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Sunday, July 30, 2023

### This Week At A Glance . .

July 30 - Today

Red Bird Mission Team Leaves 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 31 \*
9am Shekinah Prayer Time
9am Meals on Monday
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Tuesday, August 1 \*
9am SPRC (Rm 16)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
6pm Men's Fraternity Bible Study

Wednesday, August 2 \* 10:30am Bible Study (Zoom) 6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, August 3 \*
9am SPRC (Rm 16)
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
10am Elijah Bible Study (Library)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 21)
7pm Leadership Team Mtg (zoom)

Friday, August 4 \*
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, August 5
Red Bird Mission Team Returns

\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

For all event and room reservations

# Summer Sermon Series - Beguiled By Beauty Week 2

This week's message is based on Psalm 16:7-11. This Psalm selection is one of many that has a dual meaning. While it was written concerning the Psalmist and the fact he would be raised from the grave, Paul also used it to prove that Jesus is the Messiah and that he was resurrected to live forever. This gives us hope for us because we will live again after this life and we will live eternally because Jesus was raised for us.

We often speak of the death of Jesus on the cross for our sins. We talk of his suffering on our behalf as we read from Isaiah the prophet and how he was wounded for our transgressions. But the death of Jesus would have no purpose if he had not been raised from the grave. It is this that sets him apart from all others who claim to be prophets and to be from God. All other religions have men who founded their beliefs but only Christians have a Lord and Savior who lives now and forever. But he lives, not just for himself, he lives and reigns so that we might live with him and reign with him. Praise God for his unfathomable wisdom in his gracious and glorious scheme of redemption in Jesus Christ!

Adapted from www.ephesuschurchofchrist.org/

### Prayer

God, I give you thanks for caring for me every day. Thank you for your promises to equip me with everything I need to live this life. Thank you also for your promise of eternal life – may this truth cause me to praise you and may it carry me through the difficult days of life. 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.

#### **Men's Fraternity Summer Study**

Men's Fraternity have almost completed 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 and final meeting on August 1st and will be at the home of Bobby Minetree. Call Gerry at 757-880-9485 or email ggmingee@verizon.net for more details. Even though it's the final week, all men are welcome to join in the discussion, just 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

# Free Lunch & Learn Hosted by Cremation Society of Virginia

You are invited to a free lunch at Smoke BBQ

Restaurant, 10900 Warwick Blvd., on August 16th 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.



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**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.

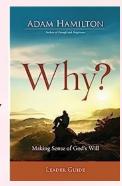


# New Sunday School Study

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.

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Share your QR code so others can follow

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#### **Yoga Classes**

Yoga classes are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the youth room. All are welcome, no pre-registration required. The cost is \$10 per class. Classes are beginner friendly and work with any level. As long as you are comfortable getting down and up off the floor, this class is a good place to start for those new to yoga. Our instructor is Bethany Caddell and you can contact her at thanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org or through www.christianyogastudio.org.



That WMUMC has a Respite Care Ministry? Well, we do, and 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. We have been helping in this way for over 20 years! Sina took it over from Trish Ployd, or took it over from Josie Cole who took it over from Gene Lowe. This ministry has been a blessing to this church for many many years. May God continue to bless this ministry.

In coordination with the Respite Ministry, the Men's Fraternity 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.

#### 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.

#### **Church Prayer Requests**

Even though we are back to worshiping 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, 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. 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 \* 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) \* Sharon Davenport \* David Holt and family in the passing of his father \* 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 (7/23)**

9:00am: 58

10:15am (online): 106

11:15am: 58 Sunday School: 60

Dinner Church 7/26: 42