

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, June 16, 2024  
4th Sunday After Pentecost

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

## This Week At A Glance

### June 16 - Today

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

### Monday, June 17\*

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, June 18\*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
10am Craft Day (FH)  
11am Staff Meeting (library)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)

### Wednesday, June 19\*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20)  
1:30pm Latino Caucus (CC)  
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)  
7pm Juneteenth Service @ conference  
(Hampton Convention Cntr.)

### Thursday, June 20\*

8:30am Annual Conference (HCC)  
2pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

### Friday, June 21\*

8:30am Annual Conference (HCC)

### Saturday, June 22

6:30 5K Run @ Conference  
8:30am Annual Conference (HCC)  
3pm Private Event (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 Matthew 14:22-34

We often ask: Why God does not save us from the storm? Storms are a part of nature and from the changing conditions of this world. Jesus did not come to change the weakness of the human nature or the physical conditions of this world, but to change the hearts of men and women. He does not always stop the storms, but he is always present with us in the storms to give us the inner strength to weather the storms. Sometimes we hear people saying: "I never thought this could ever happen to me: this terrible disease, this dreadful accident, this death of my beloved one." All these misfortunes may afflict us, even when Jesus is present with us; but as faithful people, we believe that his presence in the boat with us makes a difference in the way we face them. God could have protected Jesus from being arrested and crucified; he could have kept Paul out of jail and other tribulations; he could have protected all the martyrs from being killed. But God has never promised to keep us out of hard situations. What he has promised is to be with us through every hard situation. Listen what St. Paul says:

*"We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh." (2 Corinthians 4:7-11)*

The first Christians used to express their faith in Jesus through the Greek word ITHYS, which means fish and is composed of 5 letters, each letter being the first letter of the following Greek sentence: "IHSOUS XRISTOS THEOU YIOS SOTHR", which means: "Jesus Christ God's Son Savior". Do we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and the Savior, who is always with each and every one of us in the boat of our life, and is ready immediately to reach out his hand and save us, if we cry out to him like Peter: "Lord, save me!". Do we have faith in him? Do we trust him, and trust his words and his teaching? Or does each and every one of us wants to forge a religion to his liking, opened to any pleasure and free from any cross? Do we invite him to be the Lord of our heart, of our mind, of our relationships with others? We read in the Book of Revelation: "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me" (3:20).

And with the Book of Revelation we conclude: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen." (Rev. 22:20-21)



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Wednesday mornings at 10:30am.** You are invited to join us every Wednesday morning at 10:30am. We have been studying the "Journey Through the Bible" volumes. We will begin a new study in July, please stay tuned for more details.



## 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

## Annual Conference Offering

The 2024 Annual Conference Offering will support two important initiatives in the work of mission and service in the world.

- Partnerships of Hope**—support our connectional work with Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Haiti, Vietnam and Native American Ministries.
- RIP Medical Debt**—support to help eliminate medical debt in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

You can mark your offering "Conference Offering" and it will be taken by our pastors to the conference this week. Thank you in advance for your support. Conference is this week, June 20th to the 22nd.

## 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, June 18th. 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 [tjclausw4@gmail.com](mailto:tjclausw4@gmail.com)**



**2024 Annual Conference** is being held at the Hampton Convention Center. It is open to all laity of the church. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday: June 19—Juneteenth Service at 7pm

Thursday, June 20—8:30am clergy and laity sessions

Call to order and worship is at 10:30am. Afternoon business begins at 2pm.

Friday, June 21—8:30am morning business sessions and afternoon session begins at 3:30pm.

Saturday, 6/22 begins with a 5K run at 6:30am. Morning business begins at 8:30am and a Service of Recognition and Call is at 9:30am.

If you have never attended Annual Conference, you have been missing out on a connectional event. Whether a delegate or not, you are welcome to attend and see what happens at this time every year. Three of our members are district delegates: Kerry Blazek, Carlos Liceaga and Denise Workinger.



## 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.





## 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. Our Family Ministries programs for the children and youth meet most weeks from September to May. (Regular meetings are currently shut down for summer. Stay tuned for other fun summer events.)

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 [cutygrgal@cox.net](mailto:cutygrgal@cox.net)  
Kerry Blazek (Youth Ministry) 757-310-9891 or email [kerryblazek@gmail.com](mailto:kerryblazek@gmail.com)



## 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/>

Sign up forms are around the church, in the gathering area, Narthex and church office, if you prefer not to sign up on line. You are welcome to leave your completed form in the church office on the desk.

@WMUMCPickleBall

# WMUMC PICKLEBALL MINISTRY

[www.wmumc.org](http://www.wmumc.org)



Are you interested in learning more about Pickleball? Then join us on Mondays and Thursdays to learn, play, watch, fellowship, and just have fun! Our schedule is Mondays 6pm - 8pm and Thursdays 2pm - 4pm and 6pm - 8pm. We will not meet on holidays (July 4th, Labor Day, etc.) and we will not meet during the week of Vacation Bible School (June 25th & 27th). Please check the church calendar 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 more.



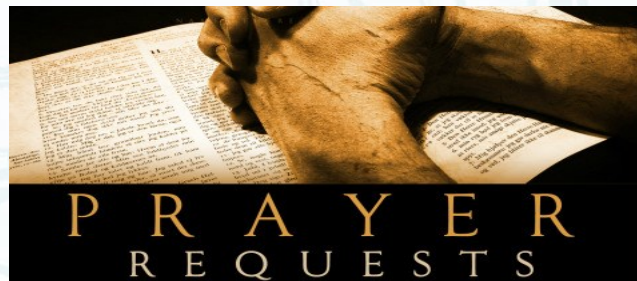
## VBS Snack Board

If you would like to volunteer with VBS but are not able to physically be here to help, here is your chance to help. Stop by the bulletin board in the hallway across from the Fellowship Hall and pick a tree. Please purchase those items and bring them in by Sunday, June 23rd so we can be ready to provide snacks for our little ones during VBS. Feel free to take one tree or more than one tree, but all items must be back by the 23rd so we know we have everything.



## 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, July 1, 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 \* Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) \* Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine \* Jim Taylor \* Barbara Freund \* Bea Hoal \* 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 \* Janette Crowder \* Lori McCormick \* Lonnie Frye, Sr. (Mary Ann's brother) \* Carol DeGreen (Mary Ann Hoyer's relative) \* Delores F. Lewis (Alvia's mom) \* Ann Barley \* Vanessa's Great Nephew, and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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## Attendance Numbers (6/9)

9:00am: in-person: 63

Online: 191

11:15am: 92

Sunday School: 54

Dinner Church 6/12: 65

