

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

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

## This Week At A Glance . .

### March 12 - Today

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

### Monday, March 13

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
9am Shekinah Prayer Time  
9am Meals on Monday Prep  
12pm Meals on Monday Pick Up  
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (Rm 20)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
6:30pm Special Olympics Mtg (Rm 16)  
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Tuesday, March 14

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Rm 21)  
7pm Evangelism Mtg. (Rm 20)  
7pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study (Rm 10)

### Wednesday, March 15

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

### Thursday, March 16

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
6:30pm Boy Scouts Board of Review Rm 16)  
7pm SPRC (Rm 20)  
7pm Yoga (Rm 21)

### Friday, March 17

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

### Saturday, March 18

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

## This Week's Message

**Scripture This Week—Joshua 24:L15, Matthew 20:26b and 28, Ephesians 2:10**

Growing in the knowledge of God by study and obedience to His Word is another application of Joshua 24:15 to the Christian's life. Choosing the Lord over all other options includes trusting His leading and guidance through His Word and the actions we are instructed to take or no longer participate in.

Those who follow the Lord must learn to recognize the practices, thoughts, and ways of the false gods and their teachings. They can be seen in society, worldwide entertainment and in many websites that glorify selfish living and sinful lifestyles. Social media attempts to glamourize and glorify lifestyles that are unpleasing to God, flaunting self and wealth, enticing others to lust. False ideas of happiness entice hearts to follow after beauty and fame instead of a heart that is right with God. Choosing to live for Christ entails a home that is infiltrated and influenced by the Spirit of God. It is a home that dwells on the goodness and teachings of God. It is a home of gratitude toward the Lord.

A home that serves the Lord involves a family that worships the true God. Those in the home that are the head of the family lead the others to know God. It is blessing the family with declaring the highest and most worthy purpose in life.

In the face of important decisions, it is wise to remember God's blessings on a personal level, and also remembering where He has brought us from. When choices are made through a committed heart that desires God's influence, the outcome is one that is for the betterment of the Christian by the God who wants the best for them. It is difficult to be grateful and aware of God's great benefits while at the same time walking away from Him.

So, a choice stands in front of Christians today. True peace and joy come from the God who wants to bless us with His goodness with things that money cannot buy. The false gods of this world have enticements and offers for the Christian too, but not of the lasting or important kind. As for each and every house of a Christian, the choices set before us should be easy.

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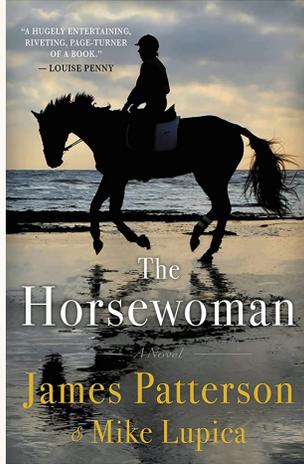
## Prayer

God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

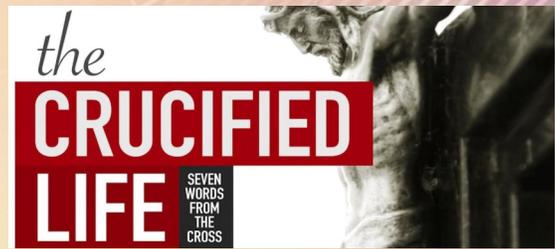
## Senior Fellowship Book Club This Thursday!

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 attend!) Join us for the next book club gathering this **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, 757-880-4622.



## Men's Fraternity Lent Study

Men's Fraternity will be doing a Bible Study for Lent Each Tuesday through April 4th at 7pm in Room 10. The study is 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. Welcome to join at any time. Questions? Contact Gerry Mingee at [ggingee@verizon.net](mailto:ggingee@verizon.net)

## "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.

**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!**



## 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.

{ JOIN US FOR }  
**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

\*Wired Word and Blessed Mess are currently combined.



## 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 for week to week activities.

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.

### WMUMC Endowment Fund Status Report Summary for 2022

All General Endowment funds are invested with the Virginia United Methodist Foundation in their Balanced Fund portfolio. The fund was valued at \$236,268.01 at the end of 2022, a significant decrease from the end of 2021 value (\$294,370.26), due to market conditions. Never-the-less, this value is \$63,080.08 more than when we started in 2007, even though we have withdrawn \$33,400 for the Endowment Grant Program (\$1,700 added in 2022), \$33,148 to help balance the 2019 Operating Budget, and \$11,000 in 2022 to support HVAC replacement (\$4,500), CC AVL Refurbishment (\$4,500), and the Trustee Reserve account (\$2,000). In other words, our initial investment of \$173,187.93 has earned \$140,628 since its inception in July and August of 2007. That is an average growth of about 5.3% per year since inception. The Endowment Grant Fund currently has an available balance of \$5,177.95 for grants. The specifics of the Endowment Grant Program will be published again soon in the WW.

A gift of \$10,000 in August to establish a Named Fund for the benefit of Trustee work was invested in the Balanced Plus Fund at the donor’s request. Its value at the end of 2022 was \$10,036.77. If you have any questions, please contact Henry Bennet at [jhbenn3940@gmail.com](mailto:jhbenn3940@gmail.com) or 757-877-2258.



### Honduras Mission Trip Fundraiser Next Sunday!!

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 approximately noon. Each container will cost \$10. You are welcome to pre-order multiple containers by contacting Chris Hofler by email—[christinahofler@gmail.com](mailto: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 (April 22-29th), 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!*

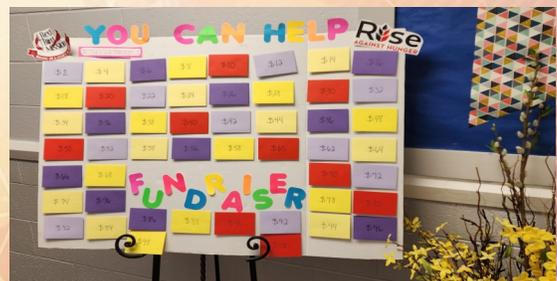
**If you would like to be a vendor, please email [christinahofler@gmail.com](mailto:christinahofler@gmail.com)**

**\$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. One is included inside the Warwick Weekly this Sunday for you to share. Please help us spread the word.

### 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 for our missions & ministries



## 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](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., 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, April 3, at 9am** at iHop on Warwick Blvd.



## Attendance Numbers (3/5)

9:00am: 78  
10:15am (online): 89  
11:15am: 51  
Sunday School: 72  
Dinner Church 3/8: 32



## Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

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Senior Pastor

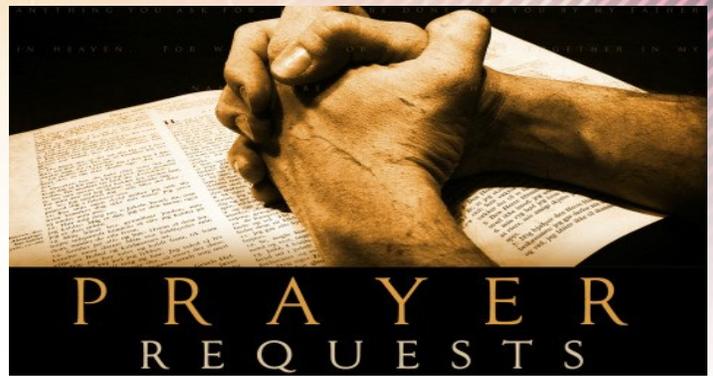
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## Sick? Going to Hospital?

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, apt. 428) \* Nancy Setty \* Norma Coleman \* Anne Corliss \* Jim Crittenden \* Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) \* Jim Cole \* Josie 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 \* Kelley Gargaro \* Kay Fries \* Heather Sreves \* Bob Haas (Ann & Barry Barley's friend) and all those who are grieving or sick.

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



## PORT Volunteers

Special thanks to all our PORT volunteers and partner churches.