

Warwick Weekly



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Sunday, December 31 2023

This Week At A Glance

December 31 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am 5th Sunday Fellowship
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, January 1 *

New Year's Day - Offices Closed
9am NO Meals on Monday
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
6:30pm NO Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm NO Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 2 *

9am Senior Fellowship Breakfast (Vancostas)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am AARP Training (FH)
11am Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 3 *

9am AARP Training (FH)
10:30am NO Bible Study (Rm 20)
6pm Family Dinner Church (CC)

Thursday, January 4*

9am AARP Training (FH)
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

Friday, January 5 *

AARP Training (FH)

Saturday, January 6

Upward Basketball Games

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

For all event and room reservations
please email Rodney Wise at
facility.manager@wummc.org to receive a
Facility Use Agreement to complete.

Upcoming Events:

New Year's Eve Worship

The advent season has come to a close, but, our sermon series "Angels Among Us" will wrap up this Sunday with our New Year's Eve sermon titled "Get Up And Go" #morelife. The series was based on "Angels Among Us" from Worship Design Studio and explored the angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth and how they 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. This week we will hear about the angel visiting Joseph again after the Magi visit and he is directed to escape to Egypt to after being found by King Herod, then again after Herod dies, to go to the land of Israel. Rev. Carole Stockberger will bring the message this week to both services at 9am and 11:15am.

Angels Among Us



Advent Worship Series Dec. 3rd to 24th



5th Sunday Fellowship

Join us this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following the 9am service for our 5th Sunday Fellowship. Yes, it's New Year's Eve, let's have a party! Bring a brunch dish to share, we'll have the coffee and OJ. Come and enjoy some year-end fellowship.

Upward Basketball

Games begin next weekend, January 6th. Volunteers are still needed for various different positions including greeting our guests, socializing with our guests, score keepers, helping with concessions and more. Please reach out to Kerry Blazek or Sharon Ellis if you would like to learn more about volunteering or just stop by on Saturday to see how you can help out.





Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship.

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
- Children - Meet in the toddler nursery room
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30

Remember, this week we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our 5th Sunday Fellowship Brunch, no Sunday School classes.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 10:30am Resuming January 17th. We will return to studying "The Journey Through the Bible Volume 14" with the section on Galatians.

If you would like to join this study group, please reach out to Pastor Angie to order a book for you. You are welcome to join us any Wednesday morning at 10:30am in Room 20. For additional information, please contact Pastor Angie.

Get Up and Go: #morelife

When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said "Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him . . . " After King Herod died, an angel from the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, "Get up," the angel said, "and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead." Matthew 2

By now, Joseph was used to angels. And now he needed their timely warnings more than ever. Jesus was barely a toddler and His trouble with the Roman Empire had begun. Jesus, the Savior of Humankind becomes a refugee - forced from home by oppression and violence. We ask ourselves how we might usher in #morelife in the face of that which feels destructive. One last time in this series we hear the message #DoNotBeAfraid to get up and go - leaving those things that weigh us down and moving into the new year with new life.

"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!

Volunteers Needed: If you would like to help out with a ministry without devoting much time, we need your help with breaking down after dinner and setting the room back up for the next event. Please reach out to Tim Claus or, just come and help on Wednesday night.



RESPIRE 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.



Children & Youth Fellowship Groups

Children and Family Ministries

Our Youth Director, Kerry Blazek, works with our Children's Fellowship and Family Ministries Coordinator, Sharon, to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for our children and youth during the school year. Our Family Ministries programs for the children and youth meet most weeks from 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 our 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 and help to develop our family ministry program.

Kerry has planned a monthly activity for all church members to participate in with our youth, so please stay tuned for those details. The next intergenerational event is scheduled for Friday, January 26th and will involve hot chocolate and board games



Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



TikTok



Facebook



Give Now

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.

Christmas Eve Offering

This year, we are dedicating our Christmas Eve offering to our Missionary, Helen de Leon Camarce.

Helen is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church current serving as Treasurer to the Cambodia and Southeast Asia Missions. She has been a GBGM missionary for 23 years. Aside from her work fund management leadership and training treasurers of local Methodists in Cambodia and other Southeast Asia Mission, she is also serving as the Coordinator of Women's Programs which includes Women Livelihood, Women Empowerment and Young Women Scholarships. She believes in the hardship and struggles of being born as a woman in a Southeast Asian country which is mostly patriarchal in culture especially in Cambodia. Giving them the education, knowledge and skills to participate in the family and the community's development and economy, gives them confidence and teaches them to value themselves as a daughter, a wife, a mother and an ember of the community.

As of 12/29/23 we had collected \$1156 towards the Christmas Eve offering. We will continue to collect Advent and Christmas Eve offerings through this Sunday. Our Advent offerings are being split between Meals on Monday and Dinner Church.

Church Library

Are you looking for a particular book, or would just like to see what our library has to offer? Feel free to scan this QR code which will now lead you to the church library on-line. Look up a book to see if we have it and then get directions to locate it in the library. You are welcome to check out books and return at your convenience. If you would like to donate books for the library to use or to give away to our Dinner Church guests, feel free to leave any donations on the table in the library.



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.

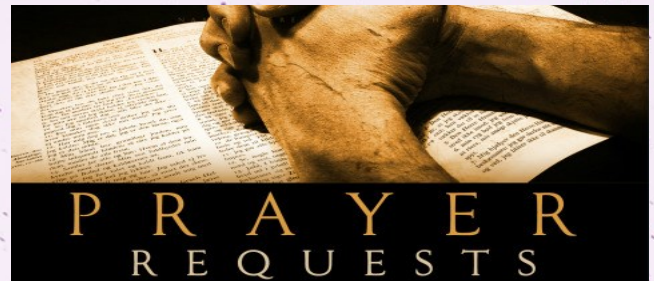
*The Glory of the Divine presence

Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

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

Tuesday, January 2,
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. (This is the only time it will be on Tuesday due to New Years Day!)



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 * 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).

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Attendance Numbers (12/24)

9:00am: in-person: 74 online: 180
11:15am: 92
Sunday School: 32
5pm: 70
11pm: 49

Dinner Church 12/27: 45

#MoreLife
#DoNotBeAfraid



We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.
- Winston Churchill