

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, October 6, 2024
20th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

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

This Week At A Glance

October 6 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)
2pm Blessing of the Animals (Front lawn)
6pm Children & Youth Ministries
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, October 7*

9am Meals on Monday Prep (FH)
12pm Meals on Monday Serve (FH)
6pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)
7pm Lampstand Planning (Rm 27)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 8*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
10am Crafts (FH)
1pm Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
7pm Book Study with Sean (Library)

Wednesday, October 9*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 21)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, October 10*

5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

Friday, October 11*

Saturday, October 12

10am Wedding Prep (various rooms)
3pm Private Wedding
4pm Private Reception (FH)

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

For event and room reservations please email Rodney Wise at facility.manager@wmumc.org to receive a Facility Use Agreement

This week's message will be based on Genesis 1:24-31 Week 1: We Are Stewards: Creation

What does it mean to be a good steward? We will be answering this question in relation to many subjects God has entrusted to us. This week we will start with one of the first commandments God gives to humans: to subdue and "have dominion over" God's creation. Does that mean we are free to do whatever we want with God's creation? How much power do we really have over the forces of nature? When God created humankind in God's own image and commanded us to be stewards of God's creation we were given significant power and all of its accompanying responsibility to both represent God to creation and represent creation before God. Join us this Sunday as we explore what this means and how we may properly take care of the creation God has blessed us with.

TODAY - Blessing of the Animals

Service at 2pm

Join us this afternoon at 2pm on the front lawn for a Blessing of the Animals Service. All animals are welcome but please have them on a leash or in a carrier.

Children's toy pets are also welcome to be blessed.

If your pet is afraid of people of strange places, you are welcome to bring their collar, favorite toy, blanket, etc. to be blessed.

See you today at 2pm.

Celebrating the love for all animals

at Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church



Blessing of the Animals

Join us as we honor and **celebrate every creature** in our lives with blessings and joy. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. All are welcome. If you prefer to leave your pet at home, you can bring their blanket, favorite toy or their collar to be blessed.

Sunday, October 6th at 2pm

Front Lawn - 38 Hoopes Road | Newport News | VA
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am.

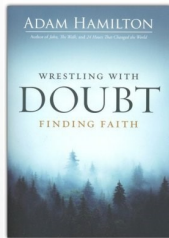
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

- Covenant Class - Fellowship Hall
- Trinity Class - Room 10
- Wesleyan Class - Room 21
- Wired Word - Room 20
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30
- Children - invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship

Covenant Sunday School Class

Next Sunday, October 13, the Covenant Sunday School Class will begin a study using Adam Hamilton's book *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*. Are you struggling with uncertainties on your spiritual journey? Come and join our discussion. We meet in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen.



Ministry Opportunities

Are you feeling called to help? Then, we need you! We have a few ministries within the church that need a few extra hands:

- * Help to transport food donations to THRIVE on the first Monday/Tuesday of the month after communion;
- * Upward Basketball/Cheerleading is coming up (see page 3) and we need help with many things
- * Assist the children and youth on Sunday evenings from 6pm to 7:30pm (see page 3 for more information)
- * Greeters/Ushers are needed for both the 9am service and the 11:15am service
- * help with cleaning up after Dinner Church on Wednesday night (see top right corner)
- * We have a member in need of a truck and some helping hands before October 20th. This individual needs help moving some belongings into a storage unit. If you are able to help, please reach out directly to Pastor Sarah or Pastor Sean and we will help coordinate efforts.

Please reach out to the church office at 757-877-2270 to learn more about where you can help.

Free Lunch and Dinner - Join us!



Meals on Monday -

* Free Lunch available on Mondays between 12 noon and 1pm. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, delivery (as they come up to the door) and cleaning up. Many hands make light work!

Family Dinner Church

* Everyone is welcome to dinner - you can use the invite cards that are around the church or our Facebook event page to encourage friends, family, or anyone you know to join you for a little Devotional worship, a little praise and an awesome dinner.



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.

To help with set-up, cooking, Clean-up and breakdown for Dinner Church, please reach out to Tim Claus to learn more about how you can help, or, just come and join us! You can reach him by email at tjclauscw4@gmail.com

Something good happens every week - come and see for yourself and remember to bring a friend!

Both of these ministries need our support. If you are able to give a donation to help keep them up and running, you can mark your offering "MoM" or "Dinner Church." Please remember that you are welcome to extend an invitation to community members to either or both events. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 or Linda McLawhorn at 757-713-1519 for Meals on Monday or Judy Claus at 757-570-4532 for Dinner Church.

Ways to Give to WMUMC

This is just a reminder of the options to give to WMUMC.

1. In the offering plate on Sunday (envelopes are available on the welcome table in the CC and in the pews in the Sanctuary.)
2. Via BillPay direct from your bank.
3. Drop off your offering to the church office any time.
4. Give securely on line by credit card at www.wmumc.org
5. By card in person on Sunday (look for Mary Ann or Vanessa) or scan the QR code on the bulletin.
6. Gift of stock to WMUMC - you can avoid paying capital gains taxes giving this way. For information to do that, contact VAUMF at telephone number (804) 521-1121.

If you have questions about how to give to WMUMC, reach out to the church office, Jim Corliss, finance chair, Mary Ann Hoyer, finance secretary or contact the church office.

"Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so."

Genesis 1:29-30



Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Our Youth Director, Kerry Blazek, works with our Children's Fellowship and Family Ministries Coordinator, Sharon Ellis, to host a fun and exciting time every Sunday for our children and youth during the school year.

Students in 1st – 5th grades (Children's) and 6th – 12th grades (Youth) are invited on Sunday evenings, 6pm – 7:30pm for a time of fellowship, learning through lessons, and fun with games, crafts and teamwork.

Feel free to reach out to leaders for more information: Sharon Ellis (Children's Ministry) 757-478-5020 or email cutygrgal@cox.net Kerry Blazek (Youth Ministry) 757-310-9891 or email kerryblazek@gmail.com

If you would like to come and help on Sunday evenings, we are always thankful for new Volunteers - come and have some fun and help with the faith journey of our Children and help to develop our family ministry program.



To register a "trunk" please reach out to Kerry Blazek at 757-310-9891 or kerryblazek@gmail.com



CPR/AED Training

Are you interested in becoming certified to perform CPR and to use an AED in an emergency? Remember, many times it is a family member who will need you to know these techniques. If you would like to become certified the course is in 2 parts. The first is an online class, cost \$16.50, and the link is <https://shopcpr.heart.org/heartsaver-cpr-aed-online>.

This course must be completed with a certificate in hand to perform the 2nd part of hands-on. The hands-on will be held at church the end of October (date/time TBD), cost \$30, and will take 1 hour to 90 minutes. When you have completed the online course or have any questions contact Sina Hofler at hofler2@verizon.net, 757-877-6109, or 757-869-2960 or contact the church. This is an American Heart Association class and certification is for 2 years.



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Registration Now Open

You can now register your children for UPWARD Basketball and/or Cheerleading. Please visit <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86928>. In order to make this another successful program, we need volunteers in many different areas. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86928/volunteer> and one of the coordinators will reach out to you.

Bazaar and Cookie Walk 2024 Prep

Join the ladies in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday between now and the Cookie Walk & Bazaar on December 6th and 7th. We will work together from 10am to 2pm on craft projects for the bazaar. Please bring something to share for lunch and come and have some fun. Donations of new and gently used Christmas/winter themed items for craft projects or the Attic Treasures table are welcome. You can drop off donations on Tuesdays or reach out to Marsha Six (757-810-4850) or Sharon Blake (757-876-9864) with any questions.



Special Sundays - World Communion Sunday Today - October 6th, 2024

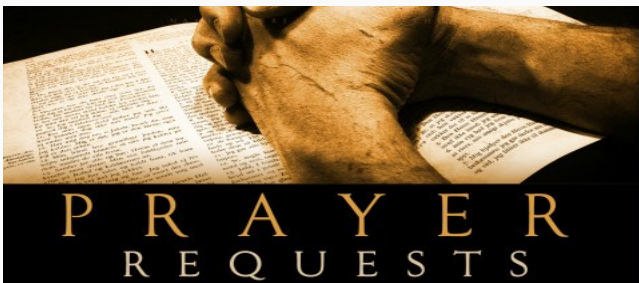
This special offering provides scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international students and racial-ethnic minority students in the United States who are pursuing advanced degrees, specifically Masters in Divinity for clergy. Special envelopes are available or you can mark your offering "WCS."

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

—1 PETER 4:10, NRSV





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 @ 9:30am on Tuesday mornings for community time of prayer.
2. Join Zoom for Prayer time at 1pm—Saturday and Sunday only, 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 **TOMORROW—**

Monday, October 7, at 9am at Vancostas on Warwick Blvd. Stop by and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with this fun group!



Church Prayer Requests

Your church family cares about you and your loved ones. We want to stay connected and support each other, so if you have a prayer request and would like one of our pastors to call and pray with you, please email prayerchain@wmumc.org and 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.

Sick? Going to Hospital?

If you are hospitalized, planning surgery, or have become ill, please contact the church office at 767-877-2270 or by emailing warwick.memorial@wmumc.org. If you have an urgent situation, please call **the church office at 757-877-2270 and go to the administrative assistant extension (rolls to cell phone) or leave a message on 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 pastorsarah@wmumc.org or pastorsean@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) * Frances Topping (Mennowood) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) * Katie Tanner-Barker * Jeff Cox * Vince & Marion Bonacci * Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) * Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine * Barbara Freund * Bea Hoal * Lorie & Cheryl Pruitt * Donna Curran * Jane Shaffer * Cindy & Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) * Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) * Ken Marcuson * Judy Hackett * Lori McCormick * Lonnie Frye, Sr. (Mary Ann's brother) * Carol DeGreen (Mary Ann Hoye's relative) * Delores F. Lewis (Alvia's mom) * Mark Crockett (Cheryl Pruitt's cousin) * Kevin Moorehead * Carlos Liceaga * Joy Robinson * and all those who are grieving or sick - God knows!

Deployed Armed Forces: Laura Lomas, Lance Sczesny (South Carolina, Coast Guard).

Attendance Numbers (9/29)

9:00am: in-person: 75
Online Live: 20
Online Weekly Views: 193
11:15am: 58
Sunday School: 85 (No SS - 5th
Sunday Fellowship)
Dinner Church 10/2: 54

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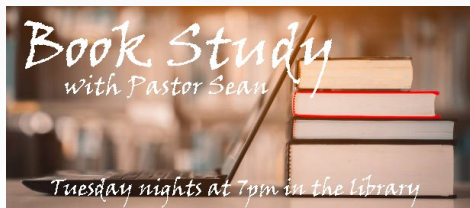
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Tuesday Night Book Study

Pastor Sean will begin a new book study on October 22nd. The next book will be *Three Simple Rules, A Wesleyan Way of Living* by Rueben P. Job. This small book offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for today. This insightful work calls us to mutual respect, unity and a deeper daily relationship with God. Cost of book will be \$7 and will be available the week prior to the 22nd.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Sarah is teaching the Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. We are currently studying Genesis. Join us any Wednesday in room 21 - just bring your Bible and be ready to learn.

Eye Health—Free Community Event

Learn about your vision, prevalent eye conditions, and how eye problems can be indicators of other health issues, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and thyroid disorders. Dr. Catherine Batton will explain the importance of regular eye exams to help you maintain not just your vision, but also your independence, safety, and social connections. Presented by Mennowood Retirement Community, 13030 Warwick Blvd, NN, VA 23602, on **Thursday, October 17th from 12pm to 1pm**. Light refreshments will be served. Event is free, but please RSVP to 757-249-0355 by Tuesday, October 15th. Or email mryba@mennowood.com.

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.

A few members of the Men's Fraternity 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.

RESPIRE CARE



UMCOR Hurricane Helene Relief

As the magnitude of Hurricane Helene's devastation for families, churches, communities and whole regions of the U.S. becomes clearer in the days since last Friday, UMCOR has awarded solidarity grants to the **North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church** and the **South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church** to assist their relief efforts, with multiple grants in process for other annual conferences. Additionally, UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERTs) are coordinating efforts to support the removal of debris, tarping of roofs, and cleaning out of homes in hard-hit areas. If you are interested in volunteering and being trained, connect with your annual conference's disaster response ministry team. You can learn more about this by reaching out to Pastor Sarah. Please remember - do not self-deploy.

To financially give in support of this disaster please mark your gift "UMCOR – Helene" and place it in the offering plate. Your gift will be recorded and Warwick will send your donations to directly to UMCOR for Advance 901670.

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are held on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. All are welcome, no pre-registration required. The cost is \$12 per class. Classes are beginner friendly and work with

any level. This class is a good place to start for those new to yoga. The instructor is Bethany Caddell and you can contact her by email at bethanycaddell@gmail.com or through www.christianyogastudio.org. (This is a private class and no money is collected for the church.)



Food Collection For THRIVE



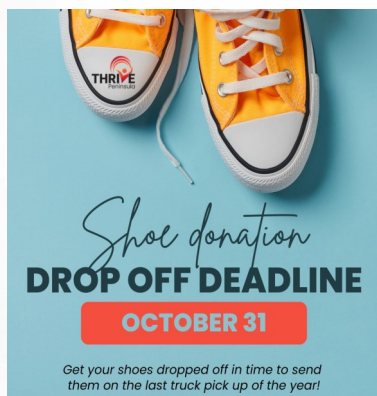
On the first Sunday of the month we invite you to bring your food donations for THRIVE Peninsula. However, you are welcome to bring donations into the church any Sunday, or drop them off at the church office during the week for our monthly collection. We transport the donations to THRIVE on the first Monday of the month. Thank you for your continued support.

Current needs: Spaghetti Sauce * Pasta Noodles * Ready Meals * Canned Fruit * Cereal * Canned Meats * Canned Vegetables * any shelf stable foods are welcome * hygiene products * cleaning products are also needed.

Last Call for Shoe Donations for 2024

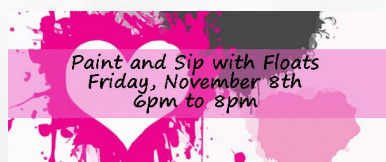
We're counting down to October 31st, the final day to donate shoes in 2024 for the THRIVE shoe collection! Get your shoes dropped off to allow us time to prepare them for the last truck pick up of the year. All sizes and types are welcome.

You can drop off directly to THRIVE Peninsula or in our collection box in the Gathering Area.



Save the Date

Join us on Friday, November 8th at 6pm for a "Paint and Sip with Floats" event. Come and have a fun evening painting a fun seasonal image while enjoying a fun ice cream float. Cost will be \$30 and the option to purchase a paint kit to do at home is also available. Please register directly with Chris at 228-760-0540 or email christinahofler@gmail.com. All proceeds will go to benefit the 2025 Honduras Medical Mission trip. Open to all—invite a friend, children are also welcome.



To help us keep track of attendance (and visitors) please sign in on your way into worship in the Lampstand and use the pew attendance pads in the Sanctuary. If you bring a friend, please have them provide us with a phone number or email address so we can reach out to them to thank them for attending worship (a mailing address would be great too, but to start with, at least an email address.) If you watch on line, please say hello in the chat box that we know you were there, if you watch it as a replay, please say "#replay Hello" so we know you checked out the replay. Thank you for helping us with this. It's important to keep up with our guests and our visitors.

If you bring a visitor or notice a visitor/guest, we have welcome bags in the Narthex and Gathering area which visitors are welcome to take - just a little gift from us with some information about our church.

Other On-Going Events & Programs:

* **The United Methodist Men** Fresh cooked peanuts are available for purchase in the church office for \$6 a quart. Remember that they make great gifts! They are always in need of new volunteers to help with this ministry. If you are interested, please contact the office for details or reach out to Jim Hackett. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry. They give back to help many ministry programs within the church as well as the Cub Scouts and THRIVE Peninsula. (please remember to return any jars to help keep the cost at \$6.)

* **The United Women of Faith:** The ladies Circles meet monthly September to June. If you are interested in knowing more about United Women of Faith or joining one of the 2 Circles, please contact Mary Ann Hoye or Linda McLawhorn. Please reach out, or, look at the calendar on the Warwick Weekly to be sure you don't miss out on the meetings.

* **The Church Library:** A wonderful wealth of various resources. You can always check to see if our library has a resource you are looking for by visiting our site at <https://wmumc-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home> and search the inventory before coming to check out the book. A QR code for faster searching will be available soon. We also set out free books for our Dinner Church guests to take so any donations of books you have read or devotional books to share are greatly appreciated.



Watch us on YouTube

Don't forget you can watch our services on our YouTube channel - search for Warwick Memorial UMC, Newport News, VA and subscribe to our page to be notified when a new video is posted.



OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- **9am Lampstand Modern/Contemporary Worship Service in the Celebration Center which is also streamed on Facebook**
 - **10am Adult Sunday School (begin between 10am and 10:15am)**
- **11:15am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
- **Wednesday Community Family Dinner Church at 6pm**



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