

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, June 18, 2023

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This Week At A Glance . .

June 18 - 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, June 19 *

VBS 9am—12:15pm
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, June 20 *

VBS 9am—12:15pm
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
4pm Confirmation Class (Rm 20)

Wednesday, June 21 *

VBS 9am—12:15pm
10:30am Bible Study (Zoom)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, June 22 *

VBS 9am—12:15pm
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
4pm Confirmation Class (Rm 20)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Finance Team Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, June 23 *

VBS 9am—12:15pm
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)
5pm - VBS Closing Celebration (CC)

Saturday, June 24

10am Exercise & Safety Presentation (FH)
1pm Missionary Lunch/Presentation (CC)

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

This Week's Message is Based on Genesis 18:1-15

Have you ever felt stuck in a season of life—confused about where to go to school or what major to choose, unsure when you'll finally land your dream job, wanting a family but nothing seems to go right? These unanswered questions and unfulfilled desires can lead us to doubt and mistrust God's plan for our lives. And, we often find ourselves waiting for the next answer.

If you have ever questioned God's promises, you are not alone. In Genesis, Abraham and Sarah battle with distrust in God's promise to give them children and more descendants than they can count. Sarah even schemes to make this happen on her own terms in Genesis 16.

In Genesis 18, the Lord visited Abraham and promised him a son by the following year, and "Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, 'After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?'" (Genesis 18:12).

It's easy to doubt God's plans and promises when they seem impossible. But, God answered Sarah, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?..." (Genesis 18:14). Then, in Genesis 21, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham and Sarah, and they had a son, Isaac.

When we begin to doubt, we can ask ourselves: Is this day too hard for the Lord? Is this addiction too hard for the Lord? Is this decision too big for the Lord? Is this marriage too far gone for the Lord?

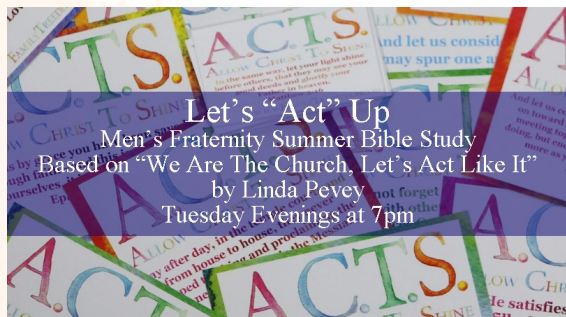
Though it is hard to see past our present circumstances, nothing is too hard for God. Even when things don't go as we expect, we can trust that God still has a plan for our lives, and He is faithful to fulfill His promises.

How impossible did it seem for God to give Sarah a child at such an old age? Considering what God did for Sarah, how impossible is your situation today?

Adapted from: <https://newspring.cc/devotionals>

Prayer

Father, I have been way too timid in my prayers, when I compare myself to Abraham. Help me to know you so well that I won't feel afraid to ask great things of you. Grow my faith in you and lead me to exercise this ever increasing faith in my prayers to you. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



Men's Fraternity Summer Study

This past week, Men's Fraternity began their 10th annual weekly Summer Backyard Cookout Bible Study - "Let's 'Act' Up!" They meet at 6pm to eat and at 7pm begin the 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 a Bible. The next meeting on June 20th will be at the home of Bobby Minetree, 104 Catherine Dr, Seaford 23696. Call Gerry at 757-880-9485 or email ggmingee@verizon.net for more details. (Will meet through 8/1, no meeting 7/4.)

Elijah Summer Bible Study

Come join us Thursday mornings beginning July 13th for a 7 week Bible study of Elijah by Priscilla Shirer. We will experience Priscilla Shirer's teachings by video followed by a discussion. You will need a copy of the book Elijah by Priscilla Shirer which can easily be purchased on Amazon. Linda McLawhorn will be the facilitator. Planning to meet in church library at 10am.



Sunday School Classes

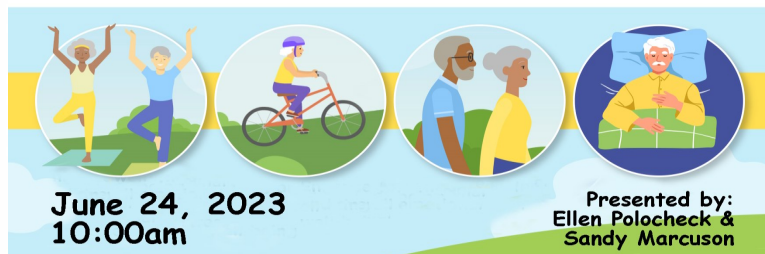
All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the Celebration Center following worship or meet in room 29 for class to start at 10:15am.

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

Elder Exercise & Safety Presentation



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.

"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!



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

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, while the 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.

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. Regular Sunday fellowship meetings will resume in September.



Confirmation Classes begin this week for 3 of our youth. Please be in prayer for them as they go through this journey over the next 3 weeks which includes in-depth study, mission trips and retreats. They will work side by side with their mentors through this faith building program. Join us on Sunday, August 6th for Confirmation Sunday as we welcome them to the membership of our church.



Kits for Conference Update

Thank you for the donations to help us provide cleaning buckets for the Sager Brown UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) warehouse. We collected enough funds to help cover the cost of 11 cleaning buckets and a few bucks left over for UMCOR to put where needed for kits. With the assistance of our 2 United Women of Faith Circles, we also donated 25 Feminine Hygiene kits. Thank you to everyone who participated in donating funds, items and the time to package the kits. This love is spread all around the country and the world when needed during emergency situations. To learn more about UMCOR and the relief kits, you can visit www.umcmmission.org/relief-supplies/



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 and invite them to attend beginning tomorrow, June 19th. Please note, closing celebration will be at 5pm on Friday, June 23rd (rescheduled from 6pm.)

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 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

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:

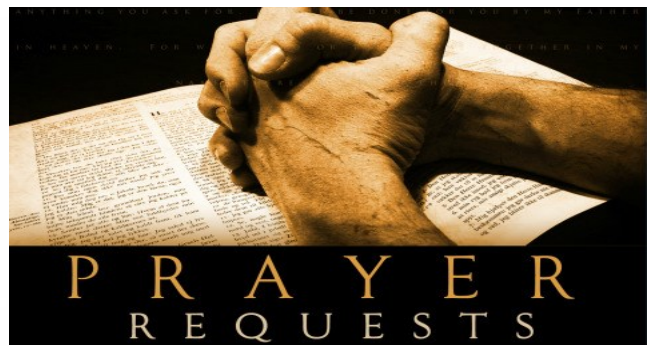
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on , Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask 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 (Hidenwood) * 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 * Mel Rhoads * Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine * Jim Taylor * Heidi Huber-Chappell * Jim King * Kay Fries * Barbara Freund * Raye Gwyn (Mary Jackson's mom) * Linda Henderson and family in the loss of her sister, Ellen 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).

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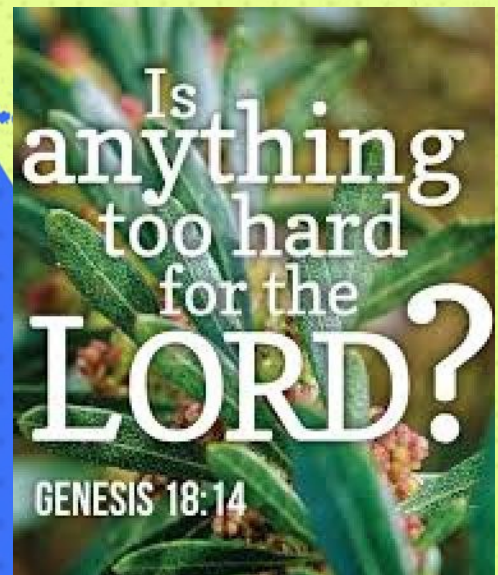
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Attendance Numbers (6/11)

9:00am: 76
10:15am (online): 116
11:15am: 60
Sunday School: 75
Dinner Church 6/14: 50





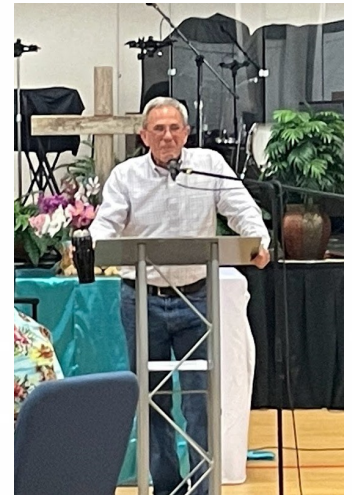
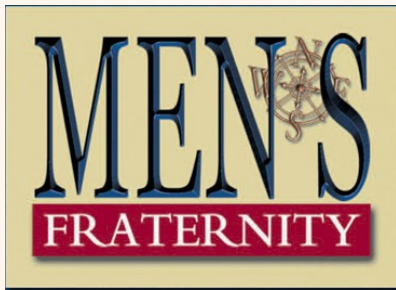
that in the summer of 2010, Gerry Mingee and Dick At Lee started a new ministry called Men's Fraternity with the goal of promoting spiritual growth and to offer men a safe place to share. Since then, it has become so much more than that!

They began with a challenging but entertaining 3 year study course called Authentic Manhood which was so successful they chose to repeat it for another 3 years. Since then, their spiritual journey continues by meeting regularly. Retreats on Super Bowl weekend mixing worship with fun activities are always a highlight of the

year. For the last 2 years, the group has sponsored a men's breakfast on the Saturday after Easter and are currently developing a program to offer help with small home repairs for those who are unable to do their own.

2023 is the 10th year of the popular annual summer cookout and Bible study, meeting at different homes weekly, inviting men of all ages to join them at any time. This summer's study of the book of Acts (Let's "Act" Up) began at the Mingee's on June 13th and will continue until August 1st at a different participant's home each week. The cookout features a great meal with food on the grill, along with sides and desserts brought by participants. The bonds of friendship have grown strong as the brotherhood lives their faith in this church and out in the community.

Christ is very much alive in the heart of Warwick Memorial's Men's Fraternity



**American Red Cross
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Give Blood • Give Life

**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 at www.redcrossblood.org

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.

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

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.

T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

PROCEEDS SUPPORT WMUMC RED BIRD
MISSION TEAM

\$20 EACH

4.5 OZ., PRESHRUNK, 100% COTTON
SOFTSTYLE UNISEX T-SHIRT. BLACK.

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