

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

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

This Week At A Glance . .

April 30- Today

8am Lampstand Band Rehearsal (CC)
9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am 5th Sunday Brunch/Fellowship (FH)
10:15am Facebook Service
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
6pm Children & Youth Ministry
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, May 1

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am Senior Fellowship Breakfast (Vancostas)
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday Prep
12pm Meals on Monday Pick Up
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
Tidewater Decorative Painters (FH)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

Friday, May 5

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
Tidewater Decorative Painters (FH)

Saturday, May 6

Tidewater Decorative Painters (FH)

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

This Week's Message is Based on John 10:1-10

Lets look at the beginning of this week's Gospel passage: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Take just a moment and think about these two short sentences. Jesus is saying to his disciples (both then and now) that he is the good shepherd. There's no doubt, no question in his voice—just bold and clear, "I am the good shepherd." And what does this good shepherd do for his sheep, his followers, his disciples? He lays down his life for them. He lays down his life—for you and for me.

What have you done to deserve such a meaningful gift? What have you done to be worthy of someone laying down their life for you? In all honesty, nothing. Christ died for you and for me. Christ died for us hundreds of years before any of us were born, and he dies for us because he loves us.

Most of the time we are not truly worthy of having a savior like this. Sure, we have moments when we do the right thing. But imagine a world where we always did the right thing. Imagine a world where women and men, boys and girls, could get along, could work together for the common good and could live in peace and harmony. Can you even imagine that? The challenge for you today, tomorrow, and forever, is to live a life that is truly worthy of this unmerited, undeserved gift that our Lord and Savior has given to us.

Adapted from www.moravian.org/2021

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

We have a Facebook page, Instagram and now TikTok. We are slowly building content so 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.



Instagram



Share your QR code so others can follow you
TikTok



Facebook

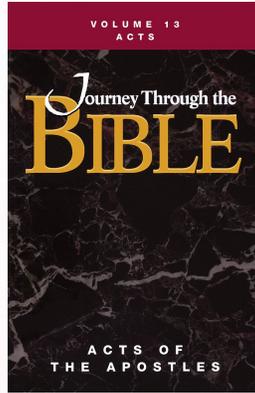


Offering

Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

Pastor Angie is resuming the Wednesday Morning Bible Study time this week, on Wednesday, May 3rd with "Journey Through the Bible: Acts of the Apostles."

There are a couple of books in the library on the shelf above the computer along with a sign out sheet. Please sign out the book and we will send you the Zoom link (if you have the link saved from before, it will be the same link.) This book highlights pivotal points in the scripture, lifting up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events and people. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am via Zoom.



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.



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. REMEMBER MAY 3rd IS SPECIAL CONCERT IN THE CELEBRATION CENTER.

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 this Wednesday, 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.

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.



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 10:00am. 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.) Fliers are available on the information tables and in Sunday School classes.

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.**



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.



THRIVE Peninsula's 50th Anniversary

Special thanks to everyone who supported THRIVE during their 50th anniversary celebration and the Give Local 757 event. They are still putting together their total raised, but it was well over \$50,000 and opened up many other matching opportunities. We will post next week what the total amount raised was.



Did You Know ...

that we have a number of "K Accounts" for Second Mile Giving opportunities? Why K Accounts? Well, no special reason, it was just the next line on the spreadsheet of the accounts so adopted the nick name "K Accounts." These are all the Second Mile Giving accounts for our church, most of them fall outside of budget line items, like Lenten/Advent offerings, Upward basketball, Senior Fellowship, Sunday School, Dinner Church and Meals on Monday. Others are extensions of our budget for ministry programs like Vacation Bible School, Rise Against Hunger, Red Bird, THRIVE, and more. When we do a special offering collection, for example, the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Refurbish account, it will go into a "K Account" and we keep track of the funds donated to that special offering. These are called "Second Mile Gifts" as they are outside of the annual budget income for us to maintain the main facility of our church, the home of all of these mission and ministry programs. Copies of our 2023 budget and list of K Accounts as of the end of March, 2023, are available in the white notebook in the library.

The Fellowship Hall Kitchen is one K Account that was recently started to help with an eventual update to the kitchen. Back in 1967, the small congregation of WMUMC had grown, so there was a real need for more classrooms, a large Fellowship Hall and a kitchen. Now, at 56 years old, there is a need for many upgrades to be done. It is regularly used for both the Meals on Mondays lunch program and Wednesday night Dinner Church, United Methodist Men cooking peanuts, as well as for funeral receptions and other church gatherings. It is unknown at this time the amount of funds that are needed to help with improvements, but, it is something we will slowly work Towards, along with the AVL upgrade for the Celebration Center, new HVAC units throughout the church, new windows in the older section of the facility, new carpeting throughout the majority of the church halls, and more. So, if you have a little extra money, or you sell some items you no longer need and want to put the funds to a good cause, take a look at our list of accounts to see what you might like to help contribute towards. As an example, one member recently sold a few things on Facebook Marketplace and gave the money to our Lenten/Easter offering for the people of Turkey after the recent earthquakes. If you would like to know more about these accounts, feel free to talk with our finance chair, Jim Corliss.

It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Luke 4

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:

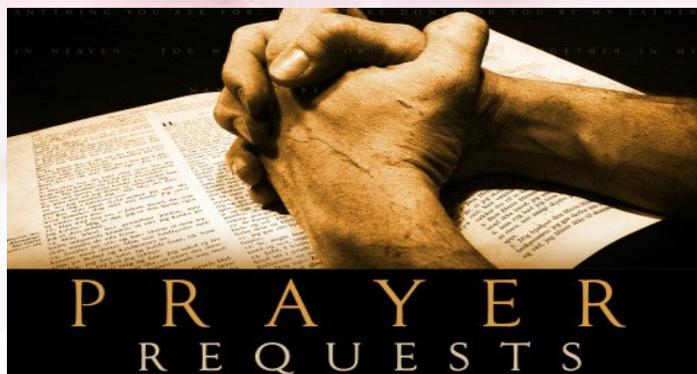
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone 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 tomorrow, **Monday, May 1, at 9am** at Vancostas 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 (Hidenwood) * 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 * 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 Sczesny (Coast Guard).

Attendance Numbers (4/23)

9:00am: 75
10:15am (online): 252
11:15am: 61
Sunday School: 87
Dinner Church 4/26: 63

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5th Sunday Fellowship April 30th

Join us this Sunday, 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)

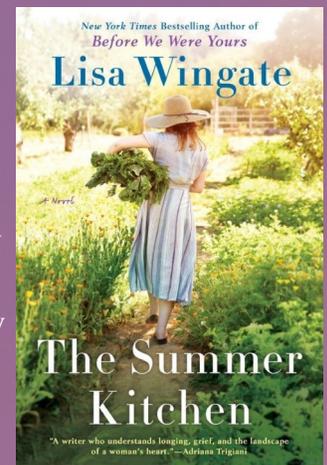
You are invited to come and visit the PPCC facility, talk with the staff, become aware of the tremendous resource that PPCC is in our community. There will be a tour of the facility this **Tuesday, May 2, at 8am**. PPCC is located at 707 Gum Rock Court, Newport News. Rev. Clarence Brown himself would 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 Wingate.

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.



Adopt A Cleaning Bucket

Since annual conference this year is in Roanoke and the packaged cleaning 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. So, as a church, this year for our contribution to the Relief Kits for Conference we are going to "adopt a bucket." With your donation of \$75, you will help provide one cleaning bucket for UMCOR - Sager Brown warehouse will purchase in bulk the supplies needed for buckets, package them, and store them, ready for use. Please mark your check/offering envelope "UMCOR Bucket" and place in the offering plate. To learn more, visit www.umcmission.org/relief-supplies/

Thank you for your continued support of UMCOR.

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!