

LENT

Warwick Weekly

2/21/16

Second Sunday of Lent

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

Message Series for Lent Listens to Jesus Speak from the Cross

As he was suffering upon the cross, the gospel writers note that Jesus made seven statements. What were those words? Why did he speak from the cross at all? What significance do his dying statements have? Do they have meaning for us in the here and now? Come to worship during the season of Lent and encounter the questions with us as we look to Jesus for answers and for the hope we garner in The Resurrection.

What's Happening Today?

**Warwick Memorial United
Methodist Church
Recognizes and Honors 2016 Upward
Basketball Players**

**All 2016 Upward Basketball Players are
invited and all children up to 7th grade!**

**You Don't Want to Miss this Free Event.
Celebration Center 9am to 11:30am**

All Upward players attending will receive an honors gift and have a special recognition during the 9am worship service.

Immediately following worship, there will be a free snack time for all players and their families, and then all players and other children up to 7th grade are invited to participate in a fun, skills clinic led by Coach ShaVohn Curley.

Glorify God with Flowers this Lent

During the seasons of Lent and Easter (2/14 to 5/8/16), you have an opportunity to place a flower arrangement on the Sanctuary Altar. The bulletin will note that you are giving glory and honor to God and either celebrating or remembering beloved people or events. This is not available on Easter Sunday or Communion Sundays. To learn more or sign up, please visit our website for the link to sign up for flowers or contact the church office at 877-2270. The cost is \$40 and the deadline is by Wednesday before the Sunday you request.

Easter lilies for the altar display on Easter Sunday will be available to purchase - please see insert form to order today.

Conference Today About Associate Pastor Position

Recently, our leadership team began a time of discernment for our congregation to consider additional giving to expand our church staff to include an associate pastor who would assist with leadership in mission and ministry. This position is proposed to help us live into goals of expanding our hands-on mission work, growing in numbers, especially families with children and youth, and in growing spiritually so that we might be equipped to further carry out our church mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Today, we will have a chance to share information and answer questions during a Holy Conferencing gathering at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Information conversations are also scheduled during Sunday School classes on February 28, 2016. Please join us.

Also, during our Ripple Effect time today in each service, we will hear more about the need for this position. The investment needed for the Associate Pastor position for the last six months of 2016 will not exceed \$27,736. This will provide \$17,500 for salary, \$7,500 for housing, and \$2,736 for the Clergy Retirement Security Program and the Comprehensive Protection Plan.



Potato Bar Fundraiser Lunch Today: Join us in the Fellowship Hall today after the 11:15am service for the Youth's famous potato bar fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards helping the youth with their mission trips and events.



Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, March 24th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday Service: Friday, March 25th, presented by our drama ministry and Praise and Chancel Choirs. Beginning at 7:30pm in the Celebration Center.



Easter Egg Hunt - Save the Date

Rain or shine, Saturday, March 26th 10am to noon. Crafts, food, candy, eggs & gifts! For all to enjoy including fellowship time for parents who wish to stay and enjoy the fun. All children are invited up to 5th grade. The youth are invited to come and help. Invite your friends and come and enjoy some Easter Fun!



Join us Sunday, March 27th:

6:30am Sunrise Service, hosted by our Youth Fellowship on the front lawn of the church. Followed by our Sunrise breakfast.

8:30am Sanctuary Service

9:00am Lampstand Service

11:15am Sanctuary Service

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS . .

Attendance 2/14/16

8:30am - 65

9:00am - 107

11:15am - 86

Total Worship Attendance: 259

Sunday School Attendance: 129



Our infant and toddler nurseries (Room 25 and 26) are open during worship, Sunday School, and many scheduled events. We offer professionally trained staff for children birth through age 4. Please ask a greeter, usher or pastor for directions to the nursery. Please do not use the nursery if your child is sick or running a fever, in consideration of the other children and families. Childcare is provided as part of our ministry and there is no fee.



Children and Youth Groups . . .

We have Sunday Evening Groups that meet from 5:45pm to 7:30pm. All young people, from preschool to grade 12, are welcome! Dinner is provided for each group. No pre-signup needed. Enter through the educational hallway each Sunday! (a.k.a. the middle doors)

The Jesus And Me Time kids (3, 4 and 5 year olds) will meet in the Kindergarten Room (Rm 27). For more information, contact Bonnie Turner at 877-0551 or bturner113@verizon.net.

The M&M's (1st to 5th grade) will meet in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Sharon Ellis at 872-8495 or cutygrgal@yahoo.com

The Youth (6th to 12th grade) will meet in the youth room. For more information, contact John Evans at 877-5905 or john_evans@verizon.net. **(No Youth Fellowship this week. See you next Sunday!)**

Dinner is provided for each group.

Sunday School Forms Faith of Kids.

During Sunday School, the children (PreK-5th) earn 'Bible Bucks' as part of an incentive program to get the kids more actively involved. Bible Bucks are earned by learning the bible verse, bringing in a bible connection (1-2 sentences about how they saw the situation or lesson they are learning about in their own lives), doing an act of kindness, following class rules and a few other fun things teachers may throw in.

Also, the kids' classes (3 & 4 year olds to 5th grade), will continue to gather together in the Celebration Center at 10:10 for a short video and music time before returning to their Sunday School classrooms. Here are the themes for upcoming lessons: Bible verse- "Come, follow me," Jesus said.

Matthew 4:19

Feb 14 Jesus calls Levi

Feb 21 Go two by two

Feb 28 Women follow Jesus



Things Of Interest . . .

PORT

Winter Shelter Program

We will host PORT from March 2nd

to the 9th: PORT is a program in our area that works with partner churches to offer overnight shelter and food to homeless men, women and children during the winter months from November through March. We need your help! Our church host night is Thursday, March 3rd, however, we need help all nights (from Wed night, March 2nd through Wed morning, March 9th) for different areas. Please contact Jim King, facility manager, (facility@wmumc.org) if you have an interest to serve. We have many different areas of need. Don't delay and miss out on a blessing to serve those in need at this time of the year.

Special 2016 Mission Lenten/Easter

Offering Focus: Each year our leadership targets an area for our church to consider "second mile" mission giving (which means beyond our average tithing) as an avenue of sacrifice during the Lenten/Easter seasons. This offering enables us to passionately direct gifts toward God's work of transforming and healing the world. Last year our focus was Imagine No Malaria. This year's focus is aimed at broadening our support of Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief ministry that was birthed through the United Methodist Church. A few weeks ago, nearly 200 volunteers packaged 20,066 meals for the hungry. The excitement in this effort and the movement of the Spirit among us has led us to hope to package more meals in 2016. By setting aside extra and/or through sacrificing during Lent, we can help bridge the hunger gap at a cost of just 29 cents per serving. One in nine people on the planet are malnourished and one in five children suffer from daily hunger. With focus on hunger since year 2000, these numbers are actually improving. Join with us this season, to STOP HUNGER NOW! You can designate gifts through your offering envelopes or through your Lenten or Easter envelopes by writing in Stop Hunger Now on the memo line of your check in the offering. May God bless us in this effort to help those in great need!



United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Early Response Team (ERT) Certification Training:

Early Response Teams respond during the first phase of disaster relief, providing Christian presence. Your church and community could also be faced with a disaster. Train to be ready to respond and know the first steps to help.

ERT Basic Training Class

Date: Friday, March 4th - 6 p.m.-10 p.m. & Saturday, March 5th - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Place: Nimmo UMC, 2200 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23456-3536

Cost: \$55 (includes background check, T-shirt, badge, manual, Dinner Friday Night & Light Breakfast) (forms will be handed out at training). Checks should be made out to the Virginia Conference and brought the day of training.

The Conference Disaster Response Team invites you to participate in a training event for anyone interested in disaster ministries. Signup by emailing Michele Michaelian at MLSKCS@aol.com.

WMUMC Upward Ministry is in need of donations:

This season WMUMC Upward Ministry has brought the Word of God to 91 young children through the game of basketball. Next season we will be looking to grow the number of children we can spread the Seeds of Faith with by bringing back Cheerleading. Our equipment is showing some serious wear. Some equipment is being repaired but other items will need to be replaced. At the end of the season, we will need to place an order for both sizes of basketballs that are used, along with replacing some practice and game day equipment. James and I are truly blessed to have so many caring individuals that volunteer time, knowledge and donations to bring the Word of God to our community's young children through WMUMC Upward Ministry. We cannot thank you enough and look forward to many seasons to come. Please mark the envelop with "Upward K account" when making a donation.

Blessings, Brenna and James Watkins



One City Marathon: On Sunday, March 13th, our city will again host the One City Marathon, a 26.2 mile footrace tour through Newport News. That morning, the route for the race will pass through Lucas Creek, Denbigh and Moyer Roads and will impact traffic closest to the church from 7:45am through about 9:30am. Police and Military personnel will be stationed at intersections to allow cars or runners through (runners have the right of way). Old Courthouse and Hoopes roads and the part of Denbigh Blvd. closest to the church should not be impacted, but please be very careful nonetheless and plan your travel accordingly. To learn more about the marathon, which is a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon, visit www.onecitymarathon.com.



Expand your Spirit Through Prayer . . .

Lenten Contemplative Prayer Time, Join us on

Thursdays at noon: Our pastors invite you to explore a form of encounter with God called contemplative prayer. We will learn about and practice different types of prayer during weekly gatherings we are calling Trinity Time. The hour long gatherings start at noon in room 20. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Bert.

Discerning prayer will be focus of March 5 Bishop's

Convocation on Prayer: Changing the Way We Do Church: Praying for Discernment will be the focus of the Bishop's Convocation on Prayer Saturday, March 5, at Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Richmond. Dr. Frederick W. Schmidt Jr., Rueben P. Job Chair in Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, will be main speaker. He describes the intent of discerning prayer as: "When people walk through the doors of our churches, the implicit message that many hear is, 'Welcome, it will be interesting to see how your being here changes you.' We should be saying, 'Welcome, it will be interesting to see how your participation in our community changes us.' All the former requires is an 'org chart.' The latter requires prayers of discernment, and those can change everything." In addition to Dr. Schmidt's plenary presentation, 11 workshops will be offered on different aspects of spiritual formation. Participants may choose two workshops. Register by visiting our website or Facebook page or call the church office.

Morning Prayer: Gracious God, this new day carries the potential for growth and new life. Help me to attend to those things in me that need care and attention. Sow your word in me that I may grow in faithfulness and understanding. Shake me out of dull routines, so that I may take part in the good news you continue to tell urgently and passionately. In Christ's name. Amen.

Evening Prayer: As I lie down this night in the shadow of your wings, God of my life, I know that you will be with me even as you have helped me through this day. Whether I am weary from the day, or whether the day has been a rich feast of blessings, I give thanks for your power and glory, which are present in every circumstance. As I give myself over to rest and sleep, I remember that your steadfast love is better than life. So, I pray, surround me with your love tonight and always. In the peace of Christ I pray. Amen.

Please pray for those in the hospital or care

facility: Fran Shaffer (Mennowood), Ginny Masters, Jane Guthrie (St. Francis), Beth Welch (Candlewood Suites), Marie Williams (Warwick Forest)

Please pray for those who are at home:

Marguerite Proffitt, Jane Goetz, Chris Ployd, Jewel Stalnaker, Julia Frank, Kathy Young, Walt Wilkerson, Beverly Mayeaux, Christina Tanner, Bob Warthan, Ruth McGhee, Bertam Ellett, Helen Brady, Carol Lett, Cathy Osborne, Sonny Wood, Lucento Family, Denise Workinger, Laurie Lasher, Bea Kiehner, Tim Claus, Pat Hodges, Shaun Kelley, Bob and Ruth Ritenour, Thyreese Blake (Frank Blake's mom), Eugene Wingo, Beth Ellis, Melvin Rhoads

Please contact the church office with concerns so the Pastors can be notified. Please let us know if you would like for the concern to be on the church email prayer list also.



Today during the 11:15am service we welcome new members to our church:
Erin Finley-Orick and
The Stewart family - Thomas and Nicole, Elyse and Avree.

Last week during the 9am service we welcomed:
Ed and Becky Baines and
The Stappert family - Danielle, Raleigh, Chelsea and Chloe

Your Guide to the Latest at WMUMC . .

Today

Upward Sunday

8:30am Sanctuary Service
9:00am The Lampstand Service (CC)
10:00am Basketball Skills Clinic (FH)
10:10am Sunday School
11:15am Sanctuary Service
12:30pm Youth Potato Bar
1:30pm Holy Conferencing Gathering (Sanctuary)
4:30pm Laudamus Te Ringers Rehearsal
5pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm & 8pm AA (Rm 20)
5:30pm Lent Study Class (Rm 10)
5:45pm Youth Fellowship
5:45pm M&M's Children's Fellowship (FH)
5:45pm JAM Time Kids (Rm 28)
5:45pm Financial Peace (Rm 27) **(please note room change)**

Monday 2.22

10am PAA
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
6:30pm Scouts
7:30pm Praise Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 2.23

9:30am Craft Workshop (FH)
10am PAA (Rm. 27)
10am Evangelism Mtg (Library)
12pm Deadline for Warwick Weekly submissions
6pm Upward Practice (CC)
7pm Brothers of Christ (Rm 28)
7pm Men's Fraternity (Rm 10)
7:30pm Gloria Dei Ringers Rehearsal

Wednesday 2.24

9am TOPS (Rm 10)
9:30am Aesthetics Mtg (Jim's Office)
4:15pm Cherub Choir
4:45pm Junior Choir
5:25pm Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal
7pm Lampstand Band Rehearsal (CC)
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8pm Spanish AA (Rm 20)

Thursday 2.25

10am PAA (Rm 27)
12pm Lenten "Thursday Trinity Time" Prayer Group (Rm 20)
7pm BFFC Teaam Mtg (FH)
7pm Serve Team Mtg (Rm 27)
7:30pm ECMS Board

Friday 2.26

5pm Youth Officers Meeting (Panera)

Saturday 2.27

8am Pinewood Derby (FH)
9am Special Olympics (CC)
11am Upward Games (CC)
4pm Court of Honors (CC)

