



Our 2017 Red Bird Mission Team.
The team returned home yesterday.

Warwick Weekly 8/13/17

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

Questions from God - How is God Asking Us to Shape our Lives?

Today, we continue our summer series listening to scripture for questions God asks of human beings. Today we hear about Jesus' encounter with a man who is sitting by a pool of water that is rumored to have healing powers. He asks the man "Do you want to get well?" We would think the answer should be obvious, so why would Jesus even ask him that? Listen to the reading of the scripture from John 5:1-9, as we prepare to ponder why the Lord who knows everything, would ask such a question? The good news is that God waits to help us find an answer in Him. Remember our summer worship series is based on a book by Trevor Hudson, entitled *The Questions God Asks*. The book makes a great summer reading companion and there is an on-line study available from The Upper Room if you want to go deeper at: <http://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/questions-god-asks-us>

Upcoming Sermon Series

Join us beginning September 10th for our fall Sermon Series "Toolbox for Life - When DIY Doesn't Measure Up." This series is meant to jump-start this busy time of year, when with all the "back to" schedule can be overwhelming.

Join us and settle in to see what God wants us to focus life toward. The pastors will focus on tools that help make life in Christ all it should be. The reality is that it is hard to DIY the faith thing. Join us, and let's do it together!

Get on board our "Disciple-Ship"!

Also on September 10, we will be celebrating the beginning of the fall season with the Sunday School Promotion to the next grade level and launching our ministries and activities for children and adults. Put it on your calendar and watch for details in the coming weeks!



WMUMC Mobile APP Launches This Fall

Coming in just a few weeks, you can connect to WMUMC on your mobile phone and tablet. This summer we have been developing an App that will give users fingertip access to information and connections that will make your experience in our community that much better.

Thanks to support from the Endowment Team and guidance from the Generosity Team, we will make the WMUMC App available for general use in September. The app will work on both IOS and Android devices, and it will include easy event registration and church check-ins, helpful news and devotional content, an awesome Bible interface, convenient giving, social media connections, ways to contact pastors and request help, and much more. And, it's free for you to use.

We will also be completing some website renovations at the same time, so look for a new look at wmumc.org when we launch the App. Thanks for your patience. Look for more details soon.

Red Bird Mission Team and Pastoral Care

Our Red Bird Mission Team, including Pastor Peggy, returned yesterday. This intergenerational team took the week to serve and significantly improve the living conditions of a home and be part of mission development. Red Bird mission provides an array of services including medical care, community development, fresh water, education and home repair and improvements to the residents of the counties identified as the poorest in the United States. In 2014, analysis by the New York Times identified Clay County, KY, as the "the hardest place in America to live".



The Cloud family will continue on with a time of rest and relaxation and will return on the 26th.

Rev. Carole Stockberger will be reading during the 8:30am service this week and next week, Pastor Peggy will preach the 9am and 11:15am services. Pastor Peggy can be reached for pastoral care by calling the church office at 877-2270 or the Careline at 757-509-7611.

Divorce Care Begins September 10th

Warwick Memorial is very happy to offer Divorce Care to our church and community. You do not need to be a member to take advantage of this very helpful education and support group. The 13 week group is run by a compassionate and experienced facilitator with several years of Divorce Care experience. Divorce Care will be offered on Sundays at the same time as our children's and youth ministries so there is a fun and formative place for your children (5:45pm to 7pm). The cost is \$15 for all materials and scholarships are available. You can learn more and register by visiting our website WMUMC.org.

Financial Peace University Begins September 17th

Are you worried about your finances as 2018 approaches? Need to learn how to budget? Have you been seeking a way to better manage finances, especially in light of the call of your faith? Then Financial Peace University is your answer.

To learn more and to reserve your spot, visit our website or Facebook events and register by September 5th (to allow time for materials to arrive). There is a fee for this course which includes all class materials! Jim Corliss will be the class leader. Children are invited to participate in our Children's Fellowship programs during that time. (Christ United Methodist Church will have a class on Thursdays at 6:30pm if you unable to attend on Sunday evenings)

Join us on **Sundays at 5:45pm beginning September 17th** for this transformative 9 week course.

Upcoming Events & Celebrations

Summer Lunch Program at Courthouse Green Needs You!

The summer lunch ministry still needs 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. We need at least 4 volunteers per day 6 preferred. This week needs some extra help as some of our regular volunteers, as well as Pastor Peggy will be at Red Bird. Please help make this time fun for our CHG children and register today!

Do You Control Your Phone— Or Does Your Phone Control You?

The smartphone has become part of us, fully integrated into the daily patterns of our lives. Never more connected, we seem to be growing more distant. Never more efficient, we have never been more distracted. **All are welcome to join the Family Faith Sunday School Class as we begin a new study series on August 13**, using the book *“12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You”* by Tony Reinke. The author encourages us to maximize the many blessings, avoid the various pitfalls, and wisely wield the most powerful gadget of human connection ever unleashed.

Christmas in August

Be sure to watch the back-to-school sales for inexpensive Operation Christmas Child shoebox items! Small school supplies pack easily and are greatly appreciated by children in impoverished communities.

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, August 15th.

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS . . .

Attendance 8/6/17

8:30am - 66

9:00am - 132

11:15am - 72

Total Worship Attendance: 270

Sunday School Attendance: 106

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

Join us on Tuesdays this summer for 6pm Cookout and 7pm study. We are 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. 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.

Remaining schedule is as follows:

- * August 15th will be at the home of Kevin Moorehead.
- * August 22th will be at the home of Daniel Serda.
- * August 29th will be at the home of Bobby Minetree.



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 Begin Again September 8th

The next 10-week session for Yoga will begin September 8th. Join us on **Friday evenings at 6pm** in the Celebration Center. All are welcome, no pre-registration required. The cost is \$10 per class or \$60 for all 10. If you have any questions, you may call Karen Minetree at 369-8081.

Warwick Memorial to Host District Conference

As one of the larger churches in the York River District, we have been asked to host the annual gathering of our district for worship and to conduct important conference business. On Sunday, September 10th, delegates from across our district will gather in our Sanctuary at 3 pm. Members of our congregation will help lead the service, and we hear that our Congolese friends, the Nehemie's, will be joining us along with the Swahili speaking faith communities for music. All are welcome to be part of this important celebration.

Denbigh Day Parade Volunteers Needed

This year, Warwick Memorial will once again participate in the annual Denbigh Day Parade on September 16th. We need volunteers to walk with our new church bus and help promote our church. Please contact Marsha Six at msixva@aol.com or 874-3071 if you are interested in helping us on Denbigh Day.

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

Children, Youth and More . . .

Upward Registration is Coming

Annually, WMUMC offers a Christian-based basketball/cheerleading program for children K5 to 5th grade (8th grade for cheerleaders). To learn more, visit our Facebook page or contact Brenna or James Watkins at upward@wmumc.org. The registration schedule is as follows:

Thurs 8/17 - 5pm to 7pm
 Sat 8/26 - 10am to 12pm
 Thur 9/21 - 4:45pm to 6:45pm
 Sat 9/23 - 11:45am to 1:45pm
 Tues 10/3 - 4:45pm to 6:45pm
 Sat. 10/14 - 12pm to 2pm

Practices begin in November and first game is in January.



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.

Back-to-School Circle of Prayer Sept. 5th at 5:30pm

Add this to your Back-to-School list!

On the first day of school, join other students, friends and family, teachers and school workers and administrators as we share a blessing to begin this year's school year. We'll form a huge Circle of Prayer in the Celebration Center, coming together as a community for our schools, looking to God for guidance and protection throughout the year. Bring a friend to share in the power of prayer, enjoy light refreshments, and receive a small gift as a reminder of this time. Come be a part of the Circle of Prayer!

Confirmation Classes to Start Soon for Rising 6th to 12th Graders

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 join us on September 17th for our parent orientation at 10:10am in the library. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 19th 4pm to 6pm. If you have questions about confirmation, please contact one of the pastors.

Notes From Your Generosity Team

Use Offering Envelopes for Your Contributions, Please!

Most of you have offering envelopes for the year with an assigned number. If you did not get a box at the beginning of the year and would like a box, please let Zena know in the church office (877-2270 or warwick.memorial@wmumc.org). You do not need to be a church member, or have pledged in order to have an assigned box of offering envelopes. Pew envelopes are also available, please write your name on them. You can place a personal check or cash in an envelope. For pew envelopes, please print the giver's name, gift amount(s), and name(s) of account(s) to benefit. Account names include (but are not limited to): Operating Fund; Building Fund (for the Celebration Center); Sunday School Program; Discretionary/Communion; and other ongoing funds you are welcome to give to.

After worship services, the counters record the gifts and prepare the bank deposits. They do not need to manually record individual gift details when an offering envelope is used (details for data entry are on the envelopes). Personal checks not enclosed in offering envelopes require manually recording the gift details which takes time and allows for mistakes to occur because personal checks often lack the space to write clearly how the gift amount shall be distributed. The information from the offering envelopes helps to apply to the correct pledges or accounts into our database and then provide you with a quarterly statement of your individual gift details.

Our counters, financial secretary and administrative assistant appreciate those who comply with this request. They are able to record gifts correctly and quickly. Your gifts are important to support God's work. Thanks again for all your gifts!
 From the Generosity Team Leader, Jim Corliss

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.

Expand your Spirit Through Prayer . . .

Your Guide to the Latest at WMUMC . . .

Household Prayers

Morning

God of ferment, God of life, as I recall the night's unsettled dreams ... as I foresee the day's demands ... come to me in the desires of my heart, in the anger of the excluded, in all I might discount— until I find you everywhere, until your holy love leavens every impulse, for I pray in the name of Jesus, whose surprising call continues. Amen.

Evening

Joy of my heart, thank you for this day's unexpected turns: for provision when I was stymied and laughter born of grace. As I rest in your mercy open my heart to your unruly love and the neighbors you have put in my path. 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 or the church office at 877-2270 (9am to 5pm). 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, Flo Parker, Stephanie Hopson, Cindy Stevenson, Phyllis Arbogast, Eleanor Lucento, Vicki Evans, Nicole Hulbert, Erin Finley-Orick, Pat Kennedy, Norma Coleman, Fae Conner, Lisa Crittenden

Deployed Armed Forces: Brian Budlove (Japan), Mike Kinder, Johnny Gonzalez, Richard Bean, David Morales (Basic Training, National Guard), Brian Rose.

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We are social, look us up:



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Today

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

Monday, August 14

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
10:00am Peninsula Agency on Aging (FH)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
6pm AAU Basketball (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 6
6:30pm Special Olympics Mtg (Rm 27)

Tuesday, August 15

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
9:30am Crafts (FH)
10am Peninsula Agency on Aging (Rm 27)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
6pm AAU Basketball (CC)
6pm Good Grief Meeting (Rm 20)
7pm Sweet Tea & Timothy Bible Study (see pg 2)

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am AAU Summer Camp
9:30am Beth Moore Bible Study class (Rm 27)
10am Peninsula Agency on Aging (FH)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
4pm NO Excel Basketball (CC)
5pm Upward Registration (CC)
7pm Core Team Meeting

Friday, August 18

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:00am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
6pm Yoga (CC)

Saturday, August 19

6:00pm AA English Speaking

Sunday, August 20

8:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9am Contemporary Worship (CC)
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