

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

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

This Week At A Glance . .

February 19- Today

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

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 22

PORT set up
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
6pm Family Dinner (FH)
6:30pm PORT
7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 23

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
6:30pm PORT
7pm Finance Team Mtg (Zoom)
7pm Yoga (Rm 21)

Friday, February 24

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
6:30pm PORT

Saturday, February 25

3pm Blue & Gold (FH)
6:30pm PORT

For all event and room reservations

This Week's Message

Scripture This Week—Matthew 17:1-9

The heart of this year's transfiguration readings is God's affirmation – especially of Christ. In Exodus, Moses is called to meet with God on the mountain to receive God's commands, both affirming the leadership and ministry of Moses, and foreshadowing the meeting of Jesus with God on the mountain. Psalm 2 expresses God's affirmation of God's son, and Psalm 99 shows how God has affirmed God's called servants, and has spoken from the cloud, even as God did with Jesus. Peter draws attention to his experience of Christ's transfiguration, and of God's voice affirming Christ, and on the basis of this affirms the trustworthiness of the prophets' message. All of these passages serve to draw our attention to God's voice speaking from out of the cloud and affirming Christ, as well as to the affirmation of Moses and Elijah in their appearance to Christ in this event. Since God saw fit to affirm Christ in this way, it raises the question of what that means for us. In the first place, it must challenge us to reflect again on our view of Christ. It must cause us to think again about the way in which we believe God's affirmation and act on it in our response to Christ. In the second place, God's affirmation of Christ, becomes the basis on which we trust and adopt Christ's way of living – as Peter suggests. This moment, placed before Christ turns toward his death, was intended to affirm again that his way of sacrifice is God's chosen way. This was an advance assurance for the disciples, who faced deep doubt in the face of Christ's death, but is also an affirmation for us as we face times when Christ's way appears to be "failing" or costing us too much, or doesn't make sense.

Of course, the work of affirmation is also something that must happen within our churches. Relationships, connectedness and community are built through celebrating one another and affirming one another. It is as we recognize the image of God within each other, and enable each other to shine, as Christ did, that we each find our place in community and in the work of God that we are called to do. Then, as we gather for worship, we can come with the expectation of encountering the transfigured Christ – indeed of experiencing a kind of transfiguration for ourselves – as the light of Christ radiates from each of us, and we are prepared to recognize and acknowledge it.

Adapted from www.sacredise.com

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Show us that your ways are the best ways. Help us to honor you in all that we do and trust in your saving grace when we fall short. Enable us to live in ways that allow us to be agents of your transformation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: <https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/deuteronomy-30-15>

“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 in the Fellowship Hall. (This Wednesday will be followed by our Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm.)

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 were awarded some grants to help support both of these ministries in 2021 and 2022, but we are still waiting to hear on the status of the 2023 grant requests, so all donations are gratefully appreciated for both programs. 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 and fellowship. Communion will be monthly, not weekly. 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, in the evening, for worship.

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



Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the Celebration Center following worship or meet in 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

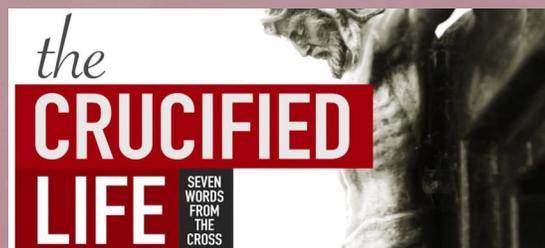
Carpenters Class - Room 30

*Wired Word and Blessed Mess are currently combined.



Honduras Mission Trip Fundraiser

The Honduras Medical Mission Team Brunswick Stew Fundraiser will be on Sunday, March 19th. Pick up of the containers will be after the 9am worship service until approx. noon. Each container will cost \$10. You are welcome to pre-order multiple containers by contacting Chris Hofler by email—christinahofler@gmail.com or call 228-760-0540. Plenty will be available for direct pick-up (or you can request they be left in the fridge for pick-up during the week.) These donations will help our mission team to defer costs and be able to provide some necessary items for the trip. If you are interested in participating in the trip, please reach out to Carlos Liceaga.



Men's Fraternity Lent Study

Men's Fraternity will be doing a Bible Study for Lent beginning Tuesday, Feb 21st at 7pm in Room 10. The study will be based on the DVD and book titled “the Crucified Life...Seven Words From the Cross” by Rev. Charlie Holt. Our goal is to observe a holy Lent as we study and delve deeply into God's Word. The study is open to all men. Questions? Contact Gerry Mingee at ggmingee@verizon.net

Ash Wednesday Worship This Week

Join us this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, for Dinner Church at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall with worship at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Remember this will also be our first night hosting PORT, so please welcome our guests to the building and our worship service.

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.

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 or at the Human Society. 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.

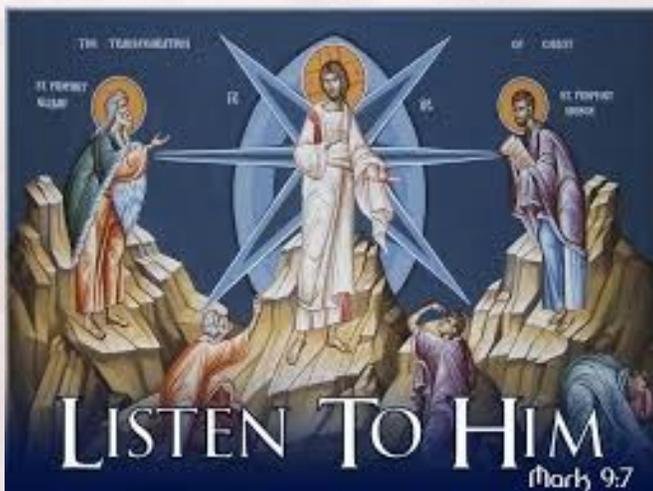
4 His Glory Performances

Our quartet group, 4 His Glory, has a number of performances scheduled for the coming months. Feel free to stop by and see them, we will update as more are available.

2/19 - The Chesapeake, 3pm worship service

3/11 - Warwick Forest, 7pm concert

6/18 - Menchville Baptist Church, 9am worship service



PORT Winter Shelter Program

PORT Begins This Wednesday

Just a reminder that our week to host the PORT shelter program begins this Wednesday through to next Wednesday morning (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. This week we have been the back up location and have hosted some guests each night. They are averaging more homeless in the shelter program this week, so all the assistance we can get to make our guests comfortable is much appreciated.

PORT Donations This Week

The Covenant Sunday School Class is collecting t-shirts, underwear (boxers and briefs), jeans/pants (new or gently used) and toothbrushes for our PORT guests coming this week. If you would like to contribute, please drop your items off in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday or on Monday/Tuesday before PORT begins on Wednesday.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ATTIC & VENDOR BAZAAR

*Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church
38 Hoopes Rd
Newport News, VA 23602*

**MAY 20, 2023
9AM-3PM**

*Vendors, Crafters, Attic Treasures,
and more!*

If you would like to be a vendor, please email christinahofler@gmail.com

**\$25 FOR 8X8 (NON-WMUMC MEMBER)
\$10 FOR 8X8 (WMUMC MEMBER)
\$10 FOR ATTIC TREASURES**
(Gently used items)

Fliers are available in the CC lobby and Narthex to share with friends or post at work. Please help us spread the word.

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:

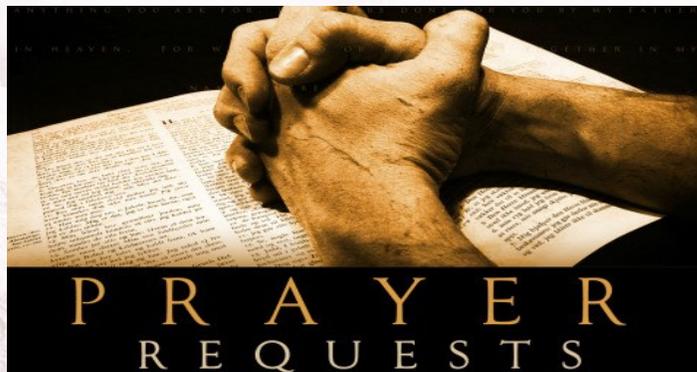
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone to be 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, March 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 * Gene Osborne * John Beamer * Debbie Beamer * Kay Fries * Heather Sreves * 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 (2/12)

9:00am: 57

10:15am (online): 74

11:15am: 28

Sunday School: 54

Dinner Church 2/15: 51

Thank You

On behalf of my family, especially my mum, I would like to thank everyone who helped with my father's memorial service on February 4th. My family visiting from England were amazed at the outpouring of love from my church family. My mum was so thankful for all the help to celebrate my dad's amazing life. For the prayers, the cards, the caring words, I am truly lost for words and can simply only say "thank you." Marsha, Linda, Vanessa, Pastor Esther, Pastor Angie, and everyone else who took all the worry away from me for that day—thank you! Our hearts are healing, but our home is quiet, missing a big part of the love that was there, but I know he was smiling down on us that day and saying "thank you" to all of us. Blessings, Zena