

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, July 23, 2023

## This Week At A Glance . .

### July 23 - 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, July 24 \*

9am Shekinah Prayer Time  
9am Meals on Monday  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)

### Tuesday, July 25 \*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
6pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 26 \*

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

### Thursday, July 27 \*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
10am Elijah Bible Study (Library)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)  
7pm Leadership Team Mtg (zoom)

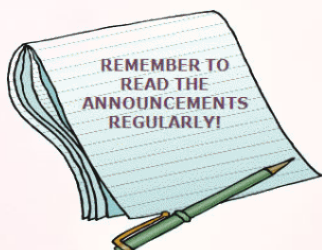
### Friday, July 28 \*

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

### Saturday, July 29

*\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location*

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



## Summer Sermon Series - Beguiled By Beauty

An early 6th century theologian described God as “beguiled by beauty.” The Creator was lured by a longing for beauty and so set in motion a world of immense diversity and goodness. We were made for this Divine Goodness. We were made inherently worthy, not by our “doing,” but by our simply being. All things are beautiful—not by a standard of “pretty” as seen by our eyes, but by an essence of sacred worth that is sensed by the spirit. This is the root and heart of compassion and justice. Practices of contemplation help us train our gaze to these deeper truths. In this worship series we will dwell with the God of Divine Goodness, deeply in love with us, and practice ways to return that love as we fall more deeply in love with creation and with one another.

We begin this series this week with “Beauty, Contemplation, and Radical Compassion.” All things are beautiful—not by a standard of “pretty” as seen by our eyes, but by an essence of sacred worth that is sensed by the spirit. This is the root and heart of compassion and justice. Beauty is the threshold to Divine Goodness and a door into radical compassion. “The difficulty and crisis of the world is overwhelming. It is virtually impossible to bear it without very deep resources. A life of prayer does not take us out of life but deeper into it.” We pursue a contemplative life to intensify spiritual capacities so that we might live as Beloveds of God who extend Goodness in the world. This week’s message will be based on Ezekiel 31: 3-7

*Adapted from Beguiled By Beauty, Marcia McPhee*

## Prayer

The world is so varied and beautiful. Seek wisdom wherever it is to be found. May the goodness of the Creator, the companionship of the Christ, and the insight of the Spirit, infuse your life now and always. Amen.

## Confirmation Class

Please continue to be in prayer for our 3 confirmands. Join us on Sunday, August 6th for Confirmation Sunday when we welcome them into the church membership.



## Elijah Summer Bible Study

Come join us Thursday mornings through August 24th for a 7 week Bible study of Elijah by Priscilla Shirer. We will experience Priscilla'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. Will meet in the church library at 10am. Not too late to join in this week, read chapter 1 and 2 to be on schedule.

## Men's Fraternity Summer Study

Men's Fraternity began their 10th annual weekly Summer Backyard Cookout Bible Study a few weeks ago - "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 July 25th will be at the home of Ron Russell. Call Gerry at 757-880-9485 or email ggmingee@verizon.net for more details. Will meet through 8/1, you can join in any time, bring your Bible and an appetite.



## 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 Concert  
Featuring "4 His  
Glory"  
August 9th at  
6pm**

Our next Family Dinner Church concert and dinner event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9th beginning at 6pm in the Celebration Center. Come and enjoy a brief message, dinner and amazing music from our very own quartet group, 4 His Glory.

## "Meals on Monday" and "Family Dinner Church"

\* Free Lunch available on Mondays between 12 noon and 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.

**Everyone Is 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 or our Facebook event page.

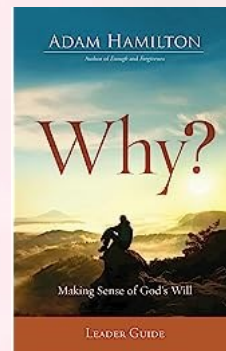
Everyone is invited to join us for a great meal, musical entertainment, devotional message brought to us by a pastor or a lay member and plenty of fellowship. Communion is now monthly. If you are not currently able to join us for church on Sunday or you miss a Sunday, this is a great way to join us during the week, in the evening, for worship.



## New Sunday School Study

The Covenant Sunday School class will begin a study in August using Adam Hamilton's book Why? In Why?, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including: Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike? When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations; where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation?

We meet in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen. All are welcome to come and join us for this study.







## 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.



## Our Children Need You!

During the summer months, July, August and into September, we are in need of some additional volunteers in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are able to help, for one service or the other, it would be greatly appreciated. We have some nursery workers now but they are taking some vacation time and are not always all available every Sunday between now and September. Please consider this and help us out so any little people can spend worship time safely in our nursery. Please reach out to Vanessa at 757-218-2040 or [finance@wmumc.org](mailto:finance@wmumc.org).

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



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Share your QR code so others can follow you

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our Red Bird Mission Team is a team of Warwick Memorial volunteers who go to Red Bird Mission Work Camp in Beverly, Kentucky? Our support of the Red Bird Mission in Eastern Kentucky began in 2014 when Pastors Bert Cloud and Gina Anderson Cloud first introduced the mission to WMUMC. Jim Corliss was our Red Bird Team Leader through 2016 when Kerry and Chris Blazek became our Team Leaders in 2017 and still are. There are no age or special skill requirements to participate in this mission, just a willingness to go where God leads you. This mission offers a week long experience in one of the most rural, under-served areas of our country. The Red Bird Mission work camp strives to provide home repair for low-income community residents and maintenance for Mission buildings and grounds. Some examples of work projects are roof replacement, small room additions, painting, building porches or ramps, and grounds keeping. Other light duty work is available such as kitchen work, craft and community store helpers. In addition to providing mission opportunities, the mission camp strives to provide an atmosphere where participants grow spiritually and gain a personal understanding of mission. Evenings are spent in Christian fellowship and learning about the diverse ministries of Red Bird Mission. Many volunteers return with so many blessings from the one short week of this trip that they cannot wait to go again the following year. Our 2023 team will be leaving on Sunday, July 30 and returning on August 4th and consists of 16 people. Our missionaries each year cover their costs through fundraising and their own pockets, no operating budget is set aside for this mission team. If you would like to contribute to the expenses of the trip to help defer the costs to the volunteers, you can mark your gift "Red Bird" and drop it in the offering plate. We will be commissioning this years team this Sunday at the 9am service. Please keep them in your prayers the week of 7/30 to 8/4.





## 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:

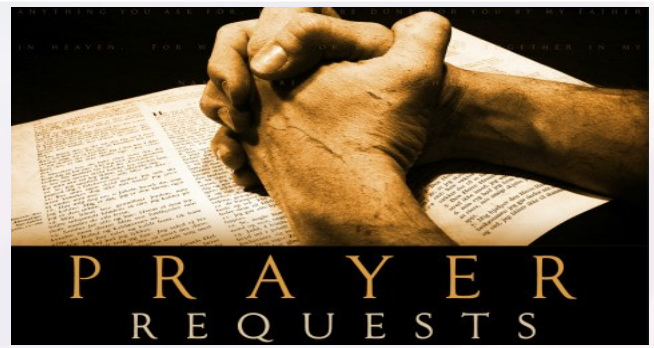
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on , Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask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

## Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be **Monday, August 7, 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](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 (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 \* 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 \* Lynn Stockberger \* Shaun Kelley \* Gail Henry (Rodney's mother-in-law) \* 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 (7/16)

9:00am: 61  
10:15am (online): 112  
11:15am: 54  
Sunday School: 63  
Dinner Church 7/19: 42

