

Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, December 10, 2023

This Week At A Glance

December 10 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
9:45am - Last Chance Sale (Rm 18)
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
12:30pm - Last Chance Sale (Rm 18)
6pm Children & Youth Fellowship
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, December 11 *

9am Meals on Monday
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (FH)
5pm Upward Practice (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 12 *

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

Wednesday, December 13 *

10:30am Advent Bible Study (Rm 20)
6pm Family Dinner Church (CC)

Thursday, December 14*

6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Trustee Team Mtg (Library)

Friday, December 15 *

Saturday, December 16

9am Gingerbread House Building (CC)
3pm Private Event (CC)

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 10 - Bazaar Last Chance Sale in Room 18 from around 9:45am until 11:15 and again following the 11:15 service for about 30 minutes. Come and shop, still plenty of crafts to choose from before they are all packed up.

Saturday, December 16th - Gingerbread House Building & Donuts

- All are invited and welcome to this intergenerational event sponsored by Family Ministries. So grab your friends and come out for some donuts and fun gingerbread house group building fun! Contact Kerry Blazek kerryblazek@gmail.com for more information.



Children & Youth Christmas Party - Join the children and youth for their annual Christmas party beginning at 6pm.

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 going on. See page 2 for details.

Angels Among Us



Advent Worship Series Dec. 3rd to 24th

Advent Worship

The advent season has begun. Our sermon series is 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 (Celebration Center), 11:15am (Sanctuary), 5pm (Celebration Center Family Candlelight Service with Communion) and 11pm (Candlelight Service with Communion.).

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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.

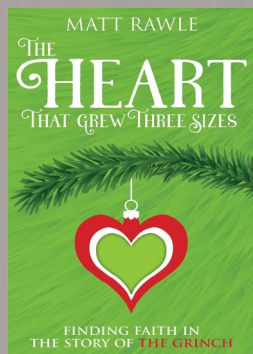
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

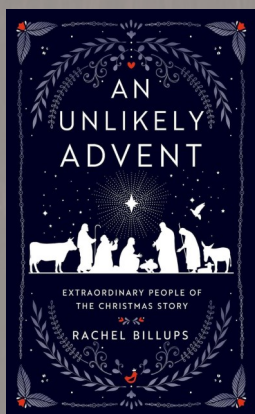
Covenant Class - FH
Family Faith Class - FH
Trinity Class - Room 10
Wesleyan Class - Room 21
Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20
Young Adults - Room 24
Children - Room 29
Youth - Room 22
Carpenters Class - Room 30

Tuesday Afternoon Advent Bible Study

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday afternoons at 2pm Through December 26.** 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 Through 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.

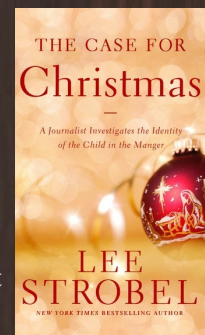
You are invited to join us for a great meal, musical entertainment, devotional message brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week, in the evening, 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 through December 19th for their Advent Study. They meet at the home of Gerry Mingee, 6 Cantor Court, NNs. This year's study is 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

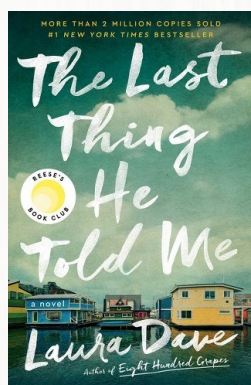
Our Youth Director, Kerry, works with our Children's Fellowship Coordinator, Sharon, to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for the children and youth during the school year. Our Family Ministries programs for the children and youth meet September to May.

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.

Senior Fellowship Book Club

The next book we are reading is "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave. Before Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note to his beloved wife of one year: Protect her. Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers—Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. Bailey, who lost her mother tragically as a child. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother. As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered, as the FBI arrests Owen's boss, as a US marshal and federal agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity—and why he really disappeared. Hannah and Bailey set out to discover the truth. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon realize they're also building a new future—one neither of them could have anticipated. **Join us on January 18th at Tuscany Ristorante Italiano at 12noon.** Contact Linda Brooks for more information. The book for the March meeting will be "Between Sisters" by Kristin Hannah.



Advent Offering

Our 2023 Advent Offering will be split between our Meals on Monday and Community Family Dinner Church ministry programs. Thank you for supporting these special fundraisers. Our Christmas Eve offering has not yet been decided.

RESPITE CARE



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.

Year-End Offerings

Please plan to have all December payments into the church office by Friday, December 29th at noon if you would like it counted for 2023. Any on-line payments must be processed before midnight on the 30th as there is usually a 24 hour delay to posting and we cannot guarantee we will be notified of the offering on the 31st, so, to be safe, please post before midnight on the 30th. We will include a "end of year special offering" envelope in the bulletin each Sunday of December in order to get your gifts properly credited to your account. The 2024 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick up by next Sunday but please do not start using them until January. Thank you again for your continued support of WMUMC and our ministries.

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 (757-478-5020) for more details.

Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



TikTok



Facebook



Give Now

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 @ 9:30am on Tuesday mornings for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom for Prayer time at 1pm—Saturday and Sunday only, 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

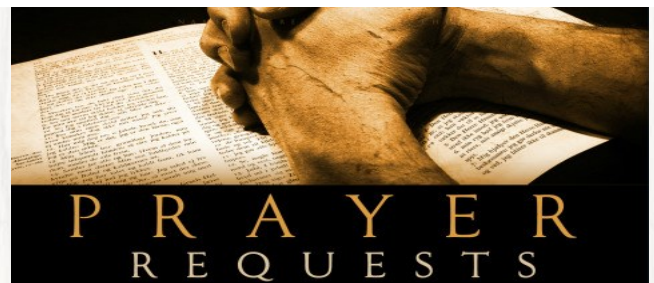
Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

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

January 1, 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 * and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

Attendance Numbers (12/3)

9:00am: 73

10:15am (online): 98

11:15am: 62

Sunday School: 67

Dinner Church 11/30: 55

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Please Help

Ruby Hambleton left her Bible in her Sunday School classroom about 3 weeks ago. It has a blue fabric cover around it. If you have seen it, picked it up to return to her, or know where it is, could you please return it to the church office. Thank you.

#MorePeace
#DoNotBeAfraid



If we have no peace,
it is because we have forgotten
that we belong to each other.
- Mother Teresa