

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, September 10, 2023

This Week At A Glance . .

September 10 - 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, September 11 *

9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday
11am Staff Meeting (library)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 12 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
7pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)

Wednesday, September 13 *

6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, September 14 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
6pm Cub Scouts (27 & 28)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Leadership Team Meeting
7pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)

Friday, September 15 *

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, September 16

Denbigh Day

2pm Drama Rehearsal (CC)
5pm Private Party (FH)

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

Message this Week Based on Matthew 18:15-20

This week's reading from the gospel of Matthew is part of a larger teaching on how to live in the Kingdom of God. In this passage, Jesus teaches us how to resolve conflicts so we can live together in peace. In the United Methodist Church we call this process the Rule of Christ. But this "Rule" is more than a checklist of steps to follow when things get tense.

The Rule of Christ reminds us that we do not do this thing called ministry alone. We are in community together, and because we are all sinners, it means we are going to bump up against each other from time to time. We are going to disagree with one another from time to time. We are going to hurt each other occasionally. When that happens, Jesus gives us a means for getting reconnected, for making peace, for becoming whole again.

In the first few verses, Jesus gives us a process for working out our differences that seems like a simple problem solving method. It seems to follow a series of steps that start small, and expand as necessary.

Before we can even go to the one who has hurt us, though, Christ encourages us to do a little soul-searching, to recognize our own part in the conflict. So before we can address sin in another, Jesus calls us to look at ourselves. Answering a few questions can help us gain clearer understanding, avoid overreacting, and move us toward wholeness. 1. "Can I let it go?" If the offense is minor, and you can honestly let it go, there is no reason to confront the other person. 2. "What might the other person think I have contributed to this problem?" Taking the time to see things from the other person's viewpoint can help us recognize what we need to take responsibility for, before we confront another. 3. "What does God see?" can give us an even broader perspective. This broader view helps us see the issue more objectively, and prevents us from allowing anger and fear to cloud our vision as we work toward resolution. We may discover that the problem we have is really within ourselves, and we can avoid causing distress in others and in the church through our own repentance and discipleship.

Once you've answered those questions, if you are still hurting, take your hurt to the one who has caused it, trusting in God's grace that you will be received with love and respect. Because the bottom line is this: God really cares about how we treat each other. God wants us to live in Kingdom harmony with one another, so that others may be drawn into this abundant life by our example.

Adapted from www.pastorsings.com

Senior Fellowship Book Club

Join us for our next book club on Thursday, **September 21st at noon**. We meet at Schlesingers. The next book is "Silver Girl" by Elin Hilderbrand. Set against the backdrop of a Nantucket summer, Elin Hilderbrand delivers a suspenseful story of the power of friendship, the pull of love, and the beauty of forgiveness. Please RSVP to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 if you would like to attend.



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



Wednesday Bible Study

We will begin a new in-person Bible study on **Wednesday, September 13th at 10:30am**. We will be studying "Journey Through the Bible Volume 14: Romans - Philippians." The books will be available in the library on the shelf above the computer along with a sign out sheet in the next week or so and cost \$9. Please sign out the book or pick up on the first day of study. This book highlights pivotal points in the scripture, lifting up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events and people. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am in the library. Stop by and sign out a book if you do not have it already. 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 (**until further notice we will gather in the Fellowship Hall**).

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. 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!



Hawaii UMCOR Relief

Please continue to pray for the residents of the Island of Maui, Hawaii, after the wind-driven wildfires last week prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage, totally destroying the town of Lahaina. As of an August 14, UMCOR coordinated with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings as first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area.

Additional gifts can be made in the following ways:

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>

By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174

Or by check through the church offering, please mark "UMCOR-Hawaii" on the memo line. We will send the collected funds directly to UMCOR advance 901670.

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.



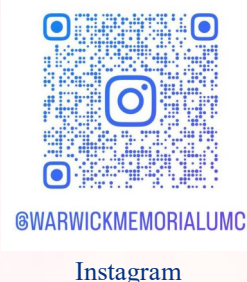
Children and Youth Ministries

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 for the upcoming School year. Our Children and Youth ministry programs meet September to May. 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. We will resume meetings on Sunday, September 10th 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.

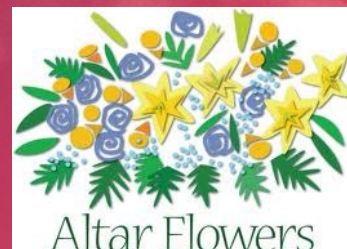


Be Social With Us and Spread the Love of Jesus ...



Flowers for the Sanctuary

We have been enjoying some anonymous donations of flowers for the Sanctuary and Narthex over the past few weeks, including the flowers from Pastor Angie's son's wedding before that. It has been so nice to have fresh flowers in our church. If you would like to donate altar flowers at any time—even a nice bouquet from the grocery store—please let Zena in the church office know which week you would like to do so and if there is a special reason for them (anniversary, birthday, etc.) Call the church office at 757-877-2270 or email wak.memorial@wmumc.org.



Elder Balance Presentation

Our Care Team and Senior Fellowship bring you a continued presentation with more advanced strengthening of core and building for better balance from Ellen Polocheck and Sandy Marcuson. Saturday, October 21st at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. This will be an in-person presentation only. The first training is still available on our facebook page. If you would like to know more, please reach out to Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109.

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.

Taking the child in his arms, he said to them
"Whoever welcomes one of these little children
in my name welcomes me; and whoever
welcomes me does not welcome me but the one
who sent me."

Mark 9:36-37

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:

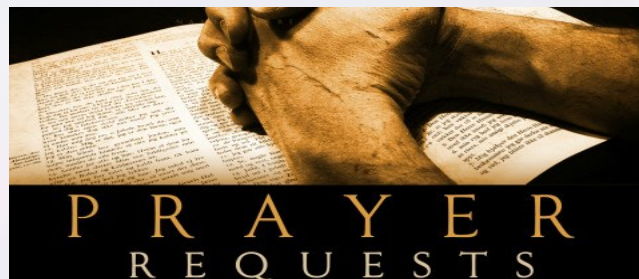
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone 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, October 2, 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 * 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) * Gene Osborne * Gail Henry (Rodney's mother-in-law) * Sharon Davenport * Joy Robinson (her mother and brother are both having medical issues) * Ginny Chappell * Frances Topping * and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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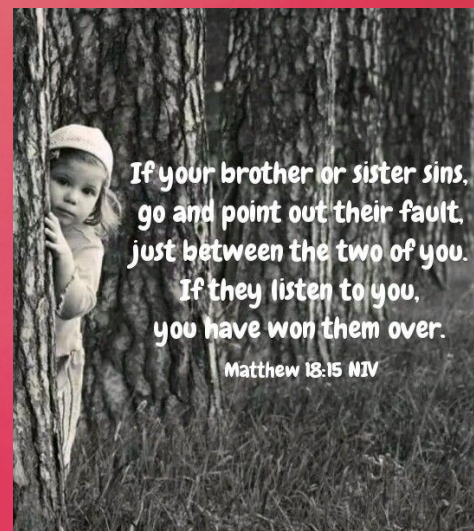
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Attendance Numbers (9/3)

9:00am: 68
10:15am (online): 109
11:15am: 48
Sunday School: 71
Dinner Church 8/30: 57



Community Rock The Block

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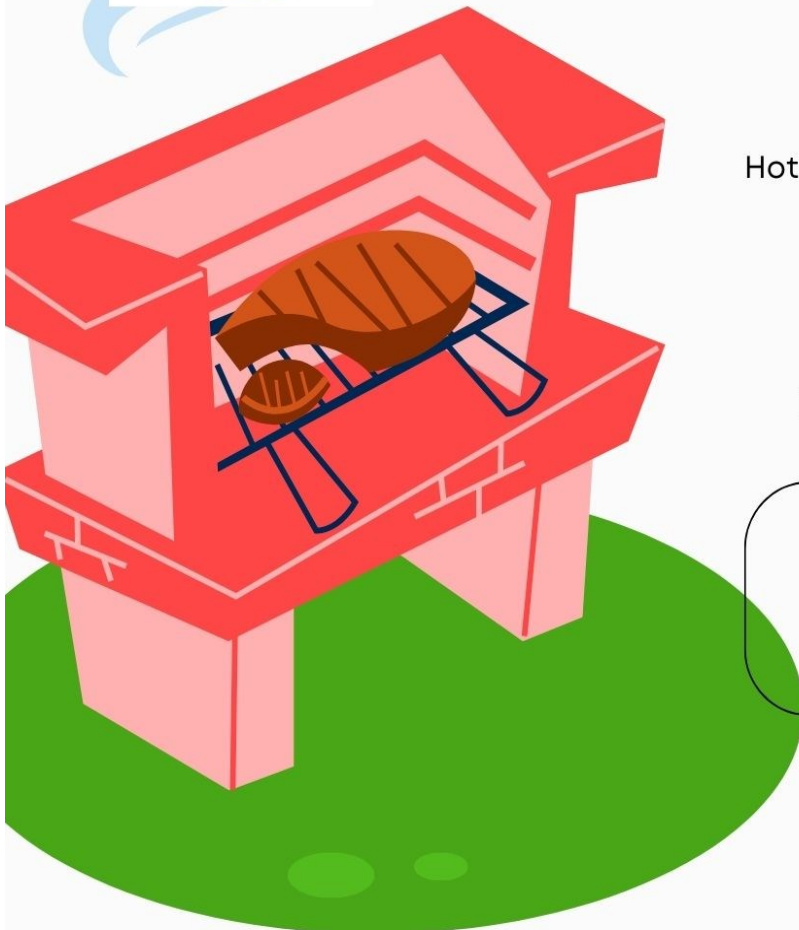
Mark your calendars and bring your friends &
neighbors to our end of summer
Community Block Party!

Don't miss out on the fun!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

4pm to 7pm

38 Hoopes Road



- Hot Dogs & Burgers • Cotton Candy
- D.J. Music • Face Painting
- Cake Walk • Bounce House
- Rock Painting • Corn Hole
- Kick Ball • Games
- Free Door Prizes • and much more

**Come and meet your
Hoopes Road and Pear
Ridge neighbors and let us
treat you to dinner.**



**Warwick Memorial's
Living Word Drama Team Presents:**

Steel **MAGNOLIAS**

BY ROBERT HARLING

Directed by Dave Amaker

Production Dates and Times:

Friday, October 27th at 7:30pm

Saturday, October 28th at 7:30pm

Sunday, October 29th at 2pm

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