



Warwick Weekly

Sunday, May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

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

This Week At A Glance . .

May 14 - Today

8am Lampstand Band Rehearsal (CC)
9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Facebook Service
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
6pm NO Children & Youth Ministry
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, May 15

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, May 16

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
10am UWF Craft Day (FH)

Wednesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 18

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
12pm Senior Book Club (see pg 5)
1-4pm Cooking Peanuts (FH)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)

Friday, May 19

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
Attic/Vendor Bazaar Set Up (CC)

Saturday, May 20

9am Attic and Vendor Bazaar (CC)

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

This Week's Message is Based on John 14:15-21

In so much of our thinking, love is discontinuous from performance, action—and certainly from obedience. Our affectional life is distinct from our duties, we often think. It is hard for us, then, to understand the kind of connection that Jesus makes frequently in this passage. “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Really? Yes!

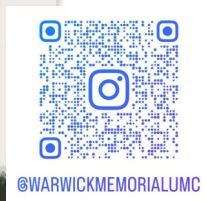
Love for Jesus necessitates obedience—not perfect obedience, for none of us is perfect. We all fail to keep and obey all that God says. But the one who loves Jesus will aim to, attempt to, and gradually increase in obedience of Jesus. How can you grow in your Christlikeness? By growing in your Christ-love! That means that the royal road to godliness is not mere discipline, but devotion and adoration. You do not need to tell a young man in love with a young woman to make sure that he spends time with his belle. He will! Why? Because he loves her. Similarly, with our relationship with Christ, a love that is far more than merely romantic. As our love grows, so will our obedience.

There is no place for deliberate refusal and confidence in our love for Jesus. If we love Jesus, we will, by discipline, hard work, determination, and affection, do all we can by the power of the Spirit to keep his commands.

The other theme, then, is the work of the Spirit. The Spirit is another “helper.” That is, the Spirit gives the believer power, strength, and assistance in his walk with Christ. The Spirit is the Spirit of “truth.” A woman filled with the Spirit will be a woman who longs after truth, for the Spirit is the Spirit of truth. Bible study and Holy Spirit filling are to go together like breath and speech. With this love, the Spirit comes to us and makes his home with us. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a Trinitarian passage this if ever there was. All to be worshipped, adored, and by the power of the Spirit obeyed!

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



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Share your QR code so others can follow you
TikTok



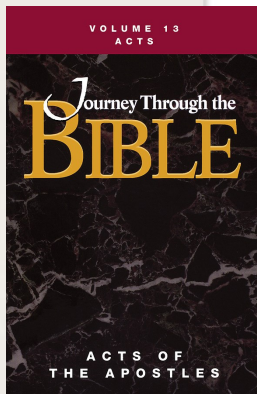
Facebook



Offering

Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study via Zoom has returned! We began on May 3rd with "Journey Through the Bible: Acts of the Apostles." There are a couple of books still available, see Pastor Angie if you would like one. Please let Pastor Angie (pastorangie@wmumc.org) know if you would like to participate and she 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. You are welcome to join in at any time.



Men's Fraternity Summer Study

Beginning Tuesday, June 13th, Men's Fraternity will begin our 10th annual weekly Summer Backyard Cookout Bible Study "Let's 'Act' Up!" We will meet at 6pm to eat and at 7pm we will begin our study of the book of Acts based on a study guide by Linda Pevey "We Are the Church, Let's Act Like It." All men are welcome and are asked to bring a side or dessert along with your Bible. Our first week will be at the home of the Mingees 6 Canter Ct, NN 23602. Call Gerry at 757-880-9485 or email ggmingee@verizon.net for more details. (Will meet through 8/1, no meeting



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

"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 120 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 secured 2 small grants for 2023 to help support both of these ministries, but any additional 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.

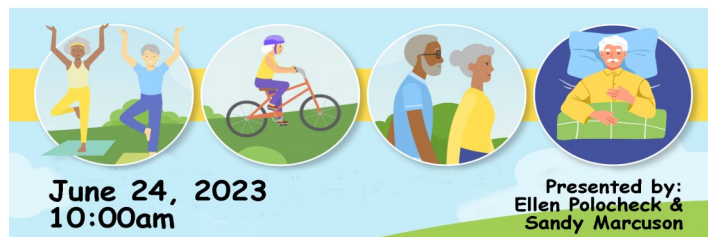
All are Welcome—you can use the invite cards that are around the church. to encourage friends, family, or anyone you know to join you for dinner.

Everyone is invited to join us for a great meal, 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!



Elder Exercise & Safety Presentation



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Our Care Team and Senior Fellowship bring you a presentation from Ellen Polocheck and Sandy Marcuson on exercises for balance and information on home safety on **June 24th at 10am**. This will be an in-person presentation but we will be filming the instructors to share the demonstrations on our Facebook page. If you would like to know more, please reach out to Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109.

Wesleyan Sunday School Class

The Wesleyan Sunday School Class will begin a new series of lessons entitled "Life of Faith" on June 4, 2023. The lesson material comes from the Cokesbury Adult Bible Study Series and consists of three units. The first unit is entitled "Journey to the Cross" and focuses on spiritual simplicity and accountability. The second unit explores "Doubt and Wisdom" and the third unit, entitled "Intentional Sabbath," explains the spiritual practice of self care. Our teachers use a combination of lecture and questions for discussion based on the scripture for the day as well as the supplemental teachers' material. We welcome anyone who may be interested to join us for any one or all units of this series of lessons. Our meeting space is Room 21.

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.



Vacation Bible School 2023

REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

VBS June 19th to June 23rd, 9am to 12:15pm daily.

This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll." Here, Kids (or "Chefs") will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with DJ Cupcake (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Learnings), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.

Children ages 3 to 5th grade (entering 5th grade) are invited to participate in Warwick Memorial's great annual VBS adventure!

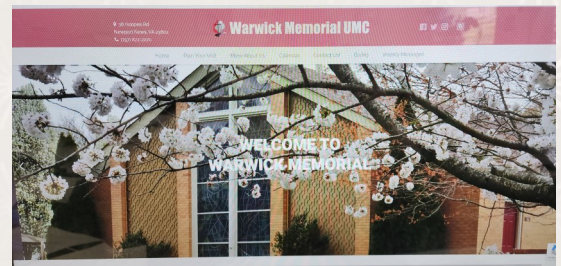


First Responder's Appreciation Breakfast

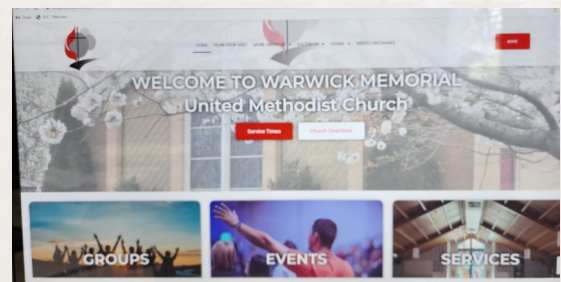
Thank you to everyone who helped pull together another amazing First Responder's Appreciation breakfast. Many police, fire and sheriffs and other first responder staff came through and enjoyed an amazing breakfast. Thank you to everyone who helped with cooking, set-up, clean-up and socializing. Until next year . . .

Did you
know...

Warwick Memorial has a website? Yes, it's www.WMUMC.org. Currently, we are in the process of refreshing the site to give us a dynamic web presence and fix some of the current glitches (calendar not always loading, all links not working, lack of information.) We were able to find a young man who is building his new company and we will be his first church website creation. We would like to thank John Evans for hosting and designing the various sites we have had the past 15 years or so and for our administrative assistant, Zena, working on keeping our events and current information updated on the sites. But, it's time for a major facelift. We have funds on hand to cover the initial refresh, but to keep the content updated and learn the new site in the following 12 months, we will need more funds. If you would like to assist with this project so we do not need to take precious funds from our operating budget in 2024, feel free to write "Website Design" in the memo line of your check or on the offering envelope. We hope to have the draft site for our volunteer team to review within the upcoming month, and the new site to be ready by mid July, or sooner. It will then be modified and updated over the next 12 months.



Current website



Sneak peak of upcoming website

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.

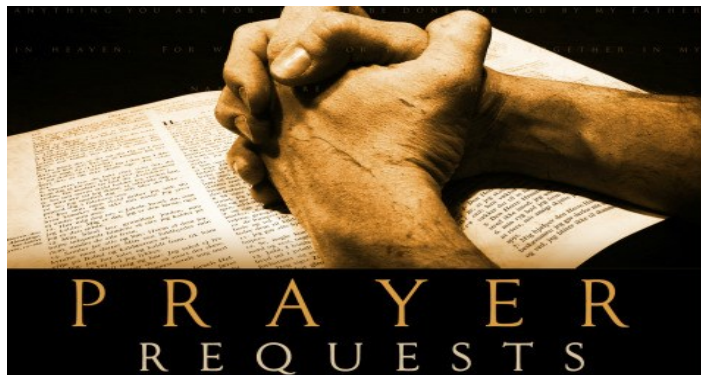
James 5:16

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



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 * 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 Szczesny (Coast Guard).

Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be tomorrow, **Monday, June 5, at 9am** at Vancostas on Warwick Blvd.



Attendance Numbers (5/7)

9:00am: 85
10:15am (online): 80
11:15am: 52
Sunday School: 70
Dinner Church 5/10: 52

Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

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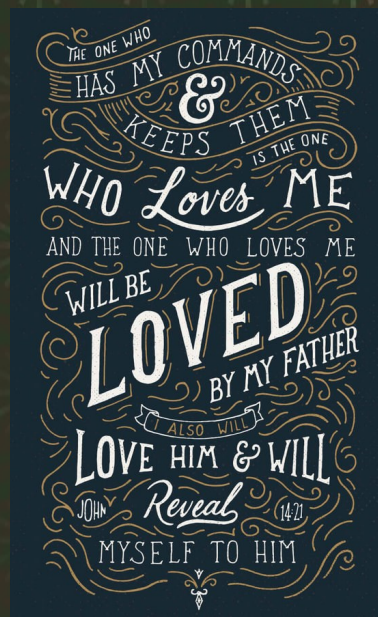
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Graduate Recognition

We will be recognizing all 2023 graduates—high school and college, during worship on Sunday, June 11th. Please let us know the names of your family members and the schools they are graduating from this year. Please let us know if they will be able to be with us for the 9am or 11:15am services to be recognized in person. Contact Zena at 757-877-2270 or Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org



RESPIRE CARE



WMUMC'S Respite Care Ministry

We are here to help! If you need help with buying groceries, picking up prescriptions and bringing them to you, or just need someone to talk to and check up on you, please contact Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109 (home) or 757-869-2960 (cell). We have volunteers who have offered to help other church members who have difficulty going out. If you are in need of any help, please contact Sina. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, you are also invited to contact Sina. May God continue to bless this ministry.

The Men's Fellowship Group would like to assist the men and women in our church with their home needs. If you need some help with home repairs or safety improvements in your home for medical issues or other reasons, please call the church at 757-877-2270, Frank Blake at 757-876-9799 or Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109.

Free Lunch & Learn

Hosted by Cremation Society of Virginia

You are invited to a free lunch at Smoke BBQ Restaurant, 10900 Warwick Blvd., on May 17th and June 21st at 12noon. This lunch is hosted by the Cremation Society of Virginia and will give you food for thought about reducing the emotional and financial stress of losing a loved one. Please RSVP to Sharon at 757-236-0259.



FREE Lunch & Learn

MAY 17 & JUNE 21, 2023 | 12 P.M. NOON

Cremation Society of Virginia
HAMPTON ROADS OFFICE

LIMITED SEATING.

RSVP to Sharon at (757) 236-0259

*Join us for food for
thought about reducing
the emotional and
financial stress of
losing a loved one.*

Smoke BBQ Restaurant

10900 Warwick Blvd,
Newport News, VA 23601

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 at 757-880-4622.

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee On Relief
Relief Kits



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.umcmmission.org/relief-supplies/

As of 5/12/23 we are sponsoring 4 buckets.

Thank you for your continued support of UMCOR.

The background of the entire flyer is a repeating pattern of yellow sunflowers with dark brown centers and green leaves. The sunflowers are stylized with a slightly textured, hand-drawn appearance.

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!**