

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, June 11, 2023

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

This Week At A Glance . .

June 11 - 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 Year End Picnic
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, June 12

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
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)
7pm VBS Planning Meeting
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, June 13

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

Wednesday, June 14

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
10:30am Bible Study (Zoom)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, June 15

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Ministry Core Team Meeting (FH)

Friday, June 16

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, June 17

9am Court of Honor (FH & Sanctuary)

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

This Week's Message is Based on Genesis 12:1-9

Abraham's call began with God speaking to him. We don't know exactly how this happened. Maybe, God spoke to him through a fiery bush, through a cloud, a blinding light, or a soft whisper. We don't know. But we do know that God made his will very clear to Abraham—he was to leave his country, his people, and his father's household.

Many believers want to know God's will. What is God's will for my future? What major should I pursue? Who should I marry? What should I do next?

Everyone should understand a few important things about discerning and following God's call. In one sense, there is a general call for all believers as revealed through God's Word. God calls for all of us to make disciples, to daily spend time with him through his Word and prayer, to be involved with and serve a Bible preaching church, and to turn away from sin. These are aspects of God's general call for all believers.

However, God also has a specific call for every believer—such as seen in God's call for Abraham to leave his home and family to be a blessing to the world. A specific call deals with things that are not clearly revealed through his Word—such as who to marry, what job to take, and how to serve.

So, how can we discern our specific call or aspects of it?

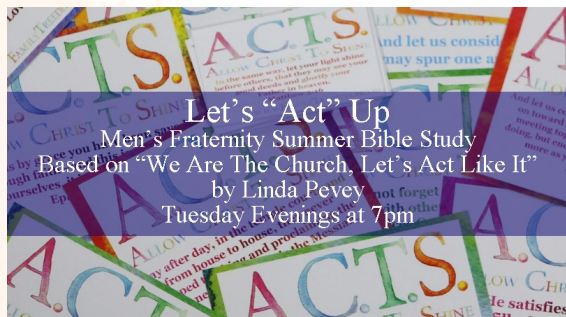
1. To discern our specific call, we must apply principles found in Scripture.
2. To discern our specific call, we must faithfully fulfill God's general call.

There are many Christians who cannot discern God's will because they are disobedient to their general call. Instead, they experience a hardening of the heart and an inability to hear and discern God's voice. Another example of this is in [Romans 12:2](#). It says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Adapted from: <https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com>

Prayer

Now the peace which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen



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 7/4.)



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 now available.



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.

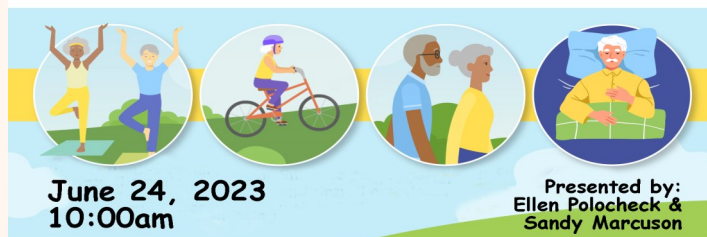
All are Welcome—you can use the invite cards that are around the church to encourage friends, family, or anyone you know to join you for dinner.

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.

2023 Virginia Annual Conference Offering

Our clergy staff and lay leaders will be attending the Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke, VA, from June 14th to the 18th. Every year they take up a special offering and set a goal of \$150,000. This year, this collection will be divided between Refugee Response, Food Insecurity and Partnerships of Hope. If you feel called to help support this offering, you can mark your gift "Annual Conference" and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

The clergy appointments will be recognized during the conference, and SPRC is pleased to announce that Pastor Esther and Pastor Angie were appointed to Warwick Memorial for another year.

Please keep the Annual Conference in your prayers as they prepare for this years conference this coming week.

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 today, at 6pm, here at the church. All of our children and youth are invited and everyone is invited to come and congratulate them on another successful school year.

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. We will resume Sunday meeting in September.

Graduate Recognition

Today we recognize our 2023 High School and College graduates. If we did not recognize your grad, we are praying for all graduates this week for God to be by their side as they move into the next chapter of their lives. Congratulations to all Class of 2023 graduates.



VBS 2023

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

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Vacation Bible School 2023

ON-LINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!

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 all children! Please share the registration fliers with friends. Please note, closing celebration will be at 5pm on Friday, June 23rd (rescheduled from 6pm.)

Planning Meeting: If you would like to help, please join us on Monday at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall or ask Zena for Zoom link (Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org) if you cannot attend in person



Confirmation 2023

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



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 6/9/23 we are sponsoring a total of 9 buckets. Our circle ladies also put together a total of 25 Feminine Hygiene kits which have already been delivered for transportation to Sager Brown.

Thank you for your continued support of UMCOR.

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:

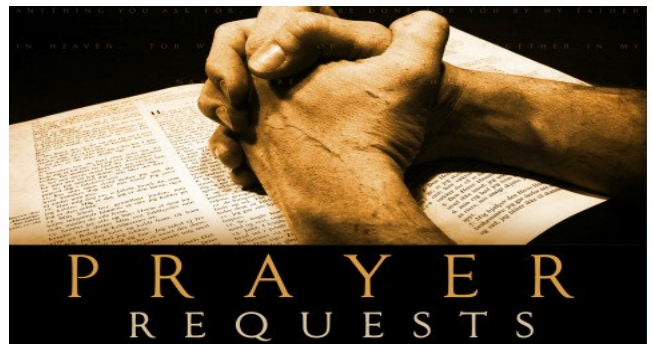
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on , Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask 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 **Monday, July 3, 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 (Hiddenwood) * Evelyn Bilk (Charter Assisted Living) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) * Jim 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 * 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 * Heidi Huber-Chappell * Jim King * Kay Fries * and all those who are grieving or sick. Blessings to Kay Fries on the birth of a great granddaughter, Lillian Grace Fries.

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

Attendance Numbers (6/4)

9:00am: 77
10:15am (online): 101
11:15am: 44
Sunday School: 65
Dinner Church 6/7: 63

Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

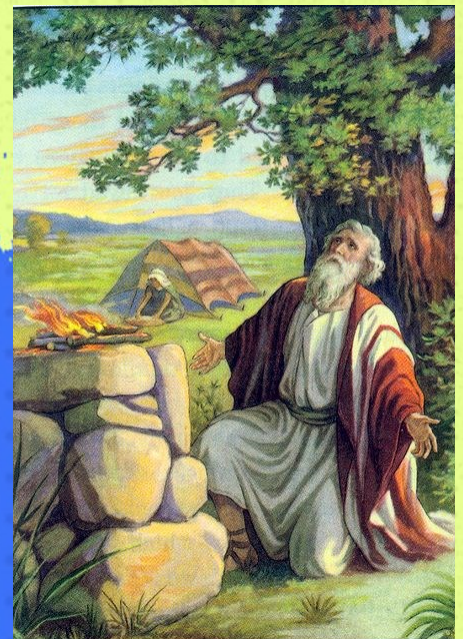
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Church Family,
Thank you so much for the outpouring of love last week as I was recognized for my 10 years of employment with WMUMC. I have come to love everyone of you over the years and I am truly blessed to be here in ministry with you all. Thank you for the love, the cards, and the prayers.
Much Love, Zena





that Vacation Bible School (VBS) is an event held every summer for the children of Warwick Memorial, their friends, and the community. Before the Celebration Center was completed in 2008, all of the activities were held in the classrooms and Sanctuary. What a blessing to have the extra space, projection screens and a stage with lighting and microphones (special thanks to AVL team)!

Our week of VBS centers around a different theme each year, featuring a fun puppet, decorations, and daily program. We offer music, crafts, Bible stories, Discovery (science), recreation, and creative snacks.....all made possible with the help of volunteers who are

willing to give a few hours each day for the children. VBS 2023 is only a week away and our Directors still need volunteers to help in each area, including "shepherds" to guide the children to the next activity and assist when necessary.

Please reach out to Sharon Ellis (757-478-5020) or Kerry Blazek (757-310-9891) to offer whatever time you have available.... they will be grateful for your help!



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.

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



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Instagram



Share your QR code so others can follow you

TikTok



Facebook



Offering

Warwick By The Numbers

Budget Income/Actual Income January to May, 2023

	Annual Budget Income	Actual Income YTD
Operating Income:		
Pledged Gifts	\$427,000.00	\$181,841.34
Loose Offering	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,240.83
Unpledged/Identified Givers	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 38,481.44
Rental Property	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 3,775.00
Church usage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,735.00
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	\$611,791.25	\$249,720.49
	Annual Budget Expense	Actual Expense YTD
Operating Expenses:		
Apportionments	\$ 83,376.00	\$ 34,740.00
Trustees	\$155,600.00	\$ 55,365.55
Finance	\$ 11,470.00	\$ 2,823.33
SPRC	\$336,690.25	\$137,671.05
Connect	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 410.85
Evangelize	\$ 2,305.00	\$ 542.96
Worship	\$ 7,955.00	\$ 2,140.34
Serve	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 2,024.47
Total Operating Expenses	\$611,791.25	\$235,718.55
Net Income		\$ 14,001.94

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!

T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

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MISSION TEAM

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JUNE 25TH



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