

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, September 3, 2023

## This Week At A Glance . .

### September 3 - 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 4

Labor Day—Church Offices Closed  
9am NO Shekinah Prayer Time  
9am NO Meals on Monday  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)

### Tuesday, September 5 \*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
6pm Eagle Scout Review  
7:30pm Choir Practice

### Wednesday, September 6 \*

6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

### Thursday, September 7 \*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)  
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

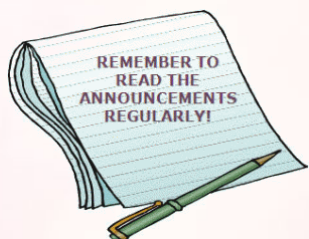
### Friday, September 8 \*

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

### Saturday, September 9

\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

For all event and room reservations  
please email Rodney Wise at  
[facility.manager@wmumc.org](mailto:facility.manager@wmumc.org).



## Message this Week Based on Isaiah 52:7-10

Our summer sermon series comes to an end this week with a reaffirmation of our call to contemplative action in the world. The awareness of one another's beauty is the "seedling for the birth of compassion and justice." A contemplative life can empty us and ready us to become instruments of the Good. Let us affirm our plans to continue practicing "a way of beauty" that makes life "rich, courageous, generous, and joyful" as active agents of the Divine Beauty in the world.

Our scripture this week is from a book called Isaiah in the Bible. In Isaiah's time the people were waiting for some good news. Sound familiar? We love it when we get good news, right? Well, they were really needing some and Isaiah gives them a beautiful vision. The people see a messenger coming over the mountains and they begin to hear the message... peace has come! No more tears! What do you do when you get good news? Jump up and down with joy? Yep, that's what the people do. Let's do a happy dance!

So the last things we are going to look for is something to help US be the messengers of good news. Wouldn't that be fun to be the one who causes people to start dancing a happy dance of joy? Put your hands up to your mouth and say "good news is coming!" Let's do it together... "Good news is coming!"

Good news can be as simple as saying "hello" to a neighbor or taking care of something someone needs. When we love the beauty of the earth, we want to help make everyone's life more beautiful. This is the good news we share.

### Prayer

God of Goodness, thank you for beauty, thank you for good news, help me help you bring beauty to someone else and be a messenger of good news for the beauty of the earth. Amen.

## 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



## Nothing Bundt Cake RAH Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped with this fundraiser by buying bundt cakes. They will be in-house for delivery on September 10th. We get \$2 for every cupcake sold which will provide 5 RAH meal packages to feed 30 people—for \$2!

Our next event is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th, 4pm to 6pm in the Celebration Center. We plan to package 20,000 meals and still need about \$500 to pay for all the meals. You can mark your offering "RAH." in the memo line or on the offering envelope. Contact Vanessa Sczensy for any questions about your order or to learn more about RAH. [sczensyval@gmail.com](mailto:sczensyval@gmail.com)



## "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://umcmission.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 & Youth Fellowship Groups

### 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.



### Our Children Need You!

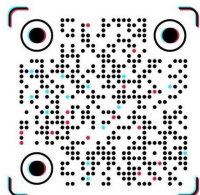
Now that summer is winding down and school has resumed, we are in need of some additional volunteers in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are able to help, for one service or the other, it would be greatly appreciated. We do have some qualified nursery workers but they are not all able to work every Sunday. Please consider this and help us out so any little people can spend worship time safely in our nursery. Please reach out to Vanessa at 757-218-2040 or [finance@wmumc.org](mailto:finance@wmumc.org).

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



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Share your QR code so others can follow you

TikTok



Facebook



Offering

### Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study via Zoom will resume again on September 13th with "Journey Through the Bible: Romans—Philippians." There will be books available in the library in the coming days. See Pastor Angie if you would like to participate and need a book. You can contact Pastor Angie at [pastorangie@wmumc.org](mailto:pastorangie@wmumc.org). She will send you the Zoom link (if you have the link saved from before, it will be the same link.) 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 via Zoom. You are welcome to join in at any time.

Journey Through the  
**BIBLE**



### Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the youth room. All are welcome, no pre-registration required. The cost is \$10 per class. Classes are beginner friendly and work with any level. As long as you are comfortable getting down and up off the floor, this class is a good place to start for those new to yoga. Our instructor is Bethany Caddell and you can contact her at [thanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org](mailto:thanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org) or through [www.christianyogastudio.org](http://www.christianyogastudio.org).

### 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 Hoffer 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 Hoffer 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](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:

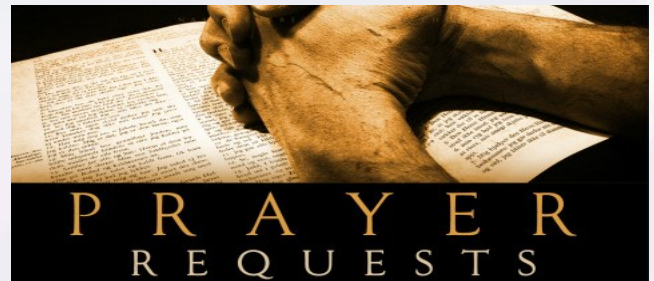
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone 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 tomorrow, **Monday, September 4, 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](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) \* 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) \* Robert Wood \* Mel Rhoads \* 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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## Attendance Numbers (8/27)

9:00am: 60  
10:15am (online): 98  
11:15am: 36  
Sunday School: 67  
Dinner Church 8/30: 57



# Community Rock The Block

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Mark your calendars and bring your neighbors to  
our end of summer Community Block Party!  
Don't miss out on the fun!



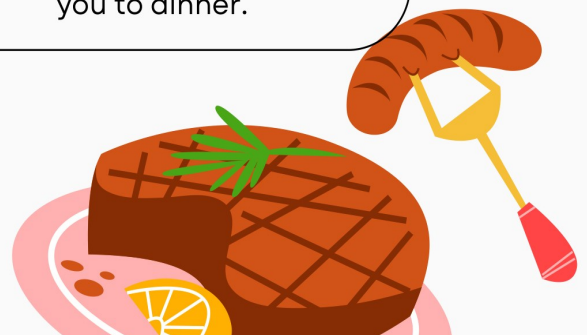
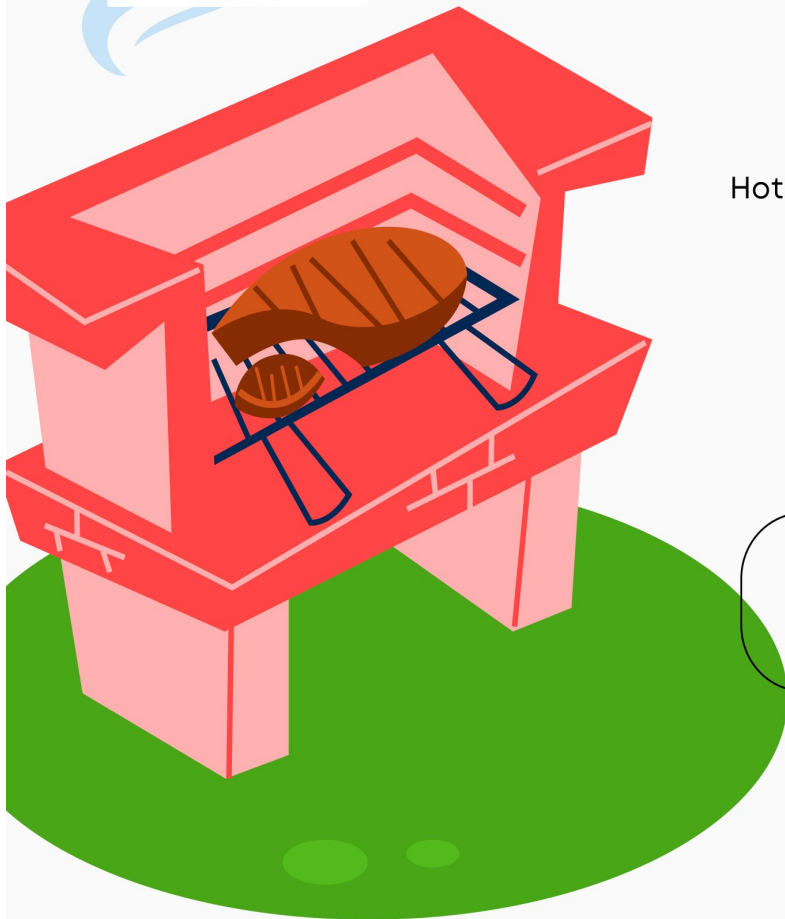
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

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  
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 7pm  
Saturday, October 28th at 7pm  
Sunday, October 29th at 2pm

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