



Children getting ready for the outdoor activities during our mini VBS at Courthouse Green last Friday.

# Warwick Weekly

8/28/16

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

## Our Summer Worship Journey Continues: "Lighten the Load."

Today we focus on picking up God's approach to healing by looking at the weight of mental stress. Next week we will wrap up the series by talking about the weight of it all and letting go! Join us, and don't forget to invite a friend!

## Hotdogs and Homework - Hands Across the City - CHG Next Steps!

Come meet some of the children you heard Deborah McClain talk about so eloquently during the Ripple moment on August 21! Building on the relationships that were made with these children and their families during the summer lunch program in Courthouse Green, we will be extending our ministry into the school year.

"Hotdogs and Homework" (thanks to Marsha Six for the creative title) will be held Mondays from 4:30pm-6pm at the Courthouse Green HOA office. We will be serving a light meal (usually hotdogs) and helping the kids with their homework.

We have opened the program up to children of all ages who have been active in the summer lunch program. Despite the fact that we will be offering homework help at an elementary, middle and high school level, there is no need to be an expert. Do not be intimidated! If you want to come and just help serve the hotdogs that will be fine, but know that there are a number of younger children who will likely just need help reading.

hands are reaching out  
all across Newport News  
...will yours?

Hands Across the City



## Get Ready for the Fall Kick-Off!

Summer travel? Out-of-town company? Too hot to leave the comforts of your air-conditioned home?

We're coming to an end of the summer months and Fall will be here before you know it! To welcome everyone back, we have a special event planned to "Kick-Off" the new season.

Sunday, September 11th, at 10:10am in the Celebration Center, we will join together during the Sunday School hour for a time of fellowship, refreshments, and some fun.

Our rising 3rd graders will be presented with Bibles, and new 6th graders will be recognized as they move up to the youth group. After our young people return to their new Sunday School classrooms, adults will be invited to stay for a short presentation to highlight what's coming this fall.

Worship services will be at their regular times for the day. We hope everyone will take part in the upcoming excitement that the season holds!



## "The Vine" - Beginning Wednesday, September 14!

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."* John 15:5

This fall, a new worship and fellowship opportunity is being offered once each month to connect us more closely to each other and to God. We'll gather at 5:30pm to worship in a brief service including music, scripture and devotion, prayer, and Holy Communion. Afterwards, everyone is invited to enjoy a meal together and a time of fellowship. There will be small groups led by the pastors for adults, youth and children, for anyone not participating in choir practice, band rehearsal, meetings, etc. Come, be blessed and stay connected to our Lord, The Vine.



**4 His Glory:** Join us today in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 11:15 for 4 His Glory. After the services, they will have their long awaited CD available for sale for \$15 cash or check (made out to WMUMC with note that it's for 4 His Glory). Photobooks will also be available for prices ranging from \$25 to \$80



## Things Of Interest . . .

### “Debt Free Goalkeepers” Financial Peace Offered This Fall

- \* This isn't your typical “money class.” Financial Peace University is practical, entertaining and fun!
- \* More than 1.5 million families and individuals have taken FPU.
- \* The average family completing the course pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days. That's an \$8,000 change in position!
- \* Whether you're struggling to make ends meet or you're a millionaire, FPU has something for you.
- \* FPU is based on more than 800 verses of Scripture and is a proven plan that will work for you.

The course is a Biblically based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's way. If you are interested in attending the next course, go to our website [wmumc.org](http://wmumc.org) and register for the course by Friday, September 2nd.

Class Begins  
Sept. 11 at 5:45pm  
Room 27

During this time, activities are offered at our church for infants (nursery), children, and youth. If you have questions, contact Jim Corliss at [jascorliss@cox.net](mailto:jascorliss@cox.net) or (757) 810-1679.

**The Family Faith Class** will start a new study on Sept 18th. “Fear of the Other” by William H. Willimon, invites Christians to consider the gospel command to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be “Other”, by loving them as they are - without any need for them to become like us. Our faith is in the God who comes to us again and again through so-called outsiders, strangers, immigrants, and those without status. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10am.

**Welcoming service for Bishop Lewis to be Sept. 17 in Richmond:** Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, the first African-American woman elected a bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, has been assigned to lead the Virginia Conference for the next four years. She will begin her term of office on September 1. A welcoming service of worship for Bishop Lewis will be held at Reveille UMC, 4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Sept. 17. Lewis was the first bishop elected by the 376 delegates at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference which met July 13-15 in Lake Junaluska, N.C. She is currently serving as district superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District in the North Georgia Conference.

## LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS . . .

### Attendance 8/21/16

8:30am - 51

9:00am - 104

11:15am - 61

Total Worship Attendance: 216

Sunday School Attendance: 112

**Christmas in August!** With all the sales on school supplies, it's a great time to pick up items for your “Christmas Child” shoeboxes. The children love to receive notebooks, colored pencils, markers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, small staplers/staples, and scissors (blunt ones only, please!) More information about our annual shoebox campaign will be available in late September.

**Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging Event:** Mark your calendars now for September 18th at 1pm. Our goal this time is to package 20,000 meals. To register to volunteer, please visit our website and click on the SHN banner.

**Senior Fellowship Book Club:** Come join us for WMUMC Senior Book Club (50+). The group chose “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrick Blackman, a New York Times best seller. Be a part of our book club and meet Ove, a curmudgeon who struggles each day to cope with pain and loss; and then finds friendships that change his life.

**When:** September 22nd, at 12:30pm

**Where:** Warwick Restaurant

**Call:** Ginny Spanger to register for lunch at 869-7613

**UMVIM Team Leader Training at WMUMC Sept 24, 2016:** United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) Team leader training is required for any new team leaders who would like to lead a team in mission such as the Red Bird team. Recertification is required every 5 years. We have both trainings scheduled to be held at WMUMC in the Fellowship Hall on Sept 24.

New Team Leader training will be taught from 9:30-3:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$55, lunch will be provided.

Visit <http://vaumc.org/page.aspx?pid=3241> to register.

From 4pm-6pm, we will be holding the Team Leader Recertification training. The focus of this training is to update leaders on the Virginia Conference UMVIM policies and guidelines, to share best practices, and to answer any questions you may have. There is a \$25 registration fee for each participant, payable when you register. A meal will NOT be provided. Visit <http://vaumc.org/UMVIMRecertification> to register.

Pre-registration is required for both classes. Everyone must be registered before Sept 17th.

### Choir Rehearsals Start Soon:

Youth Choirs (6th to 12th grade):

**Youth Choir:** Rehearses Sundays from 5pm to 5:45pm  
First rehearsal is Sunday, September 25 at 4:30pm

**Laudamus Te Ringers:** experienced ringers.  
Rehearses Sundays from 4:30pm to 5pm  
First rehearsal is Sunday, September 25

**Cherub Choir:** 4 and 5 year olds and first grade.  
Rehearses Wednesdays from 4:15pm to 4:45pm  
First rehearsal is Wednesday, September 14th

**Junior Choir:** 2nd to 6th grade children.  
Rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:45pm to 5:25pm  
First rehearsal is Wednesday, September 14th

**Jubilate Ringers:** 3rd to 6th grade Handbell Choir  
Rehearses Wednesdays from 5:25pm to 5:45pm  
First rehearsal is Wednesday, September 14th

**Praise Choir:** Sings at the 8:30am service, adults and senior youth  
Rehearses on Mondays from 7:30pm to 9pm.  
First Rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7 at 7pm

**Chancel Choir:** Sings at the 11:15am service, adults and senior youth  
Rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 9pm  
First Rehearsal is Wednesday, September 9th at 8pm

**Gloria Dei Ringers:** adults/youth who are experienced bell ringers  
Rehearses Tuesdays from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.  
First rehearsal is Tuesday, September 27th

## Fall Confirmation is Being Planned for

**Rising Grades 6 to 12:** Confirmation classes will begin in September for our annual journey with confirmands, the pastors and mentors. If you have a youth in 6th to 12th grade who has not been confirmed, please watch for upcoming announcements for the schedule. If you have questions about confirmation, please contact one of the pastors.

**Backpack Blessing:** Attention Children K to 5th grade! Join us on Sunday, September 11th and bring a friend to any one of our three services. Our annual Backpack Blessing will get you ready for a new school year. Each child will also be presented with a special gift to keep on their backpack.



## Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

**Registration:** WMUMC sponsors this Christian basketball league for children K to 5th grade and cheerleading for children K to 8th grade. This is a wonderful opportunity for children and adults in the community. Each player will grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially as they develop character, an understanding of sportsmanship and respect for authority that will help them on and off the court. Registrations are: 9/22 at 5pm-6:45pm; 9/26 at 5pm-7pm, 10/1 at 10am-12pm; 10/11 at 5pm-6:45pm and 10/15 at 12pm-2pm. All registrations are in the Celebration Center.



**Free items:** If you are looking for children's craft items, past VBS cd's, games, and other items, please visit the 2nd grade Sunday School classroom and all items on the tables are free to take.

## Fun for Kids in Sunday School

All kids Pre-K to Grade 5 are invited to our Celebration Center today at 10:10am for Sunday School opening. Kids gather there for music and video fun, and then go to their age level classrooms with their own teacher. This month the kids are studying the Bible verse: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* (Galatians 5:22-23) Children also collect Bible Bucks for different assignments, tasks and positive behavior each Sunday. Encourage your child to invite friends. Feel free to speak to any Sunday School leader if you have any questions.

## Children and Youth

Summer is coming to an end and our children and youth have enjoyed their different missions here and away.

**Pre-K, Children's and Youth Fellowship meetings** will resume on Sunday, September 11th beginning at 5:45pm. The JAM Time Kids (pre-K) will meet in room 28. Contact Bonnie Turner at 877-0551 for more information. M&M's (children 1st to 5th grade) will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Sharon Ellis at 872-8495 for more information. The youth (6th to 12th grade) will meet in the youth room. Contact John Evans at 877-5905 for more information.

**Parents of Youth** from grade 6 through grade 12: We will have a Parent meeting this afternoon, August 28th, at 4:00-5:30. We will discuss this coming year, activities, and other items important to your youth and having a great experience this year. I look forward to seeing everyone and hope you can make it. The more we have the better our year might be. Please support your Youth group! Contact John Evans at youthweb@wmumc.org email 876-5610 cell/text

## ECMS Registration is open for fall

**classes:** Early Childhood Musik School uses an international curriculum "Musikgarten" which encompasses a full spectrum of classes from birth to age 9. Share with your child the gift of music, the gift that lasts a lifetime. Classes begin September 12th, pre-registration is required. Contact Page Williams at 874-9268 to learn more.



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.

## Expand your Spirit Through Prayer . . .

**Morning Prayer:** Loving God, as I embark on the adventure of this new day, I will imagine you as my mother or father, teaching me to walk with cords of human kindness and love, a tether as you guide me along. Therefore I will not fear failure or worry that I will not have enough time or goods if I give a little to those in need. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:** Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Thank you for bringing me home to you. As I fall asleep, I will consider your steadfast love for me and repeat with my breathing, "You are rich toward me, and I am rich toward you. You are rich toward me, and I am rich toward you." Amen.

### A Note About Congregational Care:

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 or text our care line at (757) 509-7611. If you are going to the hospital, please let us know the date, time, and hospital where you will be receiving care. Due to HIPPA regulations, the hospital will not automatically inform the church of your hospitalization.



### Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or

**care facility:** Fran Shaffer (Mennowood), Jane Guthrie (St. Francis), Beth Welch, Ginny Masters, Sonny Wood, Bob Warthan, Marguerite Proffitt, Jane Goetz, Chris Ployd, Jewel Stalnaker, Julia Frank, Beverly Mayeaux, Kathy Young, Ruth McGhee, Laurie Lasher, Pat Hodges, Eugene Wingo, Jim Beran, Steve Crossett, Sharon Flick, Kay Packard, Mike Clevenger, Norma Coleman, Carol Lett, Carol Bennett, Samantha Fries, Joe Gindhart, Lynn Bean, Jane Shaffer, Laura Parsons, Wayne Six, Marti Millner, Christopher Luke, Fred Townsend, Scott Six, Neville Family, Williams Family, Matt Cox

**Deployed Armed Forces:** Mel Hofler (in Korea)

### Thank You Notes:

Dear Warwick Memorial, Melanie and I would like to express our appreciation for the warmth and compassion which you all shared with us during the last month. This summer was a roller coaster of emotions and family experiences. Christ is the ultimate healer, protector and restorer and His love has definitely been with us. The cards, the notes, and posts have all helped us through this. Thank you so much for everything and being a great church family. Psalms 71:20 "You have allowed me to suffer much hardship, but you will restore me to life again and lift me up from the depths of the earth." God Bless and thank you - *John and Melanie Evans*

We are social, so keep up to date with us  
and look us up:



## Your Guide to the Latest at WMUMC . .

### Today

8:30am Sanctuary Service  
9:00am The Lampstand Service (CC)  
10:10am Sunday School  
11:15am Sanctuary Service  
4pm Youth Parents Meeting (youth room)  
5:30pm AA (Rm 20)  
8pm AA (Rm 20)

### Monday 8.29

10am PAA (Rm 27)  
11:45am Summer Lunch Program (CHG)  
6pm AAU Basketball (CC)  
6:30pm Scouts

### Tuesday 8.30

10am PAA (Rm 27)  
11:45am Summer Lunch Program (CHG)  
12pm Deadline for Warwick Weekly submissions  
6pm AAU Basketball (CC)  
7pm Ministry Core Team Mtg (Rm 27)  
7pm Endowment Committee Mtg (Rm 10)

### Wednesday 8.31

7am Morning Prayer (Parlor)  
11:45am Summer Lunch Program (CHG)  
6:30pm Lampstand Planning Team (Rm 27)  
7pm Lampstand Band Rehearsal (CC)  
8pm Spanish AA (Rm 20)

### Thursday 9.1

10am PAA (Rm 27)  
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

### Friday 9.2

2:30pm Bulletin Stuffing (Library)

### Saturday 9.3

6pm AA (Rm 20)

For complete calendar please visit the website at [wmumc.org](http://wmumc.org) and contact Jim King at [facility@wmumc.org](mailto:facility@wmumc.org) for room availability and reservations.

**Deadline for Warwick Weekly submissions is Tuesday at 12 noon**



### Join Us for Mid-Week Morning Prayer:

Regular prayer is vitally important to your soul and joining with others makes it even better. Be a part of this life-shaping practice on **Wednesday mornings at 7 am** in our library. It won't be too long, and you should be done with plenty of time to make it to work. Mark your calendar to join us Wednesday mornings.