

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, June 25, 2023

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

This Week At A Glance . .

June 25 - 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 26 *

9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)
7:30pm NO Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, June 27 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
10am Craft Day (FH)
4pm Confirmation Class (Rm 16)
6pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study (see pg 2)

Wednesday, June 28 *

10:30am Bible Study (Zoom)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, June 29 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
4pm Confirmation Class (Rm 16)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Finance Team Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, June 30 *

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, July 1

* 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 21:8-21

The lead characters in this week's scripture reading include a father—Abraham—two mothers—Sarah and Hagar—and two sons—Ishmael and Isaac. In this story, Abraham sends his firstborn son, Ishmael, along with his mother Hagar into the wilderness, because Sarah doesn't want Ishmael to share in the inheritance she believes belongs to her son, Isaac. This story is complicated because Ishmael's mother Hagar was Sarah's slave, who became Sarah's surrogate until Sarah had a child of her own. That's when Sarah decided that Hagar and Ishmael had to go. When Abraham reluctantly agreed to Sarah's demands, Hagar and Ishmael were sent into the wilderness as refugees. When their water ran out, Hagar hid Ishmael in the bushes and then sat down and wept, while Ishmael cried.

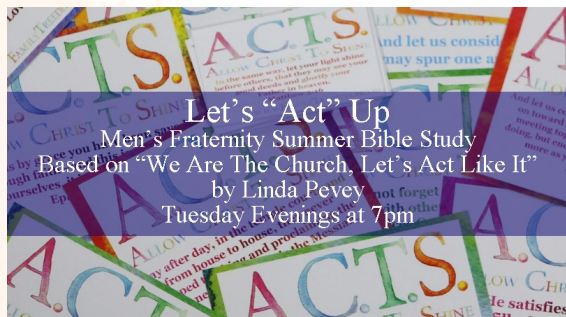
Christian tradition tends to focus on Sarah and Isaac, while ignoring Hagar and Ishmael. This may be due in part to Paul's rather negative portrayal of Hagar, but it may also be due to the fact that we trace our spiritual ancestry back to Abraham through Isaac and his mother Sarah. Nevertheless, Hagar and Ishmael's story is important, because it speaks to God's concern for refugees and offers us an interfaith bridge to our Muslim cousins, who trace their descent from Abraham through Hagar and Ishmael. The promise revealed here in Genesis 21 is that both Isaac and Ishmael will become great nations. The story of Hagar and Ishmael also reminds us that God is concerned about the outsider and the outcast. God cares about the welfare of the refugee, the immigrant, and the stranger. We are invited to share in that concern.

This story offers us insight into the breadth of God's love and grace, which is much greater than we sometimes embody, even as it's greater than what Father Abraham embodied. Nonetheless, there is a word of hope at the end of Abraham's story. After Abraham died, his two sons came together to bury him. We wonder whether true reconciliation took place in that moment. The Genesis story isn't clear on that matter and it focuses its attention on Isaac's descendants. Nevertheless, it contains the promise that God would bless Ishmael's descendants.

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Prayer

God see us and hear us in our times of need, especially when we've been mistreated or we find ourselves in the desert and feeling we can't go on; grant us peace as we pray for our faith, for strength, and courage that we need to go forward in life with renewed hope, deeper faith, and stronger love. 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 The Mingiee's, 6 Canter Court, NN's. 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

"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 Celebration Center.

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!

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.

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.



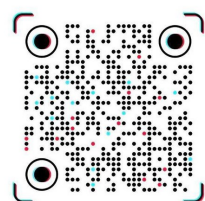
Confirmation Classes begin last week for 3 of our youth. Please be in prayer for them as they go through this journey over the next 2 weeks which includes in-depth study, mission trips and retreats. They will work side by side with their mentors through this faith building program. Join us on Sunday, August 6th for Confirmation Sunday as we welcome them to the membership of our church.

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



The Turquoise Table Project began as a mission to love her neighbors - Kristen Schell put an ordinary picnic table in her front yard, painted it turquoise and invited neighbors, friends, and even strangers to hang out and do life together at The Turquoise Table®.

Today, there are Turquoise Tables all across America from California to Maine. In all fifty states and in thirteen countries, Turquoise Tables have become a symbol of hospitality, a safe place to sit down and connect over a cup of coffee or glass of sweet tea.

We have decided to join the Turquoise Table Movement and we have placed 1 bench on the church grounds. Right now it is by the Celebration Center which allowed parents to sit and wait for their children during VBS. It will be moved to different areas around the yard to invite people to sit and take a rest. A number of our Hoopes Road neighbors walk up and down the street, this is our way to invite them to take a break. If you see anyone sitting on the bench when you stop by the church, feel free to go out and say hello and welcome them to our facility.

We are planning to put more around the community, the youth have purchased one already and plan to paint it pink (they do not have to be painted turquoise to be a part of the program.) If you would like to be a part of this movement with us, please reach out to Linda McLawhorn. You can get a bench that can be part of our group of benches and let us know where you plan to place it (cost of the bench is \$170 and we can order 2 or 3 to be delivered at one time if possible.) You are responsible for painting it and then placing it where you would like it to go. We will give you a laminated sheet that is the explanation of the table that can be tacked to the table. We hope you'll join us!



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:

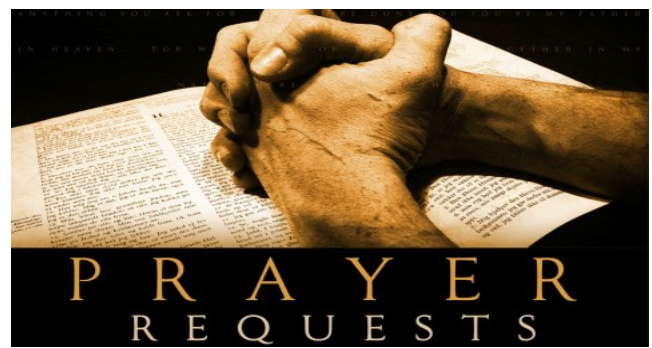
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on , Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask 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 * 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) * Frank Felice (Dan Felice's Dad) * Gene Osborne * and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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Attendance Numbers (6/18)

9:00am: 64
10:15am (online): 109
11:15am: 62
Sunday School: 62
Dinner Church 6/21: 50

