

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, June 23, 2024
5th Sunday After Pentecost

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

This Week At A Glance

June 23 - Today

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

Monday, June 24*

9am - 12:15pm VBS
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 25*

9am - 12:15pm VBS
9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time
11am NO Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, June 26*

9am - 12:15pm VBS
10:30am NO Bible Study (Rm 20)
6pm Family Dinner Church (CC)

Thursday, June 27*

9am - 12:15pm VBS
2pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

Friday, June 28*

9am - 12:15pm VBS
6pm VBS Closing Dinner

Saturday, June 29

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

This week's message will be based on 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-52

When battles come, you should know that Satan is an expert in the realms of fear and anxiety, and always tries to overload you with so much that you can't effectively fight against him. But one thing we do know is that with God's help we can slay those giants and emerge victorious. We see this so clearly in this week's scripture, **1 Samuel 17: 4-11 and 32-52**. When God fights for you nothing can stand against Him. As we begin this passage, Israel is on one side of the valley and the Philistines are on the other. The Philistines are hurling insults and threatening remarks to instill fear into Israel's army. To aid in this fearmongering the Philistines have this huge man named Goliath standing at the front of their forces calling out to Israel's army to send their best fighter. By huge, we are talking about a man who is head and shoulders above the largest man in Israel's army, he looked like those steroid addicts we see in weight lifting competitions. His intimidation tactics seem to be working as Israel's army is cowering at the thought of facing this giant.

Enter in a sweet little shepherd boy, David. He is a ruddy and handsome man but not built for war, or so Goliath thinks. In fact even David's own brothers mocked him. To them he's built for minding only a few sheep. But as David hears the blasphemous words spewing out of this Philistine's mouth he is not about to stand idly by and do nothing. So he volunteered himself to King Saul to go and silence the giant.

Now, let's jump ahead, after David carefully picked 5 smooth stones and grabbed his sling, then the narrative in the later-half of verse 37 tells us what happens when the faith of a simple shepherd boy meets a huge Goliath warrior on the battle line.

You have to love this story. It surely gives us hope when we are facing giants in our lives. It tells us that with God nothing is impossible. But it also gives us some practical pointers that may help with the battles in our lives.

David only needed one stone! Yet he took five. Why? David trusted that with God's help Goliath would soon be history. But those were five good looking stones! Each one was suitable for his sling. For David, he was entering this fight to win. If it took one stone, great, but if it took more than one he was equipped to keep on going.

The battle that you are facing or will someday face may be won with one touch from the Master's hand but more often than not the victory is not won on the first go round. So gather your ammunition before getting to the battle lines so you don't go down without a fight. Be prepared to keep fighting until you are out of ammunition or the battle is won. And, most importantly, don't lose heart if the first thing you try fails.

Adapted from an article on <https://revbaw.com/1-samuel-1737-51-faith-that-slays-the-giants-in-life/>

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 hope to begin a new study in July or August, 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.

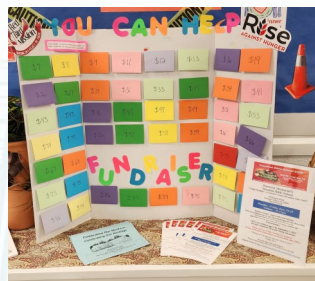
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

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

Red Bird & RAH Fundraiser Opportunity

Envelopes have been posted on tri-fold boards in the Narthex and Gathering Area. They are marked with denomination amounts. Please take an envelope and return it to the offering plate with your donation. If you wish to be acknowledged for your gift, please provide details on the envelope. Donations placed in these envelopes will be split between the fall RAH event (being planned for November) and the 2024 Red Bird ministry trip (July 28th to August 3rd.)



"Meals on Monday" and "Family Dinner Church" (in the CC this week)



* 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 (in the Celebration Center this week!)

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



4 His Glory Concert

Join us on Saturday, July 20th at 7pm in the Sanctuary to be entertained by the amazing sounds of our very own quartet, 4 His Glory. This will also be an opportunity to mingle with our new pastors before, during and after the performance.

No RSVP is necessary.

Free, open to the public.



Meet and Greet Reception

SPRC is inviting you to join them on Sunday, July 7th, during Sunday School hour for a pastors meet and greet reception in the Fellowship Hall. Come and say hello to our incoming pastors. Senior Pastor Rev. Sarah Wastella and Associate Pastor Rev. Sean Gray. This will be a small, informal reception. Donations of finger foods would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Beth Stabnow or Linda Brooks if you would like to help.



Pastor Sarah



Pastor Sean



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 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. *

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

THIS COMING WEEK - REGISTER TODAY!!



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 <https://warwick-memorial-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

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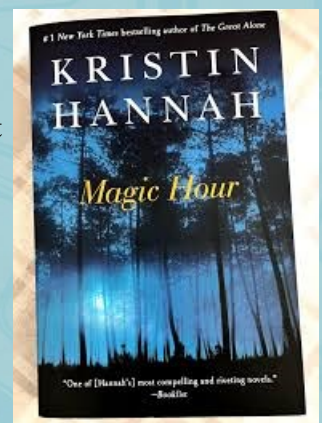
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Join us on Mondays and Thursdays to learn, play, watch, fellowship, and just have fun with Pickleball! Our current schedule is Mondays 6pm - 8pm and Thursdays 2pm - 4pm and 6pm - 8pm. We will not meet on holidays (July 4th, Labor Day, etc.) and we will not meet this week during Vacation Bible School (June 25th & 27th). Please check the church calendar or the Warwick Weekly calendar on page 1 to confirm play time each week. We are also looking for volunteers to help with setting up the nets for play, greeting and player 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.

Senior Fellowship Book Club

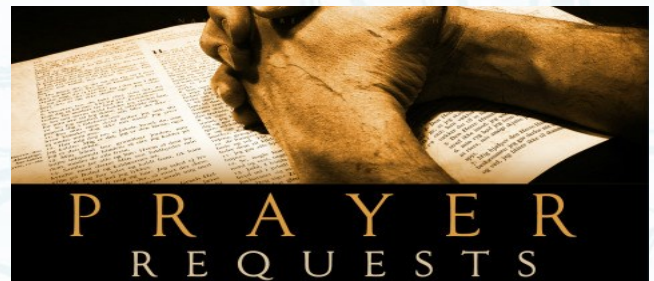
Come join the fun!!! WMUMC book club is for all 50+ folks (however, we do not really age discriminate, so if you are not yet 50 but love to read, you are still welcome to join us!) Join us for the next book club gathering on **Thursday, July 18th at 12:30pm** at Tuscany Ristorante Italiano. The book we are reading is "Magic Hour" by Kristin Hannah. In her most ambitious novel to date, Kristen Hannah delivers an incandescent story about the resilience of the human spirit, the triumph of hope, and the mysterious places in the heart where love lives waiting. Deep in the Pacific Northwest lies the Olympic National Forest, nearly one million acres of impenetrable darkness and impossible beauty. Even in this modern forest, a six-year-old girl appears. Speechless and alone, she can give no clue as to her identity, no hint of her past! Until recently, Dr. Julia Cates was one of the preeminent child psychiatrists in the country, but a scandal shattered her confidence, ruined her career, and made her a media target. When she gets a desperate call from her estranged sister, Ellie, a police chief in their small western Washington hometown, she jumps at the chance to escape. Nothing is more important than saving the girl she begins to call Alice. To heal this child, Julia will have to understand that she cannot work alone and must look to others - the people in the town she left long ago, the sister she barely knows, and Dr. Max Cerrasin, a handsome, private man with secrets of his own. A shocking revelation forces Julia to risk everything to discover the truth about Alice. The ordeal that follows will test the limits of Julia's faith, forgiveness, and love, as she struggles to ascertain where Alice ultimately belongs.



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. 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. 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 * 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 (6/15)

9:00am: in-person: 56

Online: 118

11:15am: 58

Sunday School: 58

Dinner Church 6/19: 45

