

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

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

## This Week At A Glance . .

### May 7 - 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 8

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  
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (Rm 20)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
6:30pm Special Olympics Board Mtg (Rm 16)  
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

### Tuesday, May 9

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)  
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)  
7pm Evangelism Mtg (Rm 20)  
7:30pm Ministry Core Team Mtg (Rm 20)

### Wednesday, May 10

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

### Thursday, May 11

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

### Friday, May 12

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

### Saturday, May 13

7am First Responders Breakfast (CC)

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

## This Week's Message is Based on 1 Peter 2:1-10

In this week's scripture, the Apostle Peter presents two images that represent Jesus Christ. We see Christ as pure spiritual milk and Christ as the Cornerstone of God's spiritual house. The movement through these images goes like this: Once we taste/experience Jesus, we see Him as precious and come to Him by faith as the Cornerstone of God's spiritual house and are also placed as living stones into the structure.

Keeping with the Stone Structure metaphor, Peter also shows us that there are two building projects: there is the spiritual house in which Christ is the Cornerstone and Man's building project that rejects the Cornerstone. In this metaphor, rejecting the Cornerstone is rejecting the Gospel message.

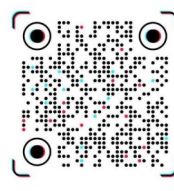
Remember all of man's attempts at meaning and significance in this world fall short. We must see them for what they are, like grass and flowers. Because God has had the good news preached to us and has saved us through imperishable seed, namely, His eternal life-giving Word, now we have work to do. Beloved, do you see that when we are growing as Christians, that seeking to magnify ourselves is not important anymore? Seeking to magnify Christ is very important. All it takes is a taste of Christ to realize what God has given us in our Lord and Savior. Once a person experiences salvation through Jesus other things in life begin to fall away and they treasure Christ more and more. As Peter thought about his own experience with Jesus, he thought that the best comparison is the craving a newborn has for his mother's milk. For an infant there is nothing like mother's milk. It is what causes the baby to grow. Peter tells us that once we taste Christ, we will crave more just like a baby craves milk. Once Christ is experienced, the natural response is to want more of Him. He is good and loves us.

Adapted from [www.gccwaverly.net](http://www.gccwaverly.net)

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



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Share your QR code so others can follow you

TikTok



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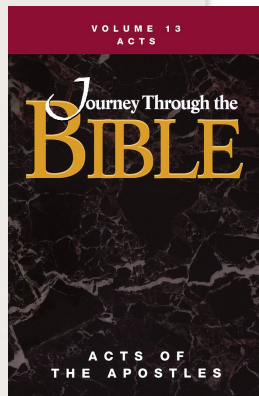


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## Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

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 in the library on the shelf above the computer along with a sign out sheet (or on the table). 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. You are welcome to join in at any time.



## Potluck Brunch Fellowship

Our 5th Sunday Fellowship Potluck Brunch was a big success! Over 100 people of Warwick Memorial gathered in the Fellowship Hall between worship services for some wonderful food and delightful conversations with old friends and new acquaintances. Once again, our "two congregations" became ONE in fellowship, food, and love.



## 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 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.

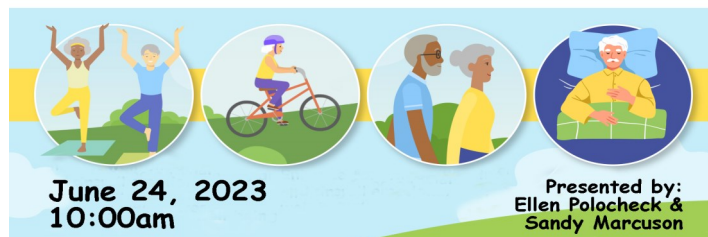
All are Welcome—you can use the invite cards that are around the church. to encourage friends, family, or anyone you know to join you for dinner.

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!



## 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. 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

## 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.



## 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 10:00am. 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.**

THANKS TO YOU!

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## THRIVE Peninsula Give Local 757 Update

Thank you for helping to make this happen on Give Local 757.

Did you  
know...

Fifteen years ago, shortly after our Celebration Center was completed, WMUMC wanted to have a special event to show our appreciation to the brave men and women who serve us every day in our community. A First Responders Appreciation Breakfast was planned and the invitation went out to Police and Fire Departments, EMS personnel, and the Sheriff's Office to be our guests for a sumptuous Saturday morning breakfast. The idea was a success and it has become an annual tradition to honor these community servants.

We're always grateful to our church members and friends who are willing to show their admiration and thanks by participating as cooks, greeters, dishwashers, working on advance preparations and clean-up. Our guests arrive throughout the morning (as their schedules allow) to enjoy a delicious meal and conversation. They all receive a sincere "Thank You" and a small gift to take with them as they leave.

We hope to continue to remember our local First Responders once a year, honoring their dedication to all of us in the community!





## 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](mailto: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.*

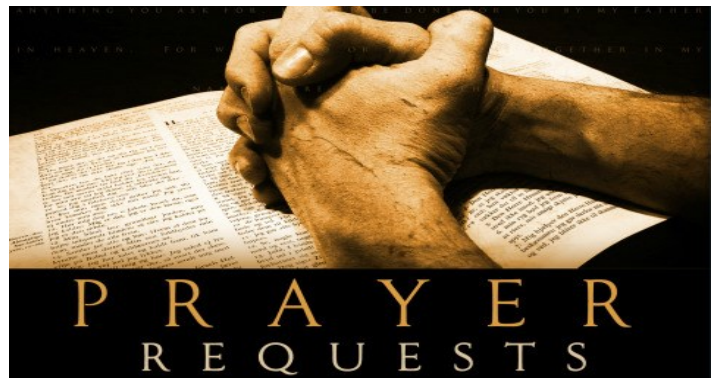
James 5:16

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](mailto: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](mailto:pastoresther@wmumc.org) or [pastorangie@wmumc.org](mailto: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 \* Alain (friend of Sharon Davenport) \* Susie Stein (Fern Holley's niece) \* Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) \* Ellen (Linda Henderson's sister) \* Mel Rhoads \* The Sreves/Hollingsworth family for the passing of Heather's twin brother, Lee Hollingsworth \* 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 (4/30)

9:00am: 74  
10:15am (online): 101  
11:15am: 61  
Sunday School: (Fellowship Brunch)  
Dinner Church 5/4: 91

## Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

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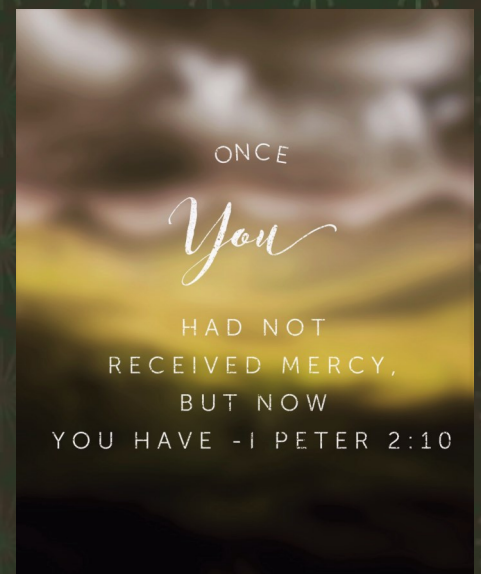
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## Graduate Recognition

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](mailto:Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org)







## VBS 2023 is Coming For Children Pre-K to 5th Grade

Children are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School 2023—"Food Truck Party, On A Roll With God." Children can join the fun beginning **Monday, June 19th through Friday, June 23 from 9am to 12:15pm**. Please mark your calendar for this event. We will have a closing celebration party on Friday, June 23rd, time to be determined. On line registration will be available soon through our Facebook event page and under events on our website - [www.WMUMC.org](http://www.WMUMC.org). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sharon Ellis at 757-478-5020 - it takes many hands to make this an amazing event for our children, so please consider helping out with set-up, decorations, being guides for the children, and more.

## Free Lunch & Learn Hosted by Cremation Society of Virginia

You are invited to a free lunch at Smoke BBQ Restaurant, 10900 Warwick Blvd., on June 22 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



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.



## 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/](http://www.umcmmission.org/relief-supplies/)

As of 5/4/23 we are sponsoring 2 buckets.

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](mailto: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!**