

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, August 13, 2023

This Week At A Glance . .

August 13 - 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, August 14 *

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

Tuesday, August 15 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
10am Craft Day (FH)

Wednesday, August 16 *

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

Thursday, August 17 *

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

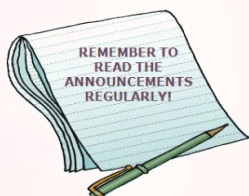
Friday, August 18 *

Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, August 19

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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



Week 3: Beguiled By Beauty - Psalm 147:1-11 Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion

We try to satisfy our thirst for meaningful life with so many distractions and addictions. Awakening to beauty is to find the well that never runs dry. For it is in beginning to truly see the world with our spirits that our soul's thirst is quenched. "The resilience and beauty of the natural world is a sign of hope, even when things are difficult." A crack in a sidewalk reveals the seeds just beneath the surface just waiting for a chance to break through. "Divine beauty shimmers and shimmies through the universe and in every barrio where someone is singing or weeping. Because of beauty, our spirits are enlivened." Contemplating this resilient beauty draws us back to our own vitality and the promise that we, too, are capable of new life.

Through this sermon series, we are being reminded this summer how beautiful the world is and everything and everyone in it! In our "search for beauty" today we are looking for an object that is broken or imperfect. How can something broken be beautiful?

This week through our scripture reading and sermon, we will allow the Bible to tell us that God takes care of broken things. Can you see something that is broken around you somewhere? Let's find something right now. Do you see something?

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Prayer

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

School Supply Donations

We will be collecting general school supplies (packs of paper, notebooks, pencils, colored crayons and pencils) to give to THRIVE for their back to school packs. You can bring to the church office or drop off on Sunday mornings on or before August 27th.



Senior Fellowship Book Club

Join us for our next book club on Thursday, **September 21st at noon**. We meet at Schlesingers. The next book is "Silver Girl" by Elin Hilderbrand. Set against the backdrop of a Nantucket summer, Elin Hilderbrand delivers a suspenseful story of the power of friendship, the pull of love, and the beauty of forgiveness. Please RSVP to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 if you would like to attend.



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



Nothing Bundt Cake RAH Fundraiser

This new fundraiser will run from now until 8/31. You can order your Nothing Bundt Cakes on the order forms in the gathering area, narthex and Sunday School classrooms and payment must be in by 8/31. The cupcakes are \$6 each and we get to keep \$2 for every cupcake sold. The \$2 profit we make from each cupcake will provide 5 RAH meal packages which will feed 30 people. The expected delivery on the cupcakes will be Sunday, September 10th. Contact Vanessa Sczensy for any questions about order Delivery sczensyeval@gmail.com.



"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. (We will gather in the Fellowship Hall 8/16 and 8/23.)

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. 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.



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.



FREE Lunch & Learn

August 16, 2023 | 12 P.-M. NOON

Cremation Society of Virginia
HAMILTON 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

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.



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 you

TikTok



Facebook



Offering

Just a Note

Pastor Esther is on vacation for the next few weeks, she is visiting her family back home in Ghana. Please keep her and William in your prayers for safe travels during this time. She will back to worship on September 3rd.



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.



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.

Special Request: The Care Committee is looking for volunteers to assist Mary Jackson in feeding her mother on days Mary may not be able to do so. Mary's mother, Luray (Raye) Gwyn, is a resident of Charter Senior Assisted Living (formerly Morning Star) on Denbigh Blvd. Meals are served at 8am, 12n and 4:30pm. This would happen only if Mary cannot be there. If you are willing to on a stand-by list, please call Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109 or email hofler2@verizon.net.

In addition, if anyone is willing to go each Wednesday at 12noon to feed Raye since Mary works, please get in touch with Sina.

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:

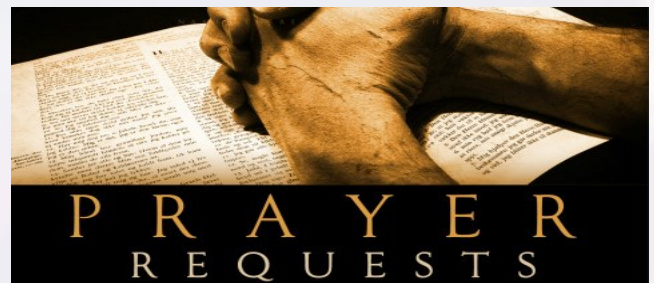
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on , Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask 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, September 4, 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 * Tiffany Brandt * 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 * 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 * Joy Robinson (her mother and brother are both having medical issues) * Lurray (Raye) Gwyn * Lisa Staples * Ginny Chappell * 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 (8/6)

9:00am: 79
10:15am (online): 98
11:15am: 67
Sunday School: 62
Dinner Church 8/9: 100

