

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, June 30, 2024  
6th Sunday After Pentecost

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

## This Week At A Glance

### June 30 - 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, July 1\*

9am Meals on Monday Prep (FH)  
9am Senior Fellowship Breakfast  
12pm Meals on Monday Serve (FH)  
6pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7:30pm Choir Practice

### Tuesday, July 2\*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
11am NO Staff Meeting (library)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
7pm Evangelism Meeting (Rm 20)

### Wednesday, July 3\*

10:30am NO Bible Study (Rm 20)  
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

### Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed  
2pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
6pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

### Friday, July 5\*

### Saturday, June 29

\* 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 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-52

When Saul rose to power, we saw his cowardice and rebellion. Saul hid from his own coronation ([1 Samuel 10:22](#)), and he refused to listen to God ([1 Samuel 13:13](#)). That's why as David rises to power, we're shown his loyalty to God and his kingdom. He would rather weep over God's anointed than celebrate the death of his enemy. He would rather reconcile with those most loyal to Saul than cut them out of Israel. David is the right king for Israel!

And Jesus is the right King for us. Like David, he humbly considers God's Kingdom as more important than giving his enemies what they're owed ([Philippians 2:8](#)). Even while being tortured, he forgives his captors ([Luke 23:34](#)). Jesus would rather die as God's anointed than celebrate the death of his enemies.

Jesus rises to power not to finally end a vendetta against us, but to invite those loyal to the powers of darkness into a new alliance—a new covenant—bought by his blood ([Luke 22:20](#)). Jesus unifies not just northern and southern Israel but the North and South Poles. There is no more Jew or Gentile, Arab or American, Korean or Japanese. All who join his Kingdom are united in Jesus ([Colossians 3:11](#)). Jesus is the unifying and humble King we need, and if you swear loyalty to him, he will faithfully lead you into his Kingdom.

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, help me to open my eyes to see the God who has appointed a King for his people. And help me to see Jesus as the King we need to unite our world and lead us into his Kingdom. Amen

Adapted from an article on <https://www.spokengospel.com/devotionals/2-samuel-1-27>

**We wish you a safe and happy 4th of July this coming week. If you are traveling, please be safe. Church offices will be closed on Thursday in recognition of this holiday.**





## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Wednesday mornings.** 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 Continue Through Summer

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 - Fellowship Hall
- Family Faith Class - Fellowship Hall
- 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

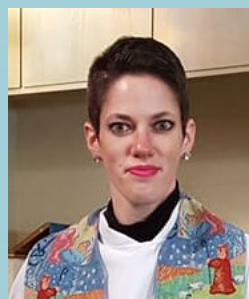
Colored envelopes have been posted on tri-fold boards in the Narthex and Gathering Area. They are marked with denomination amounts. Please take an envelope and return it to the offering plate with your donation. If you wish to be acknowledged for your gift, please provide details on the envelope. Donations 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.)



White envelopes on the youth bulletin board are a fundraiser to help cover the cost of the youth to go on the Red Bird Mission trip.

## Meet and Greet Reception

SPRC is inviting you to join them next **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. Please reach out to Beth Stabnow or Linda Brooks if you would like to help or provide refreshments.



Pastor Sarah



Pastor Sean

## "Meals on Monday" and "Family Dinner Church" (in the Fellowship Hall)



\* 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)



## 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.







## 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)



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.) We are also not meeting this Monday, July 1st. 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.

## 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).



## 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.

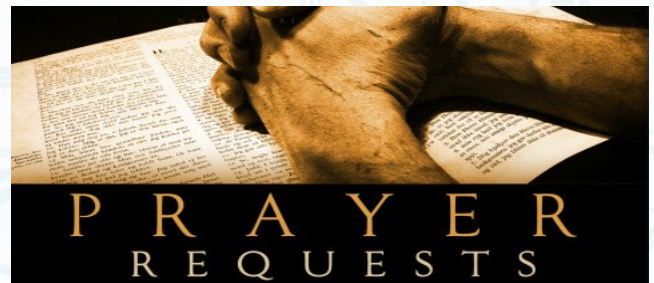
Please RSVP to Linda Brooks (757)880-4622 that you will be attending.





## 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](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, July 1, at 9am** at

Vancostas on Warwick Blvd.  
Stop by and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with this fun 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 [pastorsarah@wmumc.org](mailto:pastorsarah@wmumc.org) or [pastorsean@wmumc.org](mailto:pastorsean@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 \* 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) \* Vanessa's Great Nephew, and all those who are grieving or sick.

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

## Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

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## Attendance Numbers (6/23)

9:00am: in-person: 64

Online: 90

11:15am: 52

Sunday School: 57

Dinner Church 6/26: 59

