

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

This Week At A Glance . .

April 23 - Today

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

Monday, April 24

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, April 25

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

Wednesday, April 26

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

Thursday, April 27

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

Friday, April 28

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, April 29

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

This Week's Message is Based on Luke 24:13-35 (the encounter on the Road to Emmaus)

It's one thing to know about Jesus, even to understand how all the pieces of Scripture fit together. The evidence is important, but it's never enough. At some point, you need that moment in which not only do you see, but you really see and you believe.

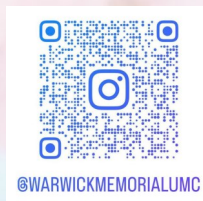
And that's what happened to these two. They stopped being confused. They understood the storyline, how things all fit together. And then their eyes were opened so that they recognized Jesus themselves.

The results: they went right back to Jerusalem. They regained their hope. They met with the disciples. Their lives were changed.

Today's scripture can give you clarity on the story of the Bible, a unified story that includes you. It's the story of God, the world, and God's answer to the human predicament. If you understand this story, you will understand who you are and how to live. It will give your life hope and meaning. We truly need this more today than we ever have.

Be Social With Us and Spread the Love of Jesus . . .

We have a Facebook page and Instagram and TikTok accounts. We are slowly building Instagram and TikTok with content, but please scan the QR codes and follow us—just another way to stay in touch and follow along with all the fun things we do in mission and ministry as disciples. Remember to connect with us with #WMUMC or #WarwickMemorialUMC—share your exciting events and ministry/mission opportunities with us—video's, pictures, etc., let us see!



Instagram



Share your QR code so others can follow you
TikTok



Facebook



Offering

The Passing of Innocent P. Afful

It is with sadness that the General Board of Global Ministries announces the death of a Global Missionary in active service, Innocent P. Afful, who passed away on April 17, 2023. He served as a Global Missionary since 2014 with the Churches of Christ in the Congo, as coordinator for orphans and vulnerable children in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Roland Fernandes, general secretary of Global Ministries expressed sorrow at Afful's passing, "We are deeply saddened by this unexpected loss to our missionary family. Innocent was well known for his extensive and passionate missionary work in service of the most vulnerable. He worked tirelessly to share God's love with all."

Innocent was a native of Ghana and worked in social ministry both in his own country and in Liberia and Sierra Leone. He is a member of the Rev. J.C. Mensah Memorial Methodist Church in Accra. He is survived by his wife, Wilhemina M. Afful, and their three children, Charity, Ephraim and Jacobsen.



Funeral arrangements will be shared as soon as they are announced.

Please join us in prayer for his family and the community he served.



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" 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.

Volunteers needed for Meals on Monday (reach out to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 or Linda McLawhorn at 757-713-1519) **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 not received any grants for 2023 to help support both of these ministries, 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 brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. Communion is now monthly. 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!



Family Dinner Special Concert Event

Join us on May 3rd at 6pm in the Celebration Center for a special Family Dinner Concert Event featuring "All Things New" with Kerri and David Hardwick. Please bring a friend and enjoy dinner, a special message and amazing music.

Family Faith Sunday School Class

Family Faith is a small class for adults of all ages. Topics of study include books of the Bible and literature that relate to our personal journeys in faith. The format of guided discussion makes it comfortable to ask questions and share ideas. The current study is "Paul and the Romans" by Denise L. Stringer which explores in depth the letter of encouragement and instruction to the Christian congregation in Rome. Join us in the Fellowship Hall closest to the Choir Room every Sunday at 10:15am.



You're invited for
Cake & Coffee

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

9:15AM | TOURS

10:00AM | CUT THE CAKE

10:30AM | TOURS

12749 Nettles Dr | Newport News, VA 23606



THRIVE Peninsula's 50th Anniversary

Join us at THRIVE's future headquarters to Cut the Cake and Kick-Off the Celebration of their 50th Anniversary. There will be tours of the new facility and they will share their vision and plans for the future. Come and help kick off the celebration of this milestone year! **Tuesday, April 25th with first tour at 9:15am.**



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. Youth meet in the youth room and children meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. You can follow the youth on their Facebook page for week to week activities which includes other meetings and activities outside of Sunday Youth Fellowship.

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.



First Responder's Appreciation Breakfast

WMUMC is planning our annual Appreciation Breakfast to express our thanks and admiration to all who serve as First Responders in our community. Personnel from Police and Fire Departments, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Services will be invited to be our guests for breakfast in the Celebration Center on Saturday, May 13th, from 7am to 10:30am. If you are a local first responder, we hope that you will join us. If you know a first responder, please invite them (police, fire/rescue, EMS, Sheriff, etc.)

If you would like to help out, please watch for sign up sheets in the adult Sunday School classes or **contact Marsha Six at 757-874-3071.**

This is an opportunity to express how grateful we are for all they do!



Did You Know ...

that annually, the United Methodist conference collects "Kits for Conference?" These are various emergency relief kits that are assembled for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). These relief supplies provide care for the most vulnerable following a disaster (hurricane, tornados, floods, etc.) or during times of crisis. UMCOR collects relief supplies in the form of Cleaning Bucket Kits, Hygiene Kits and new this year, Women's Hygiene Kits. These are assembled by United Methodist volunteers (like our church members) for distribution in the United States and its territories. Kits are taken to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, IL, the hub of relief supply operations. The kits are checked before being stored, ready for use in the time of an emergency. Over the years, our church has provided School Kits (see the picture of packed boxes below which were assembled by the Barbara Liddick Circle ladies and our children with donations from church members), Cleaning Bucket Kits (see Lynn Stockberger in the picture below), Birthing Kits (see picture of the Mary Freeman Circle ladies below), and more. This year, our circle ladies have been assembling the new Women's Hygiene Kits and the church is invited to participate by adopting a Cleaning Bucket. Since annual conference this year is in Roanoke and the packaged buckets are hard for us to transport to Roanoke, we are able to do cash donations for the buckets. UMCOR purchases the supplies necessary and packages the buckets. You can "adopt a bucket" with a donation of \$75. Please mark your check/offering envelope "UMCOR Bucket" and place in the offering plate. To learn more, visit www.umcmission.org/relief-supplies/



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:

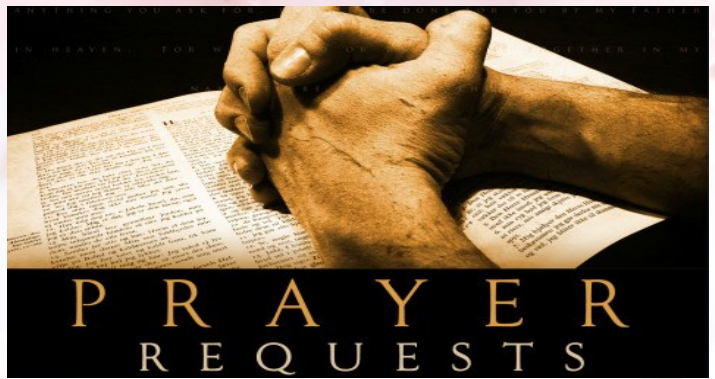
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on , Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask 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, May 1, 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) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Jim Corliss * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) * Jim Cole * Josie Cole * Clara Reid * Katie Tanner-Barker * Sam Federico, Sr. (Sam Federico's father) * Jim Russell * Jeff Cox * Marion Bonacci * Sara Manner * Gene Osborne * John Beamer * Heather Sreves * Bob Haas (Ann & Barry Barley's friend) * Alain (friend of Sharon Davenport) * Susie Stein (Fern Holley's niece) * Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) * Ellen (Linda Henderson's sister) * Mel Rhoads * and all those who are grieving or sick.

Deployed Armed Forces: Laura Lomas, Brian Budlove, Lance Szczesny (Coast Guard).

Attendance Numbers (4/16)

9:00am: 78
10:15am (online): 98
11:15am: 63
Sunday School: 75
Dinner Church 4/19: 49

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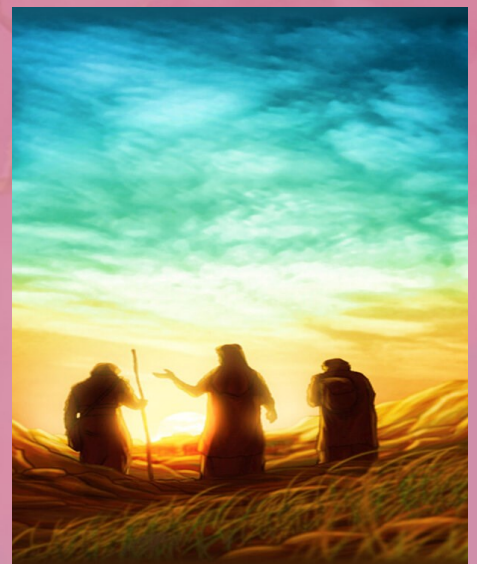
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Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, July 14th from 12noon to 5pm. On line registration will be available by May 1st.

Prayer for Honduras Mission Team

Please be in prayer for our Honduras Medical Mission team this week. Updates will be shared on Facebook as they are available.





5th Sunday Fellowship April 30th

Join us for the 5th Sunday of April for our 5th Sunday Fellowship Potluck Brunch. For the months of April and October (skipping July due to vacations and mission trips), on the 5th Sunday we will not have Sunday School Classes but will enjoy some Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Brunch. You are invited to bring a dish to share enough for approximately 15 to 20 people. We will provide refreshments (water, coffee & tea.) Our promotion this month will be "Bring A Friend to Church Day" - it's a great time to bring a friend (or a past church friend/member) 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. We love to get together, and we love food, so mark your calendars for this fun event on April 30th around 10:15am, following the 9am worship service.

If you would like to volunteer to help with set-up and/or breakdown, please contact Linda McLawhorn at 757-713-1519.



Learn About and Tour the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC)

You are invited to come and visit the PPCC facility, talk with the staff, become aware of the tremendous resource that PPCC is in our community. There will be a tour of the facility on **Tuesday, May 2, at 8am**. PPCC is located at 707 Gum Rock Court, Newport News. Rev. Clarence Brown himself would like to personally extend this invitation to our membership. During the recent holiday season, many in our community have experienced personal difficulties and are in need of pastoral care. In fact, the past three years have brought challenges that many have never imagined they would face. Assisting persons to process these challenges and find a faithful way forward in difficult times is the mission of Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, a place where Rev. Clarence Brown has had the honor of serving as a Board Member. Please join them on May 2nd to learn more. You are welcome to reach out to Rev. Brown to learn more also by emailing clarencebrown@vaumc.org.

Senior Fellowship Book Club

Come join the fun!!! WMUMC book club is for everyone 50+ (however, we do not really age discriminate, so if you are not yet 50 but love to read, you are more than welcome to join us!) Our next book club gathering is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at noon at Schlesinger's. The book we are reading is "The Summer Kitchen" by Lisa Windgate. With her adopted son missing and the rest of her family increasingly estranged, Sandra Kaye Darden is drawn to the little pink house where her Uncle Poppy once provided security. What begins for Sandra as a simple painting project, meant to prepare the house for sale, becomes a secret venture that eventually changes everything.

Cass Blue is having trouble keeping food on the table since she ditched foster care. When Sandra Kaye shows up with lunch one day, Cass has no way of knowing that the meeting will lead to the creation of a place of refuge that could reunite a divided community. In this moving story of second chances, two unlikely allies realize their ability to make a difference...and the power of what becomes known as the Summer Kitchen to nourish the soul.

Please RSVP to Linda Brooks.



Warwick By The Numbers

Budget Income/Actual Income January to March, 2023

	Annual Budget Income	Actual Income YTD
Operating Income:		
Pledged Gifts	\$427,000.00	\$105,569.19
Loose Offering	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 548.76
Unpledged/Identified Givers	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 20,496.25
Rental Property	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 2,155.00
Church usage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 575.00
Lowe's Gift to OB	\$ 27,048.32	\$ 0.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 35,501.05	\$ 0.00
Other Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 102.00
2022 Carryover	\$ 19,541.88	\$ 19,541.88
Lampstand	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 1,350.00
Total Income	\$611,791.25	\$148,988.08
	Annual Budget Expense	Actual Expense YTD
Operating Expenses:		
Apportionments	\$ 83,376.00	\$ 20,844.00
Trustees	\$155,600.00	\$ 32,186.78
Finance	\$ 11,470.00	\$ 1,931.27
SPRC	\$336,690.25	\$ 82,735.61
Connect	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 410.85
Evangelize	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 314.90
Worship	\$ 7,955.00	\$ 1,282.26
Serve	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 2,024.47
Total Operating Expenses	\$611,791.25	\$141,730.14
Net Income		\$ 7,257.94

This data was provided by the Finance Committee.

We would like to thank you for your continued support to the 2023 Family Life and Operations Fund. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Corliss. Thank you!



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 such as:*

- **Pampered Chef**
 - **LuLa Roe**
 - **CnC Candles**
- **Tumbler makers**
- **Wood workers**
- **Handmade Jewelry**
 - **Baked Goods**
 - **Color Street**

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

Do you have items for a yard sale but do not want to deal with the weather, the traffic and the whole hassle? Then, Warwick Memorial is here to help!

Rent a table for just \$10 and sell your attic/closet treasures. Or, are you a vendor, do you sell makeup, clothing, jewelry? Then, for just \$25 you can reserve a table and sell your product or craft. Plenty of space, all are welcome! Contact Chris Hofler today!

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