



During our 2-day Upward Basketball Clinic organized last week for our Courthouse Green lunch program kids, Coash ShaVohn Curley helped the participants learn a few basketball skills.

Warwick Weekly 8/6/17

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 will focus on "Who do you say I am?" and Mark's recount of Jesus asking His disciples who they said he was in Mark 8:27-29. You may find yourself in a place today, like Jesus, asking, "Who do you think I am?" 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>

WMUMC Welcomes Brazilian Bishop

Today we welcome Brazilian Methodist Bishop, Adriel Maia, and his wife, Mariluse, for a short visit as part of their work here in the United States. Bishop Maia has served as the editor of the Portuguese-Brazil edition of *The Upper Room*, and has been a leader in the National Council of Christian Churches (Brazil). He is in Virginia presenting at the school of Christian mission and attending the VA Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation. Jim & Virginia Taylor will be their hosts, and the Maia's are with us today to help lead worship. **They will also make a mission presentation during the Sunday School Hour in the Fellowship Hall.**

All are Welcome!



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

Early this morning, our Redbird Mission Team, including Pastor Peggy, departed for service in Eastern Kentucky. This intergenerational team will serve to significantly improve the living conditions of a home and be part of mission development. Redbird 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". Pastor Bert and Gina and their family will be leaving tomorrow morning to meet up with the team. Please hold the team and the people they will serve in your prayers. The majority of the team, along with Pastor Peggy, will return on the 12th. The Cloud family will continue on with a time of rest and relaxation and will return on the 26th.



This week, as our pastors are serving on the Redbird mission team, we are grateful that Rev. Carole Stockberger will be covering any emergency situations requiring pastoral care. If you are in need of Rev. Stockberger, please contact the church office at (757) 877-2270, or call her home at (757) 833-8614. Pastor Peggy will resume regular pastoral coverage on August 13th.

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. (Don't forget, today is still part of the tax-free weekend for school supplies too!)

A Note From the Library

Our goal is to make sure library materials are always as available and accessible as possible, and to do so we need to know where they are! Please use a library clipboard to list your books, DVDs, etc., even if they are being used only for a short time. Dorothy Scott-Wrenn and Cathy Haskell later input your check-out information into the computer system and then scan your items back in when they are returned.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that items can be located whenever members of our congregation would like to use them.

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.

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS . . .

Attendance 7/30/17

8:30am - 42

9:00am - 127

11:15am - 70

Total Worship Attendance: 239

Sunday School Attendance: 129

4 His Glory to Sing Next Sunday

Join us next Sunday, August 13th for the 8:30 and 11:15 services in the Sanctuary to hear the wonderful sound of God through our very own quartet group, 4 His Glory.



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.

No Meeting This Tuesday.

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 ggingee@verizon.net. See you in the backyard!

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.

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.

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.

A message from Bishop Sharma D. Lewis:

July 27, 2017

Brothers and Sisters,

Charlottesville, Virginia, has become the center of national attention as various white supremacist organizations have staged rallies in the downtown parks. Another rally, "Unite the Right," is planned for Saturday, August 12 in Emancipation Park, parallel to First United Methodist Church, in support of keeping a Confederate statue of Robert E. Lee.

Congregate Charlottesville and the Charlottesville Clergy Collective are two groups that are currently making plans to join together in an interfaith response to this rally.

At Annual Conference, I announced my vision for the clergy and laity of our conference to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve. The opportunity before us is one of influence; the influence to join together in holy resistance to groups who support white supremacy.

As I have cast this vision, I ask our clergy, can you use your influence to stand together in nonviolent protest? I ask the laity, can you use your influence and stand with Charlottesville's community members, groups and with our faith communities?

With this interfaith response, we as the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church have the potential to be a positive influence with our ecumenical brothers and sisters in Christ. We as the Church need to be a visible beacon to support this community against hate.

I urge our conference to partner together to support the Charlottesville District as well as the other faith and community groups whether through participation, presence or with our prayers. I will not be able to participate due to my scheduled renewal leave, but I hope you will join me in prayer for all involved in this interfaith endeavor as they show a witness to Christ.

Congregate Charlottesville put forth a call for 1,000 clergy and faith leaders to show up in Charlottesville, VA to confront the rally in late July and updates, training sessions and witness opportunities can be viewed at www.congregatceville.com.

The Charlottesville Clergy Collective (www.cvilleclergycollective.org) will also be sharing their plans once finalized. Please direct questions to the Rev. Phil Woodson (philwoodson.fumc@gmail.com), associate pastor at First UMC, or contact Congregate Charlottesville directly at congregatceville@gmail.com.

Grace and Peace,

Sharma D. Lewis

Expand your Spirit Through Prayer . . .

Your Guide to the Latest at WMUMC . . .

Household Prayers

Morning

In whatever shelter I wake this morning I know this place is holy because you meet me here. As I wash my body and prepare for the day, I remember baptismal waters and the claim upon my life. Wherever darkness looms, Sovereign God, traffic in mercy this day. Traffic in mercy this day. Amen.

Evening

As darkness spreads over the land, I trust that you move in it. As I yield the night to sleep and dreams, I pray you would remake me into a servant bold, for the sake of Jesus. 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. This coming week, **if you have an urgent situation, please call Rev. Stockberger at 757-833-8614 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, Shaun Kelly, Flo Parker, Stephanie Hopson, Cindy Stevenson, Phyllis Arbogast, Eleanor Lucento, Vicki Evans, Nicole Hulbert, Erin Finley-Orick, Pat Kennedy, Jim Russell, Norma Coleman, Fae Conner, Lisa Crittenden

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

Baptism News

Please welcome Selena Maria Salazar, niece of Erin Finley-Orick, to our church family. Selena was baptized last Sunday during the 11:15am service.

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We are social, look us up:



search @WarwickMemorial

Today

Red Bird Mission Team Leaves
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 7

Kaleidoscopy Camp Kids Leave
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
10am Aesthetics Committee (Jim's Office)
10:00am Peninsula Agency on Aging (FH)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
6pm AAU Basketball (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 6

Tuesday, August 8

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am AAU Summer Camp (CC)
10am Peninsula Agency on Aging (FH)
11:30am CHG Summer Lunch Program
6pm AAU Basketball (CC)
7pm NOS weet Tea & Timothy Bible Study (see pg 2)

Wednesday, August 9

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 10

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 Excel Basketball (CC)
7pm NO Trustee Team Meeting

Friday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 12

Red Bird Team returns
6:00pm AA English Speaking

Sunday, August 6

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 Tuesday at 12 noon