

# Warwick Weekly

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Sunday, May 12, 2024  
Ascension Sunday - Happy Mother's Day

## This Week At A Glance

### May 12 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)  
10:15am Sunday School  
11:15am Worship Sanctuary  
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)  
3pm Do Well Class (Library)  
6pm NO Children and Youth  
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

### Monday, May 13\*

9am Meals on Monday Prep (FH)  
12pm Meals on Monday Serve (FH)  
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (FH)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7:30pm Choir Practice

### Tuesday, May 14\*

NN's School Testing (CC)  
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
11am Staff Meeting (library)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)

### Wednesday, May 15\*

NN's School Testing (CC)  
10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20)  
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

### Thursday, May 16\*

12:30pm Senior Book Club (see pg. 3)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

### Friday, May 17\*

3pm Breakfast Set-up (CC)

### Saturday, May 18

7am First Responders Breakfast (CC)

*\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location*

*For event and room reservations please email  
Rodney Wise at [facility.manager@wmumc.org](mailto:facility.manager@wmumc.org)  
to receive a Facility Use Agreement*

## This week's message will be based on John 17:6-19 Sermon Title will be "Jesus Grabbed My Heart"

As God changes you, He is going to start to set you apart from the world. You will no longer be united with the world. You have to change that so that God can use you. So Christian unity means that you start to go from union with the world to union with God.

"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." (John 17:14-16)  
When we discover our security in Christ, we begin to learn that because we are His, we don't belong to the world anymore. God starts to show us that we are different, that we are special, that we are unique, and that we don't belong to what we thought we belonged to before. This is why Jesus talks about the contrast between His disciples and the world. When we take our security from the Word of God, we begin to learn that we don't belong to the world. We are a different people.

When we learn that we are a different people, the thing that Christians do is they learn to isolate themselves away from the world. We won't get to know people who don't know Jesus. We stay together in our Christian clubs, with people whom we consider safe.

But that is not the point about being set apart. Jesus sets us apart so that we can continue to grow and change. Jesus wants us to change for a reason. He means this when He says that "God should keep us from the evil one." If we were to be totally isolated from the world, then Jesus could have simply taken us away from this world. But Jesus did not do that. Why?

Jesus sets us apart and then sends us out. There is a purpose to your security in Christ, and a purpose to you being set apart. Jesus wants to use you to help those who do not know Him to come to know Him.

Adapted from an article on <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/jimerwin/2007/01/04/john-176-19-our-unity-in-our-faith/>

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Wednesday mornings at 10:30am.** You are invited to join us every Wednesday morning at 10:30am. We are currently studying "Journey Through the Bible, Volume 15" and will run that through June 19th. Please reach out to Pastor Angie for a book. You are welcome to join us **any Wednesday morning at 10:30am in Room 20.** For additional information, please contact Pastor Angie at [pastorangie@wmumc.org](mailto:pastorangie@wmumc.org).

## "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 Fellowship Hall.

**Everyone Is Welcome to Dinner Church** - 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 worship, a little praise and an awesome dinner.

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.

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.

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

**Volunteers Needed:** We need help with set-up and breakdown, 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](mailto:tjclauscw4@gmail.com)



## Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am. Children are invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship.

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
- Children - Meet in the toddler nursery room
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30



## First Responder's Appreciation Breakfast

WMUMC is planning our annual Appreciation Breakfast to express our thanks and admiration to all who serve as First Responders in our community. Personnel from Police and Fire Departments, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Services, 911 Dispatchers, etc. will be invited to be our guests for breakfast in the Celebration Center on Saturday, May 18th, from 7am to 10:00am. If you are a local first responder, we hope that you will join us. If you know a first responder, please invite them. Fliers are now available on the information tables and in Sunday School classes, as well as sign up sheets to volunteer.

Contact Marsha Six at 757-874-3071 with any questions.

We encourage anyone available to stop by and thank our first responders.

Please use the flier on page 5 to invite First Responders you may know.

## Graduate Recognition - Attn: Class of 2024

Do you have a High School or college graduate this year? Then please let the church office know their name and school graduating from by Thursday, May 23rd so they can be recognized during worship on Sunday, June 2nd. This is a special time in the lives of our youth and young adults and we want to let them know how much we love them and how proud we are of their accomplishment. You can call or email the office at 757-877-2270 or [Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org](mailto:Warwick.memorial@wmumc.org).



## 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@christianyogastudio.org](mailto:bethanycaddell@christianyogastudio.org) or through [www.christianyogastudio.org](http://www.christianyogastudio.org).





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. Our Family Ministries programs for the children and youth meet most weeks from September to May.

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

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

\* No meeting tonight, Happy Mother's Day.



## Warwick Memorial's Vacation Bible School

"Camp Firelight—A Summer Camp Adventure with God!"

38 Hoopes Road  
Newport News, VA 23602  
757-877-2270

**Monday - Friday June 24-28**  
**9:00am - 12:15pm**

**Register Today! Share with your friends!**

Visit [www.wmumc.org](http://www.wmumc.org) or our Facebook page for the direct link.

(Pre-registration is NOT required, but we would appreciate knowing approximately how many children will be participating.)

**VBS is for children ages 3 by September 1, 2023 through completed 5th grade (rising 6th grade)**

**Please join us Friday evening for a special closing celebration (light dinner to be provided, time TBD.)**

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."  
Psalm 56:3

We need adult and youth helpers.

Please contact Sharon Ellis (757-478-5020) if you can help.

Register on line at <https://warwick-memorial-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



Come join the fun!!! WMUMC book club is for all 50+ folks (however, we do not really age discriminate, so if you are not yet 50 but love to read, you are still welcome to join us!) Join us for the next book club gathering on **Thursday, May 16th at 12:30pm** at Tuscany Ristorante Italiano. The book we are reading is the #1 *New York Times* bestseller "The Boys from Biloxi." John Grisham returns to Mississippi in his most gripping legal thriller yet, the riveting story of two sons of immigrant families who grow up as friends, but ultimately find themselves on opposite sides of the law. Grisham's trademark twists and turns will keep you tearing through the pages until the stunning conclusion.

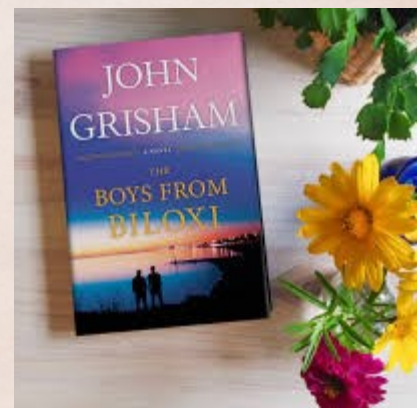
For most of the last hundred years, Biloxi was known for its beaches, resorts, and seafood industry. But it had a darker side. It was also notorious for corruption and vice, everything from gambling, prostitution, bootleg liquor, and drugs to contract killings. The vice was controlled by a small cabal of mobsters, many of them rumored to be members of the Dixie Mafia.

Keith Rudy and Hugh Malco grew up in Biloxi in the sixties and were childhood friends, as well as Little League all-stars. But as teenagers, their lives took them in different directions. Keith's father became a legendary prosecutor, determined to "clean up the Coast." Hugh's father became the "Boss" of Biloxi's criminal underground. Keith went to law school and followed in his father's footsteps. Hugh preferred the nightlife and worked in his father's clubs. The two families were headed for a showdown, one that would happen in a courtroom.

Life itself hangs in the balance in *The Boys from Biloxi*, a sweeping saga rich with history and with a large cast of unforgettable characters.

The book for July will be "Magic Hour" by Kristin Hannah.

Please RSVP to Linda Brooks (757)880-4622 that you will be attending.





## 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](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 @ 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.

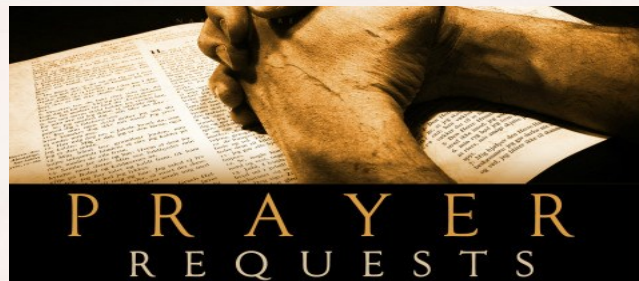
\*The Glory of the Divine presence

## Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group

The Senior Fellowship Breakfast Group gathers together the first Monday of each month. Next gathering will be

**Monday, June 3, at 9am** at Vancostas on Warwick Blvd.

Stop by the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall to see a group picture of our fellowship group.



## 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) \* Frances Topping (Mennowood) \* Nancy Setty \* Norma Coleman \* Anne Corliss \* Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) \* Clara Reid \* Katie Tanner-Barker \* Jeff Cox \* Marion Bonacci \* Sara Manner \* Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) \* Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine \* Jim Taylor \* Barbara Freund \* Bea Hoal \* Frank Felice (Dan Felice's Dad) \* Joy Robinson (her mother and brother are both having medical issues) \* Ginny Chappell \* Lorie & Cheryl Pruitt \* Erin Finley-Orick \* Donna Curran \* Gene Osborne \* Jeanne Shaffer \* Jane Shaffer \* Cindy & Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) \* Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) \* Ken Marcuson \* Judy Hackett \* Frank Crispens \* Janette Crowder \* Lori McCormick \* Lonnie Frye, Sr. (Mary Ann's brother) \* Carol DeGreen (Mary Ann Hoyer's relative) \* Delores F. Lewis (Alvia's mom), and all those who are grieving or sick.

**Deployed Armed Forces:** Laura Lomas, Lance Sczesny (Michigan, Coast Guard).

## Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

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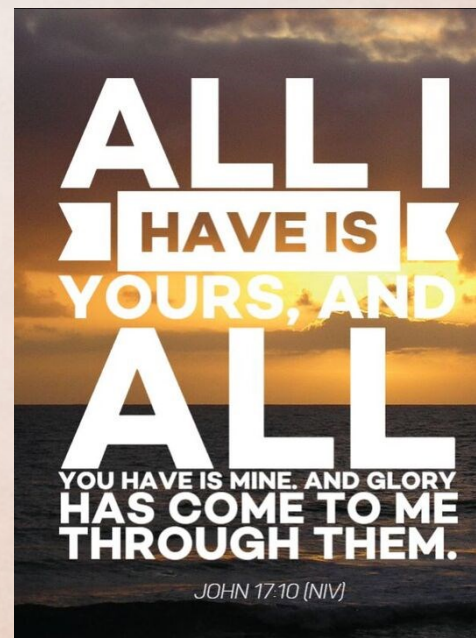
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## Attendance Numbers (5/5)

9:00am: in-person: 76  
Online: 126  
11:15am: 61  
Sunday School: 66  
Dinner Church 5/8: 51



WARWICK MEMORIAL UMC WOULD LIKE YOU TO ...

# JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST

## All First Responders

**Police \* Fire \* EMS \*  
Sheriffs Dept. \* 911  
Dispatchers \* ER  
Workers, etc.**

**Be our guest for a  
fantastic, hot, home  
cooked breakfast!**

**WE WANT TO THANK  
YOU FOR ALL YOU DO  
FOR OUR COMMUNITY.**



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*Date:*

**MAY 18TH, 2024**

*Time:*

**BETWEEN 7AM AND 10AM**

*Location:*

**WARWICK MEMORIAL UMC  
38 HOOPES ROAD | NEWPORT  
NEWS | VA | 23602**