

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday After Epiphany

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

This Week At A Glance . .

January 22- Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Facebook Worship
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
6pm Children/Youth Ministry
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, January 23

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday Prep
12pm Meals on Monday Pick Up
6pm Upward (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, January 24

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
6pm Upward (CC)
6:30pm Boy Scouts (Rm 21)
7pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study (Rm 10)

Wednesday, January 25

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
6pm Family Dinner Church

Thursday, January 26

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
7pm Yoga (Rm 21)

Friday, January 27

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, January 28

10am Upward Games
4pm Covenant Class Post-Christmas (FH)

*For all event and room reservations
please email Rodney at
facility.mamager@wmumc.org.*

This Week's Message

Scripture This Week—Matthew 4:12-23

Following Jesus does not happen in the abstract but in the context, circumstances, and relationships of our lives. Our relationship with Jesus is grounded and experienced in the people and events of our lives and world. So it was for Peter, Andrew, James, and John. We see that throughout the remainder of Matthew's account of the gospel. He not only describes the life and ministry of Jesus but the ongoing shaping and forming of Peter's, Andrew's, James' and John's lives. That shaping and forming happened in Jesus' teaching of the beatitudes, in his healing of the sick, in his telling parables, in his feeding the 5000, in Peter complaining that they had left everything behind, in James and John arguing with the others and hoping to sit at Jesus' right and left, in Jesus' crucifixion, in his resurrection and ascension, and in the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The turning points of our lives bring us face to face with Jesus and they come in lots of ways. Sometimes they come as we planned, worked, and hoped for. Other times they are completely unexpected and take us by surprise. Sometimes they bring us joy and gladness. Other times we are filled with sorrow and loss. Sometimes they affirm everything we thought and believed. Other times they leave us confused and not knowing what we believe. You've probably experienced all of those and more in the turning points of your own life.

Each turning point comes with the opportunity for and the promise of Christ to refashion our lives. That's what Jesus did for Peter, Andrew, James, and John. "I will make you..." he says. That's what he does for us as well. He makes us more who we truly are to be. In him we begin to recognize ourselves.

Look at your lakes, boats, and nets, the circumstances of your life. What is the turning point you face today? What's happening? What do you see? Somewhere in your life today is a turning point, a place of repentance. Maybe you know exactly what it is. Maybe you've not yet recognized it. Maybe you've closed your eyes to it. Regardless, it is there and so is Jesus, beckoning, calling, longing, desiring. He stands there saying, "Follow me. I've picked you." What are you going to do?

Adapted from www.interruptingthesilence.com

Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the love of Jesus, help us to follow Him and know what that means. Help us share His love with one another. Thank you that we can be disciples, too. Thank you for your love. We love you, God! In Jesus's name, Amen!

“Community Dinner” and “Meals on Monday”

* Free Lunch available on Mondays beginning at 12 noon until 1pm. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building.

* Free Family Dinner every Wednesday night at 6pm now in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers needed for Meals on Monday (reach out to Linda Brooks or Linda McLawhorn) **for making/donating dessert items for 100 meals** and **volunteers needed for Dinner Church** (reach out to Judy Claus at 757-570-4532) for help with set up/clean up, cooking, greeting, etc.

We have been awarded some grants to help support both of these ministries for 2022 but any additional donations are gratefully appreciated, especially for Meals on Monday. You can mark your offering “MoM” or “Dinner Church.” Please feel free to invite anyone to either or both events. All are Welcome—you can use the invite cards that are around the church.

Everyone is invited to join us for musical entertainment, devotional message, fellowship, and communion every Wednesday night. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week for worship.

Something good happens every week - come and see for yourself and bring a friend!



Family Dinner Church & Concert Event

Another special concert event featuring our very own Kerry Hardwick and the Lampstand Band is scheduled for February 15th at 6pm. Join us for Family Dinner Church to include lots of special music during the event and an awesome concert following dinner. Please invite friends to attend with you to share in this amazing praise experience. Come and feel the spirit move you.

THE COMEBACK:
IT'S NOT TOO LATE AND
YOU'RE NEVER TOO FAR
A NEW BOOK FROM LOUIE GIGLIO



Men's Fraternity Retreat

The Men's Fraternity's plans to return to Dick and Robin AtLee's home aka The Lake Near Retreat and Conference Center in Huddleston, VA. The plan is to leave on the church bus on Friday evening, Feb 10, and return Sunday afternoon Feb 12 in plenty of time for the Super Bowl game. The theme of the retreat will be *The Comeback* and we will use material of the same name by Louis Giglio, founder of Passion International. We will also be touring the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA on Saturday. The cost of the retreat is just \$50 and all men of WMUMC are invited. For more information or to secure your spot contact Gerry Minge at ggmingee@verizon.net or 757-880-9485.



Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the Celebration Center following worship or meet at room 29 for class to start at 10:15am.

To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

- Covenant Class - FH
- Family Faith Class - FH
- Trinity Class - Room 10
- Wesleyan Class - Room 21
- Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20*
- Young Adults - Room 24
- Children - Room 29
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30

*Wired Word and Blessed Mess are currently combined.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

Eternal God, you called us to be your church in this community and to share your love with all. Open our eyes to see the needs you would want us to see, open our ears to hear the stories you would want us to hear. Grant us a clear vision and equip us for faithful and fruitful ministry in this community through the power of your Holy Spirit.

In Christ's name. Amen.



Children & Youth Fellowship Groups

Children and Youth Ministries

Kerry Blazek, our Youth Director, is working with Sharon Ellis, our Children's Fellowship Coordinator to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for the youth and children this school year. Youth meet in the youth room and children meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. You can follow the youth on their Facebook page.

If your child would like to participate in children's fellowship activities (age 2 to 5th grade), please contact Sharon Ellis at 757-478-5020. If your child would like to participate in youth ministry activities (grades 6 to 12) please contact Kerry Blazek at 757-310-9891.

Lay Servant Academy Training

Lay Servant Academy is excited to share its Winter Training that will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 17th & 18th. The course schedule features Michael Beck, originator of Fresh Expressions and a leader in cultivating movements. In addition to this course in Planting Fresh Expressions, additional courses include Fruitful Small Groups, Lay Pastoral Care-Giving, Basic Course, Spiritual Gifts, and Certified Lay Ministry Orientation. Courses are offered in person only at Shady Grove UMC Mechanicsville, VA. Registration and additional information can be found using this link: <https://vaumc.org/layservantacademy/> For questions, you are welcome to email Tianna Durbin, Director of Lay Servant Academy.

Mission Service Information

Do you volunteer out in the mission field? Volunteering should result in someone being helped in some way. The work does not have to be face to face, but can be in support of some organization that provides help to people. Volunteering in the THRIVE food pantry is a good example or the USO office at the airport. We collect this information as best we can to report in our year-end Conference statistical records. It is a good reflection on the mission work that our church members are doing locally as well as globally. If you are out in the mission field doing wonderful things, please let us know by contacting Henry Bennett with where you volunteer and approximately how many hours a month you volunteer. Even if it's just one hour a week taking a meal to a friend—that is volunteer work. You can reach Henry to leave a message at 757-877-2258 or e-mail jhbenn3940@gmail.com.



Yoga Classes

Bethany Caddell teaches beginner friendly Hatha Style Yoga class in Room 22 (youth room) every Thursday @ 7pm. Bethany has been teaching yoga for 11 years and is experienced in the many ways to bring yoga to everyone. Modifications and challenges are both offered to help you in your personal journey toward wellness. Cost is \$12 per class - pre-registration is not required, just come!



Fifth Sunday Food & Fellowship

Join us the 5th Sunday of January for something a little different - 5th Sunday Fellowship Potluck Breakfast Brunch. In the months of January, April and July, on the 5th Sunday we will not have Sunday School Classes but will enjoy some Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall around 10am for a Potluck Breakfast Brunch. You are invited to bring a dish to share & we will provide refreshments (water, coffee & tea.) A great time to bring a friend to church with you to mingle with our church members, have some time to visit with people you don't get to see very often, and chat with our pastors.

PORT Volunteers Needed

Just a reminder that PORT is coming. We will host the homeless shelter program the week of February 22nd to March 1st. If you would like to volunteer please reach out to Rodney Wise, facility manager, by calling 757-243-2182 or email Facility.Manager@wmumc.org. Sign-up sheets are in each of the Sunday School classes for you to review and sign up now. On-line sign up will be coming shortly.

UPWARD Volunteers Needed

Upward season is in full swing but we still need volunteers. We mainly need people to help read half-time devotions during half-time of each game. Please visit our website and click on the large Upward logo to go to the sign up page for devotion reading. We have devotions for you if you do not have one you'd like to share, we just need readers.

Church Prayer Requests

Even though we are back to worshipping together again, we know some people are still struggling with getting out. We are, however, still committed to staying connected as a church. If you have a prayer request and would like one of our pastors to call and pray with you, please email prayerchain@wmumc.org. Someone will be in touch as soon as possible. If you would like the prayer put out to our membership prayer team, please let us know.

Shekinah* Glory Prayer Group

The prayers of the righteous man are powerful and effective.

James 5:16

You can participate in the following ways:

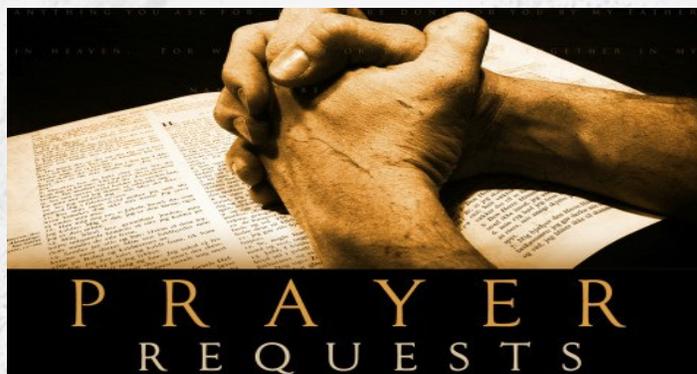
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone to be your prayer partner.

Prayer points include our leaders—national, state and local; our school system; our church—pastors, leadership team, Sunday School teachers, ministers, missions - Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, Meals on Monday, Community Dinner, PORT, youth and children's' ministry programs, shut-ins - and any personal prayer requests.

*The Glory of the Divine presence

Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be **Monday, February 6, at 9am** at iHop on Warwick Blvd.



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 **the church office at 877-2270 (9am to 5pm or go to the pastors' phone extensions)**. 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. *If you would like some pastoral time with either pastor, feel free to reach out to them by emailing them at pastoresther@wmumc.org or pastorangie@wmumc.org.*

Prayer List

Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or care facility: Gordan Chan (The Chesapeake) * Ruth Ritenour (Mennowood) * Betty Palmer (Hiddenwood, apt. 428) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Jim Crittenden * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) * Jim Cole * Clara Reid * Katie Tanner-Barker * Shirley Myall (Zena's mom) * Sam Federico, Sr. (Sam Federico's father) * Jim Russell * Jeff Cox * Marion Bonacci * Sara Manner * Judy Hackett * Gene Osborne * the family of Fred Townsend (Fred passed away 1/13/23), and all those who are grieving or sick.

Deployed Armed Forces: CWO3 Michael Kreider, Cody Early, Laura Lomas, Brian Budlove.

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Attendance Numbers (1/15)

9:00am: 75
10:15am (online): 82
11:15am: 47
Sunday School: 74
Dinner Church 1/18: 31

