

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, August 6, 2023

This Week At A Glance . .

August 6 - Today

8am Lampstand Band Rehearsal (CC)
9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Facebook Service
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
12:15am Confirmation Reception (FH)
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, August 7 *

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

Tuesday, August 8 *

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time

Wednesday, August 9 *

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

Thursday, August 10 *

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

Friday, August 11 *

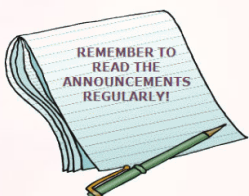
Meals on Wheels (pick up location)

Saturday, August 12

9am Private Event (FH)

** Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location*

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



Confirmation Sunday

The son of an English ship's captain had been confirmed on a Palm Sunday morning. That evening, the father and son sat in the captain's quarters and reviewed the events of the day. Wishing to underscore and deepen the conviction of his son's confirmation vows, the father said, "My boy, light this candle. Go out onto the deck, and return to me with the candle still burning."

"But, Father," the boy replied, "if I go up on the deck, the wind will surely blow out the flame."

At the continued urging of the father, the son did as he was told.

With much shielding and maneuvering the lad succeeded in keeping the flame burning. With a sense of accomplishment he returned the burning candle to his father. It was only then the father explained: "My son, your faith is like this candle. You were confirmed today. Your faith is small and frail right now. From here on out, you will be going into a big, tempting world. That world has dedicated itself to snuffing out the flame of your faith. It will most certainly succeed ... if you don't take pains to properly shield it."

The father gave good advice. Most people don't put much thought into their confirmation or, more importantly, their baptism.

They often view the promises and covenants which were made as things which happened a long time ago, things which really have no meaning for today. People feel that way because they have received adoption into the family of faith by God's grace and not by their own works.

That's an important thing for us to remember.

Even though we didn't have anything to do with the benefits and blessings which Baptism brings, those blessings are still real. In Baptism the Father comes to us; in Baptism the forgiveness Christ won upon the cross is given to us. In Baptism we are adopted into the family of faith, and in Baptism we have the assurance -- no matter what happens to us -- that our salvation is secure.

Truly, such blessings are worth protecting and shielding.

Adapted from a writing by Rev. Ken Klaus

Prayer

Father, I thank you for adopting me through the cross of Christ. Help me to remember my baptism each day, so I may be given strength to stand against the gale-force winds of life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Please join us following the 11:15am service for a small reception in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our confirmands.

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

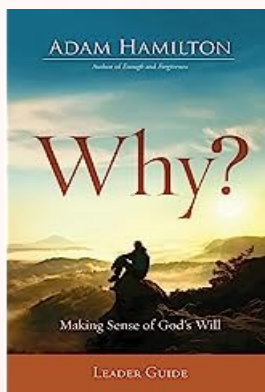
Youth - Room 22

Carpenters Class - Room 30

New Sunday School Study

The Covenant Sunday School class will begin a study this week for the month of 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.



**Family Dinner
Church Concert
Featuring "4 His
Glory"
August 9th at
6pm**

Join us this Wednesday for our next Family Dinner Church concert and dinner event, 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. Please use the flier to invite a friend.

"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.



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
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



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.

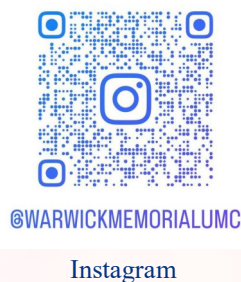
If your child would like to participate in children's fellowship activities (age 2 to 5th grade), please contact Sharon Ellis at 757-478-5020. If your child would like to participate in youth ministry activities (grades 6 to 12) please contact Kerry Blazek at 757-310-9891. Regular Sunday fellowship meetings 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.

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



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.

Images from Red Bird Mission Trip 2023



Front Porch Before



Front Porch After



You can see some more pictures on our Facebook Page and we will have a follow up Ripple Moment in the future.

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:

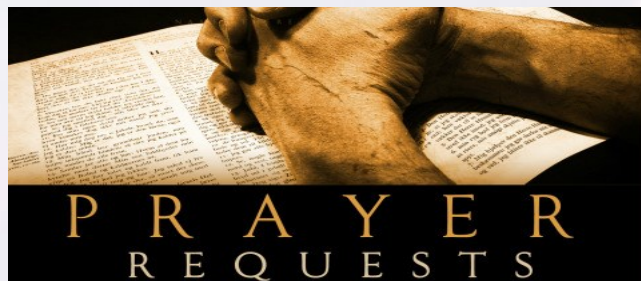
1. Come to the Sanctuary @ 9am on Mon. and 9:30am on Tues and Thurs. for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom daily for Daily Prayer time at 1pm. During the week days this is led by one of the pastors and on the weekend it is led by Linda McLawhorn
3. Pray on your own daily with materials.
4. Ask someone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

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

Attendance Numbers (7/30)

9:00am: 76
10:15am (online): 112
11:15am: 47
Sunday School: 75
Dinner Church 8/3: 40

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Thank You Note

Dear pastors, it was a great pleasure to talk at Warwick Memorial UMC. Thank you so much for your warm welcome and accommodation. Please extend my warmest appreciation to all. God bless you and Warwick UMC.
In Christ, Helen Camarce

