

### This Week At A Glance

May 19 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC) 10:15am Sunday School 11:15am Worship Sanctuary 11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC) 3pm Do Well Class (Library) 6pm Children and Youth 8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, May 20\*

9am Meals on Monday Prep (FH) 12pm Meals on Monday Serve (FH) 6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC) 6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH) 7:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 21\*
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
10am Crafts (FH)
11am Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, May 22\* 10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20) 6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, May 23\*
12:30pm Senior Book Club (see pg. 3)
2pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)
7pm Leadership Team Mtg (FH)

Friday, May 24\*

#### Saturday, May 25

\* 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 Acts 2:1-21 Sermon Title will be "The Gift of the Spirit"

The church marks the Day of Pentecost as the birthday of the church. Some congregations mark the day with a birthday cake, something the children take to readily.

If the presence and power of the Holy Spirit at that first Pentecost marks the beginning of the church, the Spirit's work was not finished on that day, since it is the Spirit who creates the church in every new generation.

For example, it is the Spirit that makes our meal of bread and cup more than a remembrance of a crucified Jesus, but a celebration of the living Christ still present among us. It is the Spirit who makes Jesus our contemporary.

Just as it was at that first Pentecost, when foreigners without a common language could all understand each other, it is the Spirit that gathers the church out of all sorts and conditions of people.

The church early on recognized that the Spirit that created the church on Pentecost was the same creative life-giving Spirit that hovered over the waters of chaos at the creation.

God's Spirit was there at the beginning and has never ceased God's work of enlivening and inspiring. This same Spirit "spoke through the prophets." And still speaks through a variety of people today.

So let us celebrate the birthday of the church on Pentecost, but let us also discern where God's Spirit is moving today, both in and outside the church, giving life, creating what is new, renewing what is old, and restoring what is outworn. Let us never stop praying the ancient prayer of the church: "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"

Prayer: O God, keep sending your Holy Spirit among us, reviving us again and again! Amen

Adapted from an article on https://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.



### **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

# Bazaar and Cookie Walk 2024 Prep

Join the ladies in the Fellowship Hall every 3rd

Tuesday of the month. We will gather again this Tuesday, May 21st. Join them between 10am and 2pm to work on craft projects for the bazaar. Bring something to share for lunch and come and have some fun. Reach out to Marsha Six or Sharon Blake with any questions.



### "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

# **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 or through www.christianyogastudio.org.

# **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.





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, 6pm – 7:30pm 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 <a href="mailto:cutygrgal@cox.net">cutygrgal@cox.net</a>

Kerry Blazek (Youth Ministry) 757-310-9891 or email <a href="mailto:kerryblazek@gmail.com">kerryblazek@gmail.com</a>

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.

\* Regular meeting tonight at 6pm



# 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 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.

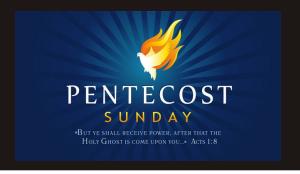
Register on line at <a href="https://warwick-memorial-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/">https://warwick-memorial-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/</a>



Are you interested in learning more about Pickleball? Then join us on most Mondays and Thursdays to learn, play, watch, fellowship, and just have fun! Our schedule is Mondays 2pm to 4pm and Thursdays 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm. We will not meet on holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th) and we will not meet during the week of Vacation Bible School (June 25th &27th). Please check the church calendar at the beginning of the week (or the Warwick Weekly calendar on page 1) to confirm play time. We are also looking for volunteers to help with setting up the nets for play, greeting and play registration. So even if you are not interested in playing, please ask about how you can help with any of these other areas. You can reach out to Linda Brooks at 757-880-4622 to learn how you can help or to learn more about playing.



Our United Women of Faith Circles have collected items to make 20 Feminine Hygiene kits and 10 Hygiene kits for our donation to the annual Kits for Conference drive. If you are interested in supporting this mission, you can go to www.vaumc.org and follow the link for annual conference. The kits are \$14 each for the Hygiene kits and \$24 each for the feminine hygiene kits and \$75 for the flood cleaning buckets. If you would like to donate to sponsor a kit, you can write "UMCOR Kits" in the memo line or on the offering envelope. These kits are sent to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA, which is one of UMCOR's Supply Depots. From there, they will be ready to serve those most in need when the next disaster happens, in the US and around the world. Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry.



#### **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. 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. 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) \* 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 \* 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 Hoye'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).

# Attendance Numbers (5/12)

9:00am: in-person: 87

Online: 142 11:15am: 63 Sunday School: 62

Dinner Church 5/15: 71

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