

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, June 2, 2024  
2nd Sunday After Pentecost

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

## This Week At A Glance

### June 2 - 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 end of year picnic  
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

### Monday, June 3\*

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 4\*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
11am NO Staff Meeting (library)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)

### Wednesday, June 5\*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 20)  
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

### Thursday, June 6\*

2pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)  
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

### Friday, June 7\*

### Saturday, June 1

*\* 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 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Pastor Esther's Sermon Title will be "Goodbye"

For years in the 1800s, inventors had been working with various types of electric lights. However, Thomas Edison wanted to make an electric light that was practical for homes and offices and had the potential of replacing gas lights. For two years he looked for a suitable material that could be used as the filament, and his search included sending agents to the Amazon jungles and Japan's forests, and experimenting with thousands of materials. In 1879, he concluded that a filament would last longer if it was in an oxygen-free bulb. After many failures, Edison made a light bulb with carbonized thread as the filament. In December of that year, news of Edison's breakthrough development of an electric incandescent light amazed the world. His persistence generated a life-changing product.

In this week's scripture reading, Elisha's determination to follow his master exhibited the same type of persistence. The Prophet Elijah, whom Elisha had served for seven or eight years, asked him not just once, but three times, to wait and not follow him. This instruction was not given because Elijah did not want the younger man with him, but rather, it appeared to be a test of Elisha's devotion. However, Elisha was determined that he was going to stay with his master. He was not going to leave him; he determined to follow him relentlessly.

The sons of the prophets also tried to discourage Elisha from following Elijah, suggesting he stay back and observe from afar. Yet, Elisha was not deterred, and ultimately, his determination and devotion were rewarded. He received a double portion of Elijah's spirit because he persevered and followed all the way.

We can learn by observing the perseverance of Elisha. His determination should encourage us to persist in our personal walk with the Lord. At times we may face spiritual setbacks and obstacles, and we may be tempted to pull back and only "view from afar," as the sons of the prophets did. Yet, we have the opportunity to receive blessings by exhibiting devotion and faithfulness in our lives. By following the Lord and staying with Him to the end, we have His promise to be with us and help us, and eventually to give us eternity with Him. Like Elisha, we must persist. It will be well worth the effort.

Adapted from an article on <https://www.apostolicfaith.org/daybreak-and-discovery/2-kings-2-1-25>

**\*\* Please see page 3 for information on the farewell luncheon for Pastor Esther and Pastor Angie next Sunday, June 9th.**



## 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 [pastorangelie@wmumc.org](mailto:pastorangelie@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

## 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 later in the month of June. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Called Charge Conference

The Leadership team will have a called Charge Conference on Thursday, June 13th at 7pm via Zoom. This conference is to approve the accountable reimbursement and housing allowance and/or exclusion for our incoming senior pastor, Sarah Wastella and associate pastor, Sean Gray. Zoom link will be provided by email on Wednesday, June 12th. You can contact the Church Office if you do not receive it. Links for the budget information will be included.

## "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)



## 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).



## 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, June 6th so they can be recognized during worship on Sunday, June 9th. 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).





## 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.

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)

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.

\* Tonight is the year-end picnic



## 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/>

Watch for the "snack board" next week by the Fellowship Hall. If you are able to help with a donation for the snacks for the week of VBS, please watch the board next Sunday to see how you can help.



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 2pm - 4pm and Thursdays 2pm - 4pm and 6pm - 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 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.



## Pastors' Farewell Luncheon

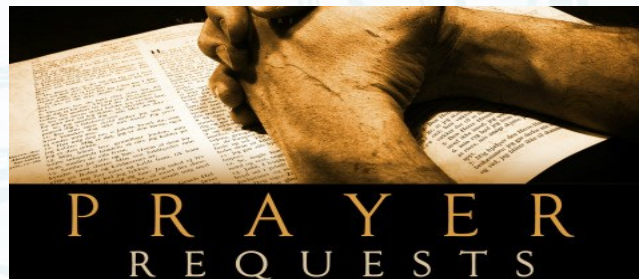
You are invited to join us on Sunday, June 9th, following the 11:15am worship service for a farewell luncheon to honor Pastor Esther and Pastor Angie. They will be moving on to new appointments effective June 24th. We will welcome Senior Pastor Sarah Wastella and Associate Pastor Sean Gray to worship on Sunday, July 7th. We know that you would like to show your love and appreciation to our wonderful pastors as they prepare for this transition and what better way to spend time together in Christian fellowship than a good old Methodist potluck lunch! If you like to cook, you may want to fix a favorite dish to share, or bring something that requires no cooking at all. If you would like to help out, extra hands are always appreciated. Please see Linda Brooks to see how you can help.





## 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

**Tomorrow, 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 (Hiddenwood) \* 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 \* 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 \* Janette Crowder \* Lori McCormick \* Lonnie Frye, Sr. (Mary Ann's brother) \* Carol DeGreen (Mary Ann Hoyer's relative) \* Delores F. Lewis (Alvia's mom) \* Tim Claus \* Ann Barley, and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

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## Attendance Numbers (5/26)

9:00am: in-person: 68

Online: 191

11:15am: 56

Sunday School: 54

Dinner Church 5/29: 50

