

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

CALLED TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

This Week At A Glance . .

February 26- Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Facebook Worship
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
6pm Children's Ministry
6pm PORT (Youth Helping)
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, February 27

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday Prep
12pm Meals on Monday Pick Up
6pm PORT
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, February 28

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
6pm PORT
7pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study (Rm 10)

Wednesday, March 1

PORT Clean-up
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
6pm Family Dinner (FH)

Thursday, March 2

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
6pm Eagle Board of Review Mtg
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle Mtg (FH)
7pm Yoga (Rm 21)

Friday, March 3

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, March 4

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

This Week's Message

Scripture This Week—Psalm 95:1-7

Many times we come into church on a Sunday morning with our hearts on personal problems, family problems, work problems, a big win or a disappointing loss by our favorite team. Some may be nursing an offense or harboring a critical spirit. And sometimes it is a huge challenge to move hearts to worship. Of course we can't do it by law or by force, or shaming, but we are to come into God's presence every Sunday morning with joyful singing, worship and praise! An evangelist once asked, at the beginning of worship, how many had come in with thanksgiving and praise in their hearts. Apparently not many raised their hands, so he had them all get up and go back outside and re-enter with hearts full of praise. And they had one of the greatest praise services those people had ever been at.

This is a call to us as a congregation. Psalm 95 doesn't say, let ME sing and shout joyfully, it says, let US! We are called to come, as a people, to worship. God designed us to walk with other believers and worship with other believers. Of course we can praise God by ourselves, but we are called here to worship God together. Many place low priority on worshipping with others, because they think they will do just fine without it. Yet they are not growing or maturing because of their isolation. Many do not faithfully worship with others because they think the Christian life is mainly a matter of their own personal experience with God. But, we have a holy obligation to stimulate and encourage others by worshipping Him with glad hearts together!

God reveals to us here, in Psalm 95, the kind of worship he has in mind for his people.

Our hearts are not in the right place when we complain, and quarrel and accuse. Our hearts are not in the right place when we resist God's call to passionate joyful, grateful worship. If you have heard his voice, respond!

Adapted from www.reallifeankeny.org

Prayer

God, we come before You today as sheep in need of guidance and protection. In our days, let us lift our prayers of trust to You, as we walk along the path of discipleship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray, Amen.

“Community Dinner” and “Meals on Monday”

* Free Lunch available on Mondays beginning at 12 noon until 1pm. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building.

* Free Family Dinner every Wednesday night at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. (This Wednesday will be followed by our Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm.)

Volunteers needed for Meals on Monday (reach out to Linda Brooks or Linda McLawhorn) **for making/donating dessert items for 100 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 were awarded some grants to help support both of these ministries in 2021 and 2022, but we are still waiting to hear on the status of the 2023 grant requests, so all 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. All are Welcome—you can use the invite cards that are around the church.

Everyone is invited to join us for musical entertainment, devotional message and fellowship. Communion will be monthly, not weekly. 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!



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*

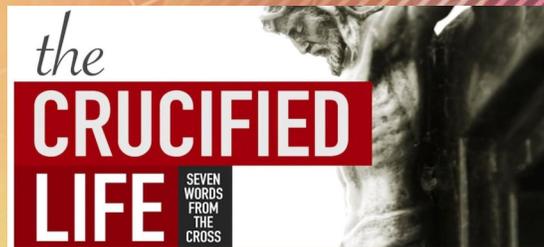
Young Adults - Room 24

Children - Room 29

Youth - Room 22

Carpenters Class - Room 30

*Wired Word and Blessed Mess are currently combined.



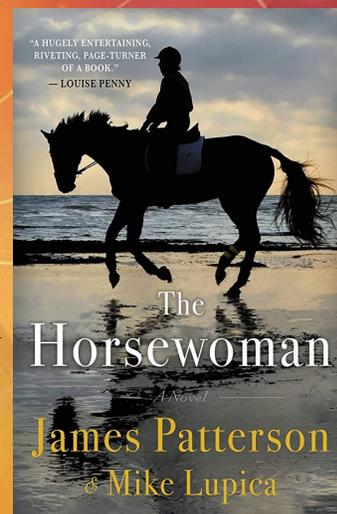
Men's Fraternity Lent Study

Men's Fraternity will be doing a Bible Study for Lent beginning Tuesday, Feb 21st at 7pm in Room 10. The study will be based on the DVD and book titled “the Crucified Life...Seven Words From the Cross” by Rev. Charlie Holt. Our goal is to observe a holy Lent as we study and delve deeply into God's Word. The study is open to all men. Questions? Contact Gerry Minge at ggmingee@verizon.net

Senior Fellowship Book Club

Come join the fun!!! WMUMC book club is for all 50+ folks (however, we do not really age discriminate, so if you are not yet 50 but love to read, you are still welcome to join us!) Join us for the next book club gathering on **Thursday, March 16th at noon at Schlesinger's**. The book we are currently reading is “The Horsewoman” by James Patterson. Mother and daughter, both champion riders—but only one can make Olympic history. When the buzzer sounds, twenty-one-year-old Becky McCabe takes one last look around. What she's feeling right now is why riders do this. Young or old. Man or woman. Mother or daughter. The toughest combination comes early, a tight one, hardly any time to react after the first jump. Just like that they're into it. Big-time. Horse and rider take a killer inside turn on the rollback two jumps later. No choice but to go inside if they're here to win. And Becky sure isn't here to finish second. How could anyone go faster than this? No one can. Except the rider who's up next...

Please RSVP to Linda Brooks.



BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

Eternal God, you called us to be your church in this community and to share your love with all. Open our eyes to see the needs you would want us to see, open our ears to hear the stories you would want us to hear. Grant us a clear vision and equip us for faithful and fruitful ministry in this community through the power of your Holy Spirit.
In Christ's name. Amen.



Children & Youth Fellowship Groups

Children and Youth Ministries

Kerry Blazek, our Youth Director, is working with Sharon Ellis, our Children's Fellowship Coordinator to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for the youth and children this school year. Youth meet in the youth room and children meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. You can follow the youth on their Facebook page.

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.

Mission Service Information

Do you volunteer out in the mission field? Volunteering should result in someone being helped in some way. The work does not have to be face to face, but can be in support of some organization that provides help to people. Volunteering in the THRIVE food pantry is a good example or the USO office at the airport or at the Human Society. We collect this information as best we can to report in our year-end Conference statistical records. It is a good reflection on the mission work that our church members are doing locally as well as globally. If you are out in the mission field doing wonderful things, please let us know by contacting Henry Bennett with where you volunteer and approximately how many hours a month you volunteer. Even if it's just one hour a week taking a meal to a friend—that is volunteer work. You can reach Henry to leave a message at 757-877-2258 or e-mail jhbenn3940@gmail.com.



4 His Glory Performances

Our quartet group, 4 His Glory, has a number of performances scheduled for the coming months. Feel free to stop by and see them, we will update as more are available.

- 3/11 - Warwick Forest, 1pm concert
- 6/18 - Menchville Baptist Church, 9am worship service

Support For the 2023 Red Bird Mission Team & Rise Against Hunger Event

Help us to support our 2023 Red Bird mission team and our next Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event by popping off one of the envelopes on the display board and donating the corresponding dollar amount. Half will go to Red Bird, half will go to Rise Against Hunger. We will move the board between the 9am and 11:15am services each Sunday. Thanks for your support to these amazing mission & ministry programs.

PORT Donations Welcome

We still need donations of underwear (boxers and briefs for men), men's jeans/pants (new or gently used), t-shirts, sweatshirts, ladies leggings, toothbrushes and hygiene products for our PORT guests this week. You can drop off donations at the church office. What does not get given to guests this week will move on to the next church and given out next week. Thank you for your generosity.



BRUNSWICK STEW FUNDRAISER

To Benefit the 2023 Honduras Medical Mission Team

Honduras Mission Trip Fundraiser

The Honduras Medical Mission Team Brunswick Stew Fundraiser will be on Sunday, March 19th. Pick up of the containers will be after the 9am worship service until approx. noon. Each container will cost \$10. You are welcome to pre-order multiple containers by contacting Chris Hofler by email—christinahofler@gmail.com or call 228-760-0540. Plenty will be available for direct pick-up (or you can request they be left in the fridge for pick-up during the week.) These donations will help our mission team to defer costs and be able to provide some necessary items for the trip. If you are interested in participating in the trip, please reach out to Carlos Liceaga.

ATTIC & VENDOR BAZAAR

*Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church
38 Hoopes Rd
Newport News, VA 23602*

**MAY 20, 2023
9AM-3PM**

*Vendors, Crafters, Attic Treasures,
and more!*

If you would like to be a vendor, please email christinahofler@gmail.com

**\$25 FOR 8X8 (NON-WMUMC MEMBER)
\$10 FOR 8X8 (WMUMC MEMBER)
\$10 FOR ATTIC TREASURES**
(Gently used items)

Fliers are available in the CC lobby and Narthex to share with friends or post at work. Please help us spread the word.

Church Prayer Requests

Even though we are back to worshipping together again, we know some people are still struggling with getting out. We are, however, still committed to staying connected as a church. 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:

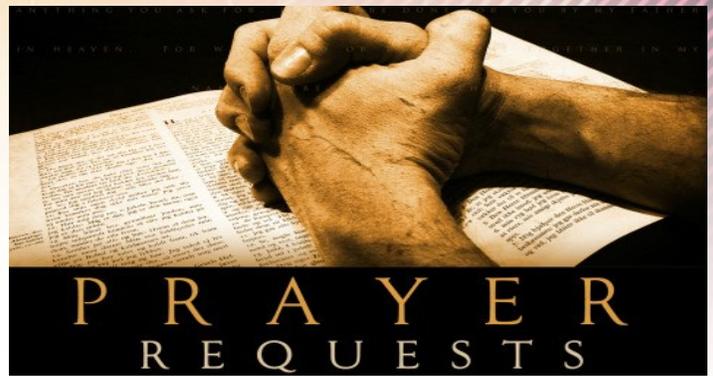
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone to be 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, March 6, at 9am** at iHop on Warwick Blvd.



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, apt. 428) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Jim Crittenden * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) * Jim Cole * Clara Reid * Katie Tanner-Barker * Shirley Myall (Zena's mom) * Sam Federico, Sr. (Sam Federico's father) * Jim Russell * Jeff Cox * Marion Bonacci * Sara Manner * Gene Osborne * John Beamer * Debbie Beamer * Kay Fries * Heather Sreves * Joe Buckman and family for the loss of June Buckman * and all those who are grieving or sick.

Deployed Armed Forces: CWO3 Michael Kreider, Cody Early, Laura Lomas, Brian Budlove.

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Attendance Numbers (2/19)

9:00am: 190
10:15am (online): 78
11:15am: 55

Sunday School: 61

Dinner Church 2/22: 33

Scout Sunday

We welcome our Scout Troop 6 to our Sanctuary Service this week to recognize Scouting Sunday. Please join us to support our Boy Scout troop.

Thank You

On behalf of the families we assisted with the love offerings the past few weeks, both would like to thank those who helped. Rent and electric was paid for one, and other bills were covered for the other. Both would like to thank everyone from the bottom of their hearts for selflessly giving in their time of need.

God bless you all.