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2017 Summer Series



Warwick Weekly 7/16/17

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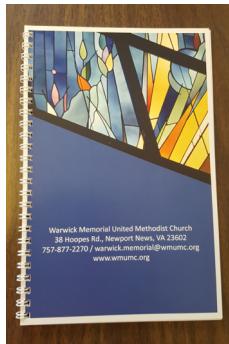
Today's Question From God

Today, in our summer series on the questions that God Asks Us, we turn to the story of Jacob in Genesis 32:24-30 to find God asking, "What is your name?" Next week we turn to 1 Kings 19:10-13, to find God asking, "What are you doing here?"

A companion book for this series is **Questions God Asks Us** by Upper Room author and pastor Trevor Hudson. You can find digital and print editions at most bookstores.

Church Directories Are Here

If you had your picture taken by Lifetouch last November or December, your free directory is now available. They are on the tables in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall and laid out in alphabetical order. If you need additional copies or did not get your picture taken, please let our Administrative Assistant, Zena, know by calling the office at 877-2270.



Middle School Youth REACH Mission Trip

Please keep our middle school youth in your prayers as they travel next week to Roanoke for their REACH mission trip from Saturday, July 22nd through Saturday July 29th. We will commission our youth today during all services.

Mini VBS – Courthouse Green

On Friday, July 21 and Friday, August 4, from 1pm-3pm, we will host Mini Vacation Bible School days for the kids at Courthouse Green. With the increase in numbers of kids attending the summer lunch program we need all the help we can get to make this a memorable experience. If you can spare a couple of hours to help bring Jesus to the community, please contact Sharon Ellis at 757-478-5020 or Linda McLawhorn at 757-713-1519.



Where is Pastor Peggy?

Last week, Pastor Peggy started her required annual training in Atlanta, GA through the rest of the month. This training, called "Course of Study," is offered by The United Methodist Church for the education of persons serving as Local Pastors and covers fundamental theological and practice of ministry skills.



Please pray for her formation as a pastor, for the challenges of being a student away from home, and for her safe travel back to us. This year, Pastor Peggy will complete course work in Bible 1, Theological Heritage 1, Formation & Discipleship, and Transformative Leadership. The training she is attending is at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, where Pastors Bert and Gina completed seminary.

Summer Lunch Program at Courthouse Green Needs You

We need volunteers every day, Monday to Friday 11:30 through the end of lunch, just after 1pm. Volunteers help to serve lunch to the children and look after them while they are eating and maybe play a game with them if you are so inclined. You can register on our website at wmumc.org or contact the church office at 877-2270. All kids are offered a meal, so feel free to bring your own children with you. They can eat while you help.

New this Year –VBS Reunion/Movie Night

Mark your calendar now for Sunday July 30th - 5pm to 8pm. Join us as a family to watch Disney's **Inside Out**, a fun, family movie that will cause you to laugh and also have good conversation with your kids about how our experiences and emotions work in our lives. Plus we all can wear our super-hero shirts or costumes and spend time with friends made at Vacation Bible School Hero Central 2017! The church will provide popcorn and a free movie and some fun reunion activities and surprises for our VBS kiddos. Bring blankets to sit on in the gym, and you are welcome to bring snacks to share. This is open to everyone, so you don't need to have attended VBS to join in. **See you on the 30th, Heros.**



Upcoming Events & Celebrations

Cookie Walk and Bazaar Prep: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month until September (September they begin meeting weekly until the event), the craft ladies meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30am to work on the craft items for the bazaar in December. All are invited to help, no craft skills are required, and there is a job for everyone. Bring a dish to share when we break for lunch. **We hope our members and friends will remember the Bazaar when they are making jams and jellies and pickles this year. We have lots of jelly jars and pint canning jars - just ask and we'll get them to you!**

Homemade items are always popular! Feel free to contact Sharon Blake at vtblake@cox.net or Marsha Six at msixva@aol.com or 874-3071 with any questions or if you have craft donations they may be able to use.

Next craft day is Tuesday, July 18th.



Mission Encounter

Kay Fries is attending the UMC Mission Encounter event sponsored by the Virginia Annual Conference. The event is asking for the following contributions for the organization Days for Girls:

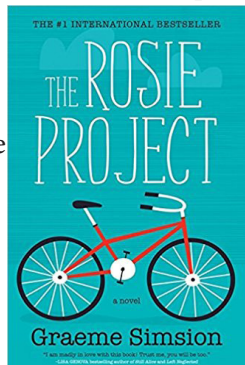
- One-gallon size (non-zipper/slider) freezer bags
- Travel size soap
- Terry wash cloths
- Medium to dark panty briefs (Girls size 10-14)
- Cotton flannel (any size) in medium to dark colors; no camouflage, animal or people print (must be washed and dried with no fabric softener)

There is a plastic bin in the church office to collect the donations. All items are needed before next Sunday, July 23.

Senior Fellowship Book Club

The Rosie Project

Australian author, Graeme Simsion, gives us a sparkling, laugh-out-loud novel!!! This story lurches from one set piece of deadpan nudge-nudge, wink-wink humor to another. Join us for BOOK CLUB and share the story about a brilliant but emotionally challenged geneticist who develops a questionnaire to screen potential mates. A fun read for certain!! Join us on Thursday July 20th, 12:30pm at the new Schooners Restaurant. Call Ginny Spangler 869-7613 to register.



LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS . . .

Attendance 7/2/17

8:30am - 61
9:00am - 98
11:15am - 63
Total Worship Attendance: 222
Sunday School Attendance: 112

Attendance 7/9/17

8:30am - 68
9:00am - 86
11:15am - 62
Total Worship Attendance: 216
Sunday School Attendance: 114

What Is Julianna Doing This Week?

Julianna has continued serving in leadership at the Summer Lunch Program at Courthouse Green Community. The Summer Lunch Program crew even thought outside the box and made PB&J for the kids when the food supplier didn't show up one day! Pastor Bert and Jules have also started "Something New" with Facebook live prayer and discussion time on Thursdays at 3pm, it is now called "PB&J" with Pastor Bert and Jules? She organized a successful mission trip to Shalom Farms yesterday and is working on the upcoming VBS days at Courthouse Green as well as the VBS reunion on July 30th. Be sure to stop by and say "Hi" to Jules if you are at the church any day (except at lunch time when she is at CHG).

College Age Young Adults Group

The group has been meeting every couple of weeks over the summer. They are currently looking for a summer service project. If you would like to be included, please contact Pastor Peggy or Alyssa Godwin for more information.

Men's Summer Backyard Cookout and Bible Study "Sweet Tea and Timothy"

Every Tuesday this summer at 6pm Cookout and 7pm study. Again this summer we will be hosting a cookout and Bible study for men at different homes of the men of our church. Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and drinks are provided by the host. You are welcome to bring a side or a dessert. These Tuesday get-togethers are for all men, not just our church members so please invite a neighbor or friend. In the past 3 years we have done Grill and Phil (Philippians), Flames and James and last year, Eat and Pete (1st and 2nd Peter). This year.....Sweet Tea and Timothy! We will spend 10 Tuesdays studying 1st and 2nd Timothy.. We know

it's summer and everyone is busy, so...come to as many as you can. Next Tuesday we will meet at the home of Tom Harris, 505 Spinnaker Road, 23602 If you have any questions you can call Gerry at 880-9485 or email him at ggmingee@verizon.net. See you in the backyard!



Friday Yoga Classes

Yoga classes have resumed! **Friday evenings at 6pm.** in the Celebration Center. All are welcome, no pre-registration required. The cost is \$10 per class. If you have any questions, you may call Karen Minetree at 369-8081.



Classes Coming This Fall

Financial Peace University (Sunday Nights 9/17 to 11/12)

Divorce Care - divorce recovery support groups, dates TBA

Children and Youth Activities

Children's Summer Fun

This year we have a few events scheduled for the M&M children (K through 5th grade) as well as events at Courthouse Green that all children are invited to:

July 14: Summer Outreach at Grissom Library
 July 21: Mini VBS at Courthouse Green
 July 28: Summer Outreach at Grissom Library
 August 1st and 2nd: Upward Clinic in the Celebration Center (children will be bought over here from Courthouse Green.)

Don't forget, we need volunteers to help with these additional events. Please contact the church office at 877-2270 if you are able to help. All children are invited to participate.

Generosity

Vacation Time and Church Giving

Have you given it any thought? You really should! Have you ever thought that summertime is a time when you should not only be generous in ways to bless yourself and your family, but it might be a good idea to be generous in our faithfulness and giving back to God? Unfortunately, churchgoers often forget about their giving and tithing in the summer while traveling and vacationing. It is a kind of "out of sight, out of mind" mistake that far too many make. We get focused on the time of year as a time of extravagance. You know, we spend the extra night at the beach or splurge for the all-you-can eat seafood. Yet, we somehow forget about God's extravagant love for us and our faithfulness to God's ongoing work in the world, even in summer. This summer we encourage you to keep God in sight. Use the summer as a time of becoming joy-filled and re-charged in God's Spirit, but also as a time to be blessed as you are faithful in giving to what God is still doing as we take our vacations.

Other Things of Interest

Upcoming Christian Concerts at Busch Gardens

July 22 - **Rend Collective**, Northern Irish Christian folk rock), 6:30pm and **Jeremy Camp**, a minister who happens to play music as a way to minister, 8:15pm
 July 29 - **Mercy Me**, made waves in 2001 with the major crossover single, "I Can Only Imagine, 7:30pm
 August 19th - **SwitchFoot**, a world-class live act, "Meant to Live," "Dare You to Move," "Stars" and "Mess of Me", 6:30pm.

Concerts are free as part of your admission to the park.

Fun for Kids in Sunday School



All kids Pre-K to Grade 5 are invited to our Celebration Center on Sunday mornings at 10:10am for Sunday School opening. Kids gather there for music and video fun, and this summer we are working as a large group together in the Celebration Center.

Each month the kids are studying a new Bible verse. Children also collect Bible Bucks for different assignments, tasks, and positive behavior each Sunday. Every third Sunday is "Sunday Funday." Please encourage your child to invite friends. Feel free to speak to any Sunday School leader if you have any questions.

We also have Youth Sunday School available each week. Grade 8 and Up are in the Youth Room, and grades 6-7 meet in the 6th grade room on the educational hallway.

Booster Seats Needed

Did you know the church van must obey the same laws as your car for transporting children under the age of 8? All kids must be in an appropriately aged child restraint device until their 8th birthday. If your children are over the age of 8 and you have a booster seat that you would like to donate, please consider giving it to the church. We are only looking for the booster style seats which have not have reached their expiration date and have never been involved in an accident. If your child restraint device meets those requirements, and you no longer need it, you can bring it to the church office where we will keep it on hand for use in our new church van.

JESUS CHRIST said, "I will not leave you orphaned." He said, "God is your Father." He would not treat God and people differently. He did not speak of people and the transcendent God as separated. He did not teach that God is far off and to be feared. He did not teach that God had cast us off. Always God is the Comforter. God would have us feel that we are embraced in warm cotton.— *Toyohiko Kagawa, Writings of Toyohiko Kagawa*

More C3 Ministers Complete Training

Congratulations to Elizabeth Hamilton, Josie Mitchell Cole, Sandy Marcuson, Cindy Skaggs, Jim Corliss, and Julianna Smith for recently completing the 10 hour basic training for the C3 ministry. Congregational and Community Care Ministers (shortened to C3) are caring, trained laypeople who have volunteered to expand and enhance our church's care ministry. If you want to know more or are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Bert at pastorbert@wmumc.org.

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Household Prayers

Morning

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Living Word, shine on this day. Quicken my steps and open my ears that I might approach each neighbor with an expectant heart. Amen.

Evening

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Beacon of truth, I entrust to you now the day that has been: the tasks accomplished and tasks overlooked; the friends acknowledged and the friends ignored; the silence kept and the silence squandered. In your mercy, mend these tattered offerings. Grant me the gift of rest this night and good companions on the morrow, as you speak me further down the path toward home. Amen.

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 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 HIPAA regulations, the hospital will not automatically inform the church of your hospitalization.

Prayer List

Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or care facility: Fran Shaffer (York Convalescent Center), Jane Guthrie (St. Francis), Harry Fisher (The Newport), Kay Fippinger, Ginny Masters, Anne Greene, Jane Goetz, Chris Ployd, Beverly Mayeaux, Pat Hodges, Julia Frank, Sharon Blake, Marguerite Proffitt (cards can be sent to 4284 Stevens Drive, Carrsville, VA 23315), Lynn Davenport, Bill and Helen Brady, Ed Baines, Sharon Davenport, Shaun Kelly, Flo Parker, Stephanie Hopson, Cindy Stevenson, Phyllis Arbogast, Eleanor Lucento, Kevin Panchision, Rodgers Family, Garekai Johnston.

Deployed Armed Forces: Brian Budlove (Japan), Mike Kinder, Johnny Gonzalez, Nate Jones (Cuba), Richard Bean.

Thank You Notes:

VBS Team Members, What a wonderful, amazing wrap up on Thursday night to a superhero week!! "Jesus is our Superhero" certainly was front row. My heart was full of love for the kids, youth and of course all of you. I wish I could put into words how much your support and hard work means to me. Sharon, I love sharing the directorship with you. You and the team are the best!! The addition of Pelican Snowballs on Thursday night resulted in a time of fellowship and interaction with visiting families. That was an unexpected bonus. Once again, the Youth, 25 of them, volunteered and were super role models for the VBS kids. Please let them know how much we appreciate them. With the addition of some new faces, our team is growing and benefiting from new ideas. We also had lots of interest in our children's programs from new families. Thank you for everything! See you at the VBS reunion on July 30th. *Bonnie Turner*

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Monday, July 17

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:00am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
10:00am Peninsula Agency on Aging (FH)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
6:00pm AAU Basketball (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 6

Tuesday, July 18

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:00am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
9:30am Craft Day (FH)
10:00am Peninsula Agency on Aging (Rm 27)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
6:00pm AAU Basketball (CC)

Wednesday, July 19

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:00am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
1:15pm Staff meeting
5:30pm Lampstand Band Rehearsal (CC)
8:00pm AA Spanish Speaking (Rm 20)

Thursday, July 20

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:00am AAU Summer Camp
9:30am Beth Moore Bible Study classes
10:00am Peninsula Agency on Aging (FH)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
4:00pm Excel Basketball (CC)
7:00pm SPRC Team Mtg (Library)

Friday, July 21

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:00am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
1:00pm CHG Vacation Bible School
6pm Yoga (CC)
Youth Leave for REACH

Saturday, July 22

6:00pm AA English Speaking

Sunday, July 23

8:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9am Contemporary Worship (Celebration Center)
10:10am Sunday School
11:15am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30pm AA (Rm 20)
8pm AA (Rm 20)

For complete calendar please visit the website at wmumc.org and contact Jim King at facility@wmumc.org for room availability and reservations.

Deadline for Warwick Weekly submissions is Tuesday at 12 noon

We are social, look us up:



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