



Warwick Weekly

Sunday, May 21, 2023
7th Sunday of Easter
Heritage Sunday & Ascension Sunday

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

This Week At A Glance . .

May 21 - Today

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

Monday, May 22

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 23

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
6:30pm Serve/Missions Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, May 27

Private Basketball Party (CC)

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

This Week's Message is Based on Acts 1:6-14

We have spent this Easter season exploring the closeness we can experience with Jesus Christ and with one another. The examples and stories shared by Jesus and His earliest followers show us what it means to live and relate to one another as attentive, bold, sometimes vulnerable, always free disciples of Christ.

The first disciples were also learning those lessons, as they traveled with Jesus for three years and then tried to soak up every bit of wisdom as they could in their time with Jesus after his resurrection. No wonder they thought the big moment had come, the finale of Jesus' life and work - that Jesus would now restore the kingdom of Israel, as he had long talked about. "Is this it?" they asked. "Will you bring the kingdom now?"

Imagine their shock when Jesus replied, in essence, "No, but YOU will."

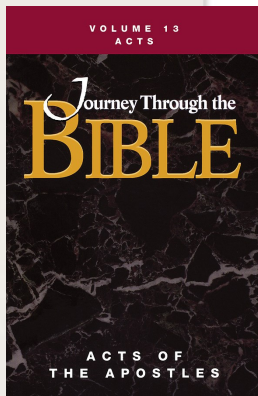
He reminded them of His promise to send the Spirit to be with them, adding that this gift then comes with an assignment: to tell the story of Jesus throughout the world. "Be my witness," He said. To be a witness means both to see and to share. Like one who observes a crime or a marriage, a witness affirms publicly what he or she has seen. Those first disciples had seen a lot in their time with Jesus - miraculous healings and feedings, storms calmed and hearts transformed. Jesus' last command to them was to share what they had seen so that others, both near and far, would know who Jesus was and what God did through Him.

That command is one passed down through the generations, well beyond those who knew and touched Jesus in the flesh. The second and third generations of Christ's followers, on down to us today, haven't known the closeness of Jesus' physical touch - His healing hand or warm embrace - but we can be close to Him in spirit as we seek to know and follow His teachings and as we build deep and real relationships with one another. Seeing Jesus at work in those ways, we can share what we have seen. Sharing our stories with one another, we can offer encouragement to the hopeless, the promise of justice to the mistreated, and healing to the broken. In these ways, our stories bear witness to the powerful, loving, liberating work of Jesus Christ and continue to build God's kingdom here on earth.

*Adapted from A Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series compiled by Jessica Kelley,
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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 Mingeas 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 7/4.)



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.

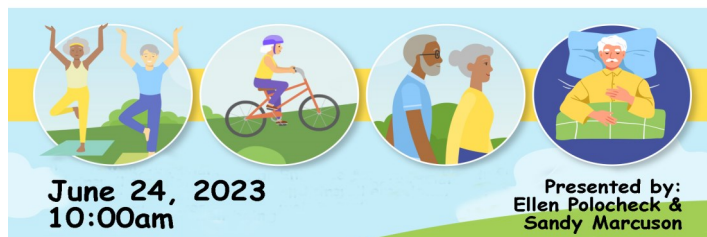
All are Welcome—you can use the invite cards that are around the church. to encourage friends, family, or anyone you know to join you for dinner.

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 Poloccheck 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

Our Youth Director, Kerry, works with our Children's Fellowship Coordinator, Sharon, to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for the children and youth. Youth meet in the youth room and children meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. You can follow the youth on their Facebook page (WM Youth) for week to week activities which includes other meetings and activities outside of Sunday Youth Fellowship.

This is the last meeting of the school year and it's YUK Night for the youth. Year-end cookout is scheduled for June 11th, more details to follow.

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.

Graduate Recognition

We will be recognizing all 2023 graduates—high school/college/university, 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. If you would like to also submit a photo, please do. Let us know if they will be able to join us for the 9am or 11:15am services to be recognized in person (this is not necessary for recognition.) Contact Zena at 757-877-2270 or Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org



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!

Did you know...

that 10 years ago on May 14th, 2013, our Administrative Assistant, Zena Myall, walked into her new position with Warwick Memorial UMC. Zena joined us after working with United Way of Greater Williamsburg for 11 years, originally as the Administrative Assistant, moving up to Volunteer Coordinator and also their Marketing Manager. Zena's extensive work experience was a huge benefit for us as she has been able to cover various different duties and tasks over the years. Besides the regular admin duties, she assisted with the expansion of our Facebook page, creates event pages for everything we do, promotes all our events and ministry programs, helps with keeping our website updated with event information and other general updates, and is now helping to over-see the total refresh of our website to give us a dynamic web presence. Coordinated the upgrade of our donation tracking software and works closely with finance to manage those systems. Her certification in graphic design has been very helpful with the many print projects we have from the weekly bulletin and Warwick Weekly to logo design, fliers and posters for nearly all of our events and ministry programs. Zena is more than just our Administrative Assistant, she is the glue that holds all of this together so that our amazing staff team can work so well together. In 2018, we helped with her wedding to Dan, and just recently, we helped support her during the passing of her dad.

10 years is a recognition point for SPRC and we will be honoring Zena and her time with us on Sunday, June 4th following the 9am service. Come and help celebrate Zena and all that she has done for Warwick Memorial.



May, 2023



Zena and Dan on June 2, 2018

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

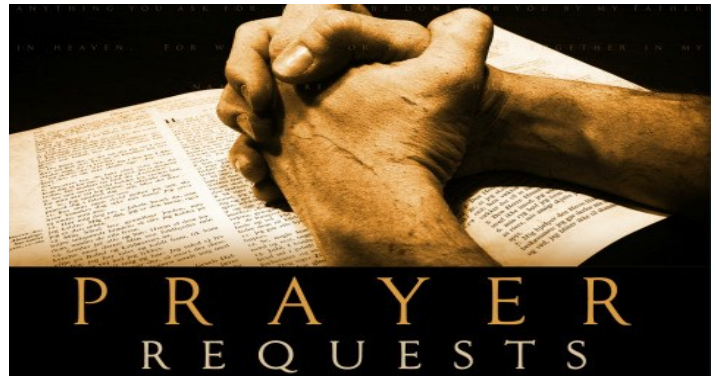
Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

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



Attendance Numbers (5/14)

9:00am: 72
10:15am (online): 80
11:15am: 64
Sunday School: 56
Dinner Church 5/10: 52



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 * 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) * Robert Wood * Ellen (Linda Henderson's sister) * Mel Rhoads * Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine * and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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RESPITE 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

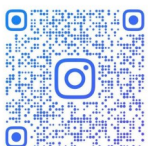
Mark your calendar for our upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, July 14th from 12noon to 5pm. On line registration will be available soon.



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.

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



@WARWICKMEMORIALUMC

Instagram



Share your QR code so others can follow you

TikTok



Facebook



Offering



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. Visit www.umcmmission.org/relief-supplies/ to learn more.

As of 5/19/23 we are sponsoring 4 buckets.

Thank you for your continued support of UMCOR.

Warwick By The Numbers

Budget Income/Actual Income January to April, 2023

	Annual Budget Income	Actual Income YTD
Operating Income:		
Pledged Gifts	\$427,000.00	\$153,331.84
Loose Offering	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,008.76
Unpledged/Identified Givers	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 30,151.25
Rental Property	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 2,965.00
Church usage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,645.00
Lowe's Gift to OB	\$ 27,048.32	\$ 0.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 35,501.05	\$ 0.00
Other Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 105.00
2022 Carryover	\$ 19,541.88	\$ 19,541.88
Total Income	<u>\$611,791.25</u>	<u>\$210,748.73</u>

	Annual Budget Expense	Actual Expense YTD
Operating Expenses:		
Apportionments	\$ 83,376.00	\$ 27,792.00
Trustees	\$155,600.00	\$ 40,958.78
Finance	\$ 11,470.00	\$ 2,532.09
SPRC	\$336,690.25	\$110,006.30
Connect	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 410.85
Evangelize	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 314.90
Worship	\$ 7,955.00	\$ 1,791.45
Serve	<u>\$ 9,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,024.47</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$611,791.25</u>	<u>\$185,830.84</u>
Net Income		\$ 24,917.89

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. We are planning to post our monthly data by the 2nd Sunday of most months. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Corliss. Thank you!

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

Luke 4