

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, February 5, 2023
6th Sunday After Epiphany

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

This Week At A Glance . .

February 5- Today

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

Monday, February 6

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, February 7

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
6pm Upward (CC)

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
Men's Fraternity Weekend Retreat
Youth Lock-in

Saturday, February 11

10am Upward Games

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

This Week's Message

Scripture This Week—Matthew 5:13-20

Christ has given us the salt and light of his divinity not just for ourselves but that others might eat and see better. The salt of divinity that was poured into our hands we are to sprinkle onto the world. The light of divinity that fills our hearts and minds is to shine on and brighten all of life.

So what does that look like? What does that mean for us? It's really pretty practical and tangible. It's something that can be tasted and seen. It makes a difference in the world and to other people.

- It is looking another in the eyes, speaking a kind word, and acknowledging him or her as having been created in the image and likeness of God. Try that with someone you've labeled as a welfare mother, a panhandler, a gang kid.
- It is generosity with your compassion, time, and money to care for and make a difference in the lives of the poor, the hungry, the homeless.
- It is starting a conversation and rebuilding a relationship when what you mostly feel is indifference, pain, or anger.
- It is praying that God will bless you with all the good gifts you want for yourself and those you love, those who have hurt you, those who are different from you, and those with whom you disagree.
- It is choosing a life of self-giving rather than taking and acquiring, vulnerability rather than defensiveness, and intimacy rather than isolation. It means you might, and probably will, get hurt.
- It is loving God, your neighbor, your enemy, and yourself. It means choice overcomes feelings.

Where is the salt and light in your life? What does it look like? How does it show up? There are probably as many expressions and manifestations of salt and light as there are people. Ultimately though, they always look like the life of Jesus Christ.

Adapted from www.interruptingthesilence.com

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may be a worthy witness and become salt in this world to Your glory. I pray that my words and actions and all that I am will be seasoned with salt, and that You would use me to witness to the goodness of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave His life as the ransom for many. This I ask in Jesus' 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 were awarded some grants to help support both of these ministries in 2021 and 2022, but we are unsure for 2023 if we will receive any grants 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

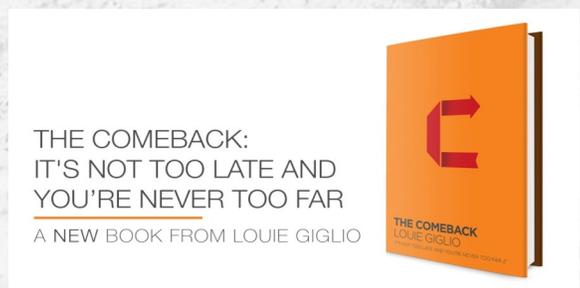
Carpenters Class - Room 30

*Wired Word and Blessed Mess are currently combined.



Family Dinner Church & Concert Event

Another special concert event featuring our very own Lampstand Band featuring Lane Rogers is scheduled for February 15th at 6pm. Join us for Family Dinner Church in the Celebration Center 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.



Men's Fraternity Retreat - Next Weekend

The Men's Fraternity 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 ggingee@verizon.net or 757-880-9485.

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.

*Look for a youth selling valentines for you to surprise someone you care about.

Lay Servant Academy Training

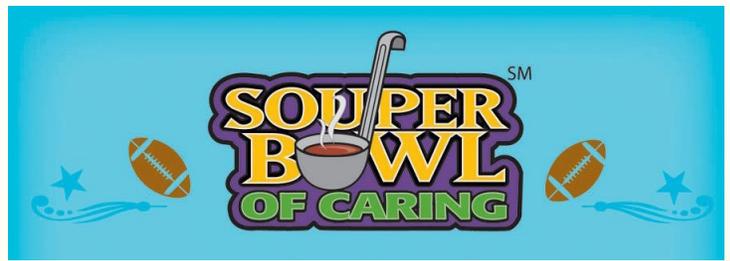
Lay Servant Academy is excited to share its Winter Training that will take place on Friday and Saturday, February 17th & 18th. The course schedule features Michael Beck, originator of Fresh Expressions and a leader in cultivating movements. In addition to this course in Planting Fresh Expressions, additional 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 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.

UPWARD Volunteers Needed

Upward season is more than half way through 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. We also have room open for concessions for any ministry group to help and receive the proceeds. Visit the website today www.wmumc.org



Souper Bowl of Caring for THRIVE Peninsula

The first Sunday of the month is our regular THRIVE Food Drive week, so we are asking to add in something extra this week with some cans of soup to recognize "Souper Bowl of Caring." This is a movement across the nation that is working to fight hunger and poverty in communities at the time of the Super Bowl football game between February 1st and March 1st. We are inviting our church family to join together to raise food and funds for THRIVE Peninsula's food ministry as part of this national movement. Whether you are rooting for the Kansas City Chiefs or the Philadelphia Eagles, let's make the winner our local food charity so no one goes "without soup in their bowl." Prior to service, you are invited to drop your food donations into the THRIVE bin and following each service, stationed at the doors as people exit will be a volunteer with a soup pot to collect special offerings for THRIVE Peninsula. THRIVE is a local ministry that supports those in need in our area. Any non-perishable food donations are welcome, not just soup, this can include cereal, PB&J, shelf stable milk, canned meals, vegetables, meat and fruit, etc. and can be donated to the church office all month long. Remember - in church, we are really all on the same team, God's team.

PORT Winter Shelter Program

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.

PORT Donations

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 in February. If you would like to contribute, please drop your items off in the Fellowship Hall on February 19 or during the week following, prior to our guests arrival on the 22nd. Please don't bring them in before the 19th.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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:

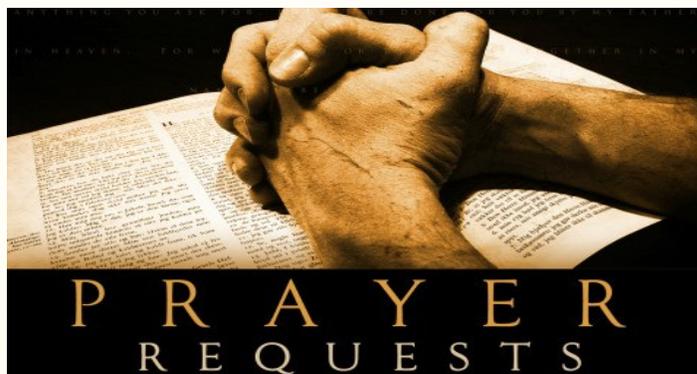
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone to be 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 **Tomorrow, 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 * John Beamer * Debbie Beamer * 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 (1/29)

9:00am: 69
10:15am (online): 65
11:15am: 60
Sunday School: 0
Dinner Church 2/1: 28

THANK YOU

I want to thank you for surprising me and honoring me in such special ways last Sunday. I cannot believe I have served you all for 50 years! I have loved being able to put music in so many people's hearts, including many children and youth. Thank you all for the beautiful plaque honoring my 50 years. I also want to thank you for the gorgeous roses. I have put them in various vases all over my house. You have blessed me in so many ways over the years and I am truly grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
Love in Christ, *Page*