

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost

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

This Week At A Glance . .

May 28 - Today

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

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day - Church Offices Closed
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9am NO Shekinah Prayer Time
9am NO Meals on Monday Prep
12pm NO Meals on Monday Pick Up
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, May 30

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Wednesday, May 31

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
3:30pm Libre Dance Rehearsal (CC)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, June 1

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
3:30pm Libre Dance Recital (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)

Friday, June 2

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, June 3

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

This Week's Message is Based on Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost - this story is amazing! Stunning! Spectacular! The rush of a violent wind. Tongues like fire, landing on each person. The cacophonous sound of many Galilean voices speaking many languages. Perplexing, awe inspiring, a shocking sight at 9:00 in the morning. Of course, this provoked speculations of drunkenness. Unlike anything they'd seen before, this was certainly a creative way for God to invite the diverse people of the world into the fledgling community of Christ.

As Peter explains, prophecy is being fulfilled. God's Spirit has been poured down on the people of God - this Spirit that would provoke us all to dream God's dream. This Spirit would lead to the salvation of humanity, to the righting of wrong doing, to reconciliation among people and with our God.

This is not just good news. It is the best news. The coming of the Spirit is a miracle.

And the way people hear of this coming is miraculous as well. The Pentecost moment is a multivocal one. God deems it that all of God's people will hear the good news of God's amazing grace and power in their language they understand - a creative way to speak to diverse peoples simultaneously, and an example to us in communicating the gospel creatively to others.

The church is called to tell of God's stunning mercy in a multi-vocal way so that people can hear, can be saved. This means translation - yes, to Spanish and Mandarin, but also in music and prayers and liturgy that reach across generations of cultures. It means getting conversant in the ways millennials speak. It means importing cultural idioms that make God's word plain and accessible to teenagers and children. It means taking risks to translate the gospel into "so what?" sound bites that can be tweeted and texted and posted on Facebook.

God created a new community at Pentecost through effective communications, but the creative work of the Spirit is as old as time. From the moment God spoke the world into being, God has been working in creative ways to connect all humanity to one another and to God. In the following weeks, we'll see how God's creative connection worked in the lives of Abraham and his children and continues to work in the world. We have some translating to do, people of God, so that all will know that God's love is for them and that God will do anything - anything - to connect with them. This is the best news, and God's people need to hear it, by any means necessary.

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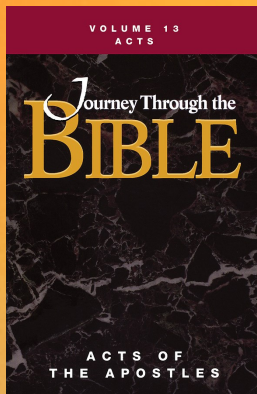
Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study via Zoom 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 to participate and need a book.

You can contact Pastor Angie at pastorangie@wmumc.org. 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 and Safety Presentation

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.

10 Year Anniversary Celebration

10 years is a recognition point for Staff/Parrish Relations Committee "SPRC" and we will be honoring Zena Myall, our Administrative Assistant, 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. We will gather in the Gathering Area at the end of the 9am service.



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. Our Children and Youth ministry programs meet September to May and the 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. During the summer, some activities will be planned to help keep everyone connected.

The year-end cook out is being planned for June 11th, more details to follow in the next week or so.

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



VBS 2023

Children ages 4 to 5th Grade
Week of June 19th - 23rd
9am to 12:15pm

Registration Will Be Open Soon

Vacation Bible School 2023

ON-LINE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!
VBS June 19th to June 23rd, 9am to 12:15pm daily.

VBS 2023 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! This event is FREE



for over 30 years, United Methodist Men have been selling hand-cooked peanuts to raise money for missions. This very successful fundraiser was started in the late 1980's by WMUMC member Maurice Akers. Rev. Don Carlton preached a sermon on "The Harvest" and at the end of the sermon the offering plate was passed. Instead of putting something *in*, the plate was filled with \$5 and \$10 dollar bills. The congregation was asked to take a bill and come up with a way to make it grow or "harvest it". Maurice had a great idea and the Peanut Project began in Maurice and June's kitchen. He was well pleased with the "fruits of his labor" and there was no problem selling the peanuts.... demand was high for a limited supply. After the harvest project was over, he asked the United Methodist Men to take on cooking peanuts as their group project. He enlisted the help of Paul Ramsey and other faithful United Methodist Men, got together a crew, and started frying peanuts in the fellowship hall kitchen on a much larger scale. The popular peanuts have been a HUGE success and demand is still going strong.

Those quart jars of peanuts have funded many projects through the years both within the church and in outside mission projects. Some recipients of the United Methodist Men's generosity have been:

Boy Scouts, THRIVE, Rise Against Hunger, Honduras Medical Mission, The Gideons, UMCOR, Red Bird Mission, Native American Ministries, Vacation Bible School, UMYF, Meals on Mondays and many more . . .

The UMM's willingness to continue with this time-consuming project is appreciated by this congregation and others, who have supported them for many years as regular customers. The United Methodist Men invites others to join them in their fellowship and ministry.



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:

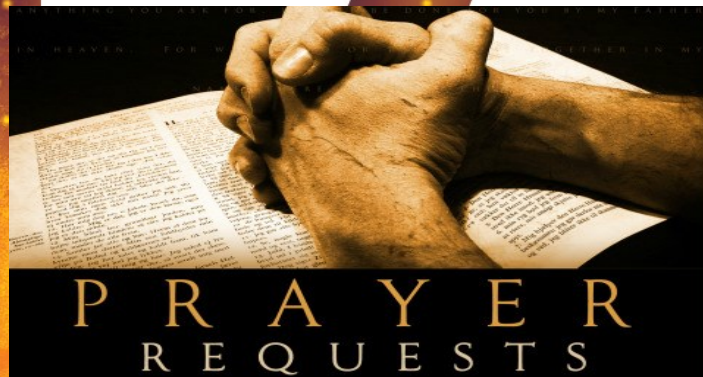
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on , Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask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



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 * Jim Taylor * Sharon Davenport * Jim King * and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

Attendance Numbers (5/21)

9:00am: 57
10:15am (online): 110
11:15am: 57
Sunday School: 70
Dinner Church 5/24: 59

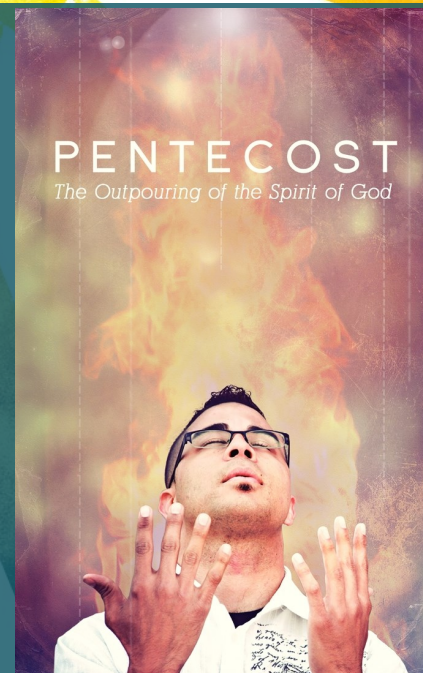
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RESPIRE CARE



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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

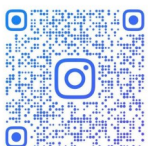
Mark your calendar for our upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, July 14th from 12noon to 5pm. On line registration will be available soon.



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



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 (or any part thereof), you will help provide a 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 5/26/23 we are sponsoring 8 buckets plus some other donations towards an additional bucket.

Thank you for your continued support of UMCOR.



Confirmation 2023

It's that time parents. We know you are thinking about summer, day trips to the beach and vacations, but, the most important thing to consider in parenting is your child's faith development and preparation to lead life as a follower of Jesus.

But, don't get stressed, because we are here to help guide that important process.

Due to a number of parent requests the past 2 years, we are switching this class from the fall to the summer this year! Confirmation is for children going into 6th grade and older. We invite you to join us for Parent Orientation on Sunday, June 11th at 1pm in the church library. We will learn more about the confirmation journey being planned for this summer. The orientation will be less than 1 hour in length. Confirmation is a wonderful step in the Christian faith tradition that marks a time of focused study and exploration of Christianity with guides that help make the journey engaging and fun.

Classes, mission projects and retreats will run for 4 weeks from June 20th to July 11th.

If you would like more information, please reach out to the pastors, PastorEsther@wmumc.org or PastorAngie@wmumc.org

Warwick Memorial UMC Vacation Bible School - Registration Form

June 19-23 (9am—12:15pm)

(Please complete one form per child)

Child's Name: _____ Boy Girl

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Child lives with during the summer Both Parents Mom Dad
(please circle one) Other Guardian

Child's Date of Birth: _____ Grade of school just completed _____
***Must be 3 years old by September 1, 2022*

Emergency Contact Information

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home/Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Other Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home/Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Special Instructions (Allergies, Medical Conditions, Other) _____

Home Church: _____

Dismissal Info *(names of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS):* _____

Permission to take/use photos of your child(ren): yes no

Parent/Guardian Signature (pictures are only used for in-house use)

Be A Volunteer

I can volunteer at Vacation Bible School the following days (9am-12:15pm):

All Week Sunday(kick off) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday (closing)

I would like to help with the following age group: Preschool Elementary

I would like to help with one of the activity stations:

Crafts Science Drama Games Snacks Music Wherever I'm needed

I would like to be a shepherd (help move children from station to station): _____

I can help with decorations/set-up before VBS:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

VBS 2023

Children ages 4 to 5th Grade
Week of June 19th - 23rd
9am to 12:15pm

Register Today!!

Warwick Memorial's Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party - On a Roll with God!"

38 Hoopes Road
Newport News, VA 23602
757-877-2270

**Monday - Friday June 19-23
9am - 12:15pm**

Pre-register on-line at www.wmumc.org or turn this form in to the office, or place in the offering plate by

Sunday, June 18th

(Pre-registration is NOT required, but we would appreciate knowing approximately how many children will be participating.)

VBS is for children ages 3 by September 1, 2022 through completed 5th grade (rising 6th grade)

Please join us Friday evening at 6pm for a special closing celebration.

"Give us this day our daily bread."

Matthew 6:11 NRSV

We need adult and youth helpers.

Please contact Sharon Ellis (757-478-5020) if you can help.

Register on line at <https://warwick-memorial-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>