothly! **Please consider helping out in some way** – you may give us your information below or call Marsha Six (757-810-4850) or Sharon Blake (757-876-9864) to volunteer or ask questions. Feel free to tear the below section off and return in the offering plate or leave in the Cookie Walk box in the church office. Thank you.

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Name / phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
I will bake 8 - 10 dozen (or more!) cookies at home \_\_\_\_\_

I will help bake or decorate cookies in the Celebration Center kitchen, any hours Monday – Thursday (Nov 27, 28, 29, 30) would be appreciated!

\_\_\_\_\_  
I will help with preparations to set up the Bazaar on Thursday, Nov 30  
(any hours from 9:30 am to 6 pm) \_\_\_\_\_

I will help with the sales of crafts on Friday or Saturday or cookies on Saturday  
(any hours are appreciated) \_\_\_\_\_

I will help clean up on Saturday (take down tables/put up chairs for Sunday)  
4 – 5 pm \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for volunteering! Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!!*