

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, July 9, 2023

This Week At A Glance . .

July 9 - Today

8am Lampstand Band Rehearsal (CC)
9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Facebook Service
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, July 10 *

9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday
6:30pm NO Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, July 11 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
2pm-6pm Confirmation Retreat/Class
6pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study
7pm Evangelism Meeting

Wednesday, July 12 *

10:30am Bible Study (Zoom)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, July 13 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
10am Elijah Bible Study (Library)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Admin Core Team Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, July 14 *

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
12pm—5pm Blood Drive (FH)

Saturday, July 15

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

This Week's Message is Based on Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Genesis 24 reminds us to expect the Lord's guidance and success when we fulfill our covenant obligations. Abraham's servant kept covenant, faithfully executing the task entrusted to him. God providentially answered his many prayers along the way because he looked for a woman fit to bear more kingly descendants for Abraham — one who was hard-working, faithful, noble and beautiful. As we obey the Lord's will today, we can also expect His guidance.

The Creator's providence was clear to the servant because he was furthering God's program. Finding the right wife for Isaac was essential if the promise of descendants to Abraham was going to come true. Likewise, we should expect the Lord to show us the way as we are about the work of the kingdom. In all our major decisions we should not be asking which option will make us happy but which one will further God's kingdom on earth. Taking marriage as an example, we should not only be asking, "Is Suzy pretty enough to satisfy me?" or "Does Jim make enough money to support my desired lifestyle?" We should also be asking, "Will marrying Jim enable me to serve Christ more faithfully and passionately?" or "Does Suzy have the qualities that will help further my sanctification?"

Whether we are choosing a spouse, a new job, a new place to live, how many kids to have (infertility notwithstanding), let us be focused on God's kingdom, so we can expect the Spirit to lead us.

Adapted from www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/isaac-marries-rebekah

Prayer

O God, the Father almighty, shine on us with the light of your knowledge, and the fullness of all virtue, that, while we seek for the gifts of learning, we may never depart from you, the Fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



Join us for this
7-session study!
by Priscilla Shirer

Elijah Summer Bible Study

Come join us Thursday mornings **beginning July 13th** for a 7 week Bible study of Elijah by Priscilla Shirer. We will experience Priscilla's teachings by video followed by a discussion. You will need a copy of the book Elijah by Priscilla Shirer which can easily be purchased on Amazon. Linda McLawhorn will be the facilitator. Will meet in the church library at 10am.

Men's Fraternity Summer Study

Men's Fraternity began their 10th annual weekly Summer Backyard Cookout Bible Study a few weeks ago - "Let's 'Act' Up!" They meet at 6pm to eat and at 7pm begin the study of the book of Acts based on a study guide by Linda Pevey "We Are the Church, Let's Act Like It." All men are welcome and are asked to bring a side or dessert along with a Bible. The next meeting on July 11th will be at the home of The Elder's, 215 Ferguson Ave., NN 23601. Call Gerry at 757-880-9485 or email ggmingee@verizon.net for more details. Will meet through 8/1, you can join in any time, bring your Bible and an appetite.



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



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

**Next Friday -
Sign Up Today!
Red Cross Blood
Drive**

Our upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive will be next **Friday, July 14th from 12noon to 5pm**. On line registration available at www.redcrossblood.org and there are plenty of open appointments still available. Walk-ins will be welcome if slots are available at that time. Volunteers needed to help with registrations and snacks, please reach out to Sue Kelley (757-812-3222) if you are interested in helping. If you are donating blood, remember to eat a good breakfast or lunch, drink plenty of water, and bring a **picture ID** with you to the appointment. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before your appointment time to complete your registration.

HOLIDAY HERO BONUS: For a limited time only, when you give blood between July 1-16 and have a valid email address on file, they will send you a **\$15 e-gift card** to a merchant of your choice!

"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.

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.

Everyone Is Welcome - you can use the invite cards that are around the church to encourage friends, family, or anyone you know to join you for dinner or our Facebook event page.

Everyone is 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. Communion is now monthly. 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.



Senior Fellowship Book Club

Come join the fun!!! WMUMC book club is for everyone 50+ (however, we do not really age discriminate, so if you are not yet 50 but love to read, you are more than welcome to join us!) Our next book club gathering is scheduled for **Thursday, July 20th at noon at Schlesinger's**. The book we are reading is "Women in White Coats" by Olivia Campbell. For fans of Hidden Figures and Radium Girls, comes the remarkable story of three Victorian women who broke down barriers in the medical field to become the first women doctors, revolutionizing the way women receive health care. With gripping storytelling based on extensive research and access to archival documents, Women in White Coats tells the courageous history these women made by becoming doctors, detailing the boundaries they broke of gender and science to reshape how we receive medical care today. Please RSVP to Linda Brooks (757-880-4622).



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. Our Children and Youth ministry programs meet September to May and the Youth meet in the youth room, while the children meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. 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. During the summer, some activities will be planned to help keep everyone connected.

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. Regular Sunday fellowship meetings will resume in September.



Confirmation Classes have just one week of classes left! Please be in prayer for them as they go through this journey over the next 2 weeks which includes in-depth study, mission trips and retreats. Join us on Sunday, August 6th for Confirmation Sunday as we welcome them to the membership of our church.

Be Social With Us and Spread the Love of Jesus . .



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Instagram



Share your QR code so others can follow you

TikTok



Facebook



Offering



that we have started a makeover of the Fellowship Hall kitchen? After cleaning out the cabinets a few months ago, we have now started preparing them for fresh paint

We ask for your patience as we work on this makeover which will include painting the cabinets, replacing the counter tops and painting the walls. Eventually we will replace the stove and dishwasher. This makeover is in honor of Ruby Hambleton who has been our kitchen "mother" for many years. As the church continued to grow after the completion of the initial sanctuary, office wing and music room, the expansion of 10 classrooms, the Fellowship Hall and the kitchen was completed in 1967.

The way the Fellowship Hall and kitchen are at this time, is pretty much how it has been for the past 56 years - other than new window treatments and pictures changed on the walls. So, it is certainly time for some refreshing of this very active area of our church. From Sunday School classes to our current weekly lunch distribution, this area has seen many different receptions for incoming/outgoing pastors, funeral receptions, birthday parties, anniversaries, Vacation Bible School craft and snack area, children's ministry programs, youth potato bar fundraisers, United Methodist Men's pancake suppers, peanut cooking, Red Bird dinner fundraisers, Scouts weekly meetings and various other activities, Dinner Church (until recently when they outgrew the space) and much much more. If you are interested in helping with your time, please contact our facility manager, Rodney Wise. If you would like to support the makeover financially, you can mark your offering "Fellowship Hall Kitchen" and drop it in the offering plate. This project could take a few months, so please, be patient with us.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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:

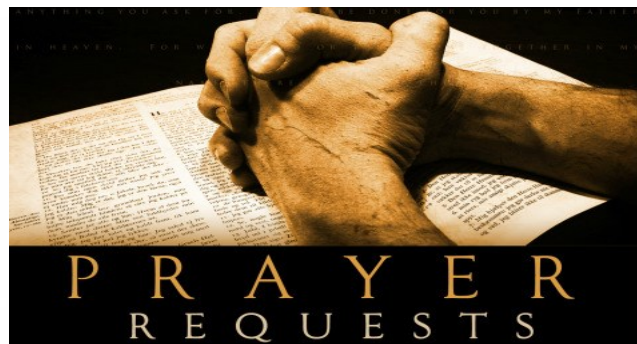
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on , Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask 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, August 7, at 9am** at Vancostas 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) * Evelyn Bilk (Charter Assisted Living) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law)
* Jim Cole * Clara Reid * Katie Tanner-Barker * Sam Federico, Sr. (Sam Federico's father) * Jim Russell * Jeff Cox * Marion Bonacci * Sara Manner * Susie Stein (Fern Holley's niece) * Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) * Robert Wood * Mel Rhoads * Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine * Jim Taylor * Heidi Huber-Chappell * Jim King * Kay Fries * Barbara Freund * Raye Gwyn (Mary Jackson's mom) * Frank Felice (Dan Felice's Dad) * Gene Osborne * Lynn Stockberger * Shaun Kelley * and all those who are grieving or sick.

Deployed Armed Forces: Laura Lomas, Brian Budlove, Lance Sczesny (Coast Guard).

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Attendance Numbers (7/2)

9:00am: 73
10:15am (online): 109
11:15am: 62
Sunday School: 71
Dinner Church 7/5: 55

