

# Warwick Weekly

Sunday, June 9, 2024  
3rd Sunday After Pentecost

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

## This Week At A Glance

### June 9 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)  
10:15am Sunday School  
11:15am Worship Sanctuary  
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)  
12:30pm Farewell Lunch (FH)  
3pm Do Well Class (Library)  
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

### Monday, June 10\*

9am Meals on Monday Prep (FH)  
12pm Meals on Monday Serve (FH)  
2pm Mary Freeman Circle (FH)  
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6:30pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7:30pm Choir Practice

### Tuesday, June 11\*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time  
11am Staff Lunch Meeting (off site)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)

### Wednesday, June 12\*

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

### Thursday, June 13\*

2pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)  
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)  
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)  
7pm Trustee Mtg (Library)

### Friday, June 14\*

### Saturday, June 15

12pm Boy Scout Ceremony/Event (Rm 27/28)  
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 1 Samuel 8:4-20 Pastor Angie's Sermon Title will be "God at Work: God Responds"

How many of you have wanted something that someone else has? Well, you're not alone. Envy and coveting have been around since the beginning of time. One of the Ten Commandments even says, "You shall not covet..." It's too bad that the Israelites and the elders in the reading from 1 Samuel 8:4-20 didn't remember that commandment.

What is a king? A king is a barrier between us and chaos. A king is a strong wall protecting us from whatever we fear the most: marriage problems, a faltering economy, illnesses, crime, or drugs, for example. Anything that threatens to destroy us is chaos. A king promises to bring order out of chaos. Whatever we are afraid of in this world, there is a king to tell us why we don't need to be afraid. For Christians, our king is Jesus. He came to give us the protection we need in the form of a restored relationship with God.

We have been called by God to do good works. We have to be on guard against anything that would hinder that work. One enemy of good works is pride. We must remember Samuel's words in this week's scripture. God has called us to specific situations, and not anyone else. When we live in the world, we are influenced by the political and cultural environment more than we realize. Consequently, we often lose our ability to distinguish between what comes out of our environment and what comes out of our relationship with God. When we turn from God in sin, our worth is downgraded, but God does not stop loving us.

Adapted from an article on <https://sermonsfrommyheart.blogspot.com/2015/06/1-samuel-84-20-be-careful-what-you-wish.html>

## Pastors' Farewell Luncheon

You are invited to join us today 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! We'll see you around 12:30/1pm.



## 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. 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](mailto:pastorangie@wmumc.org).

## "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)



## 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.

## 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).



## 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 salaries, 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.



## 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.



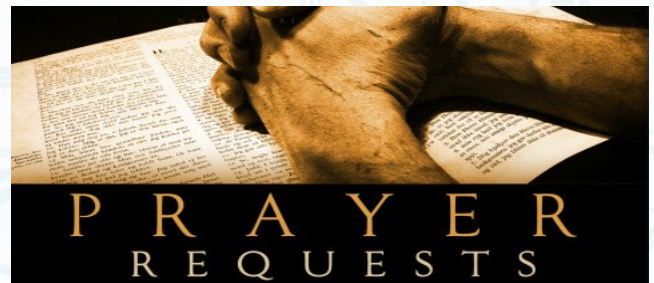
## VBS Snack Board

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 \* 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 (6/2)

9:00am: in-person: 72  
Online: 191  
11:15am: 58  
Sunday School: 61  
Dinner Church 6/5: 55

