



Warwick Weekly

Sunday, July 21, 2024
9th Sunday After Pentecost

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

This Week At A Glance

July 21 - Today

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

Monday, July 22*

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

Tuesday, July 22*

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

Wednesday, July 23*

6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, July 24*

6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)
6:30pm COGIC Holy Convocation (CC)

Friday, July 25*

6:30pm COGIC Holy Convocation (CC)

Saturday, July 26

10am—10pm COGIC Holy Convocation
(whole facility)

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

This week's message will be based on Matthew 14:22-33

It can be a good thing – when you learn that you got into the college of your choice, your loved one proposes to you, or you learn that you are finally pregnant, or when a family member calls you with exciting news. These are often life-changing events, and even though they are positive, they happen immediately. And immediately, our life is changed.

There can also be unwelcome events, of course, that happen immediately – like an illness or accident, or the sudden death of a loved one. Or even this pandemic that we remember so well, almost immediately took over our world and our lives.

Life often happens that way.

In the case of the disciples in this week's gospel reading, the change they experienced was at the command of Jesus, but that doesn't make it any easier. They are asked to leave Jesus right after he has performed this miracle. And when they do, they find themselves, almost immediately, on a boat being battered by the waves, far from land, with the wind against them.

And we have all been there. We have all been caught in one of life's storms, being battered by circumstances beyond our control, far from the safety of land, with the wind and seemingly everything else against us. We all get our turn in this particular boat, usually when we least expect it. None of us gets through this life completely un-battered and unscathed.

Remember that Jesus is with us. We are never alone in that boat. God's Son, our Lord and Savior, is always with us. That is his promise. He may not immediately calm every storm, but he is with us in the midst of every single one of them. When in our life we feel battered by the waves, and far from the safety of land, with the wind blowing strongly against us, that is when we can be assured that Jesus is with us.

Adapted from an article on <https://mypastoralponderings.com/2020/08/08/>

Prayer

Heavenly Father, as I take this moment in the midst of this journey through life, to gather on this little boat called faith, I worship you, the one who promises to be with me through every storm. Even though I may not feel it at the time, I know that you hold my hand and you calm my fears through all the storms that come my way. Thank you! Amen

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We recently wrapped up studying one of the "Journey Through the Bible" volumes. Pastor Sarah plans to start a new study in September beginning with Genesis. Please stay tuned for more details. We may hold a 4-week study during August. Watch announcements for details.



Sunday School Classes Continue Through Summer

All classes now begin by 10:15am.

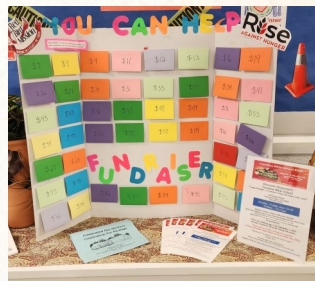
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

- Covenant Class - Fellowship Hall
- Trinity Class - Room 10
- Wesleyan Class - Room 21
- Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20
- Youth - Room 22
- Carpenters Class - Room 30
- Children - invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship

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.

Church Library

Are you looking for a particular book, or to see what our library has to offer? Then scan this QR code which will lead you to the church library on-line. Look up a book to see if we have it and then get directions to locate it in the library. You are welcome to check out books and return at your convenience. Donations of books for the library to use or to give away to our Dinner Church guests, can be left on the table in the library.



Free Lunch and Dinner - Join us!



Meals on Monday -

* Free Lunch available on Mondays between 12 noon and 1pm. Pick up from Fellowship Hall side of building.

Family Dinner Church

* Everyone is welcome to dinner - 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 Devotional worship, a little praise and an awesome dinner.



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!

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.

Volunteers Needed: Help with food preparation and delivery for Meals on Monday. We need help with set-up and breakdown for Dinner Church, 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

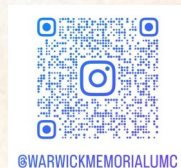
Ways to Give to WMUMC

You should have received your 2nd quarter statement this past week or in the mail in the next few days. This is just a reminder of the options to give to WMUMC.

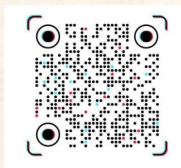
1. In the offering plate on Sunday.
2. Via BillPay direct from your bank.
3. Drop off your offering to the church office any time.
4. Give securely on line by credit card at www.wmumc.org
5. By card in person on Sunday (look for Mary Ann or Vanessa) or scan the QR code on the bulletin.
6. Gift of stock to WMUMC - you can avoid paying capital gains taxes giving this way. For information to do that, contact VAUMF at telephone number (804) 521-1121.

If you have any questions about how to give to WMUMC, reach out to the church office, Jim Corliss, finance chair, or Mary Ann Hoyer, finance secretary.

Come and Be Social With Us . . .



Instagram



TikTok



Facebook



Give Now



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



All school supplies needed - pencils * notebooks * binders * folders * looseleaf paper * markers * crayons * scissors * dry erase markers * tissues * hand sanitizer * ear buds * colored pencils, etc. **Donations can be dropped off at church by Sunday, July 28th** or directly to THRIVE by Friday, August 2nd.

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 or through www.christianyogastudio.org.



Beginning at the rear of the Sanctuary, the windows on the left illustrate the span of Christ's life from His birth to the resurrection. The windows on the right represent events in Christ's earthly ministry, such as the feeding of the multitudes recorded in Acts (the Day of Pentecost), and several traditional Christian symbols.

The Holy Trinity is the main window at the front of the Sanctuary. This image depicts the hand of God, representing the Father. The three extended fingers represent the Trinity in Christian symbolism, and the two closed fingers symbolize the twofold nature of the Son. The descending dove, represents the Holy Spirit, and the Chi Rho (purple Chi is the X over Rho which looks like a P) represents the Son. The cross and flame on the left represents the United Methodist Church.



Check back next week for details on the side windows.



Monday and Thursday 6pm to 8pm—Everyone Welcome!

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.

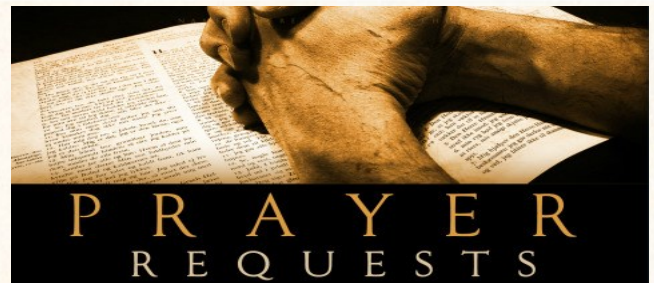
Prayer points include our leaders—national, state and local; our school system; our church—pastors, leadership team, Sunday School teachers, ministers, missions - Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, Meals on Monday, Community Dinner, PORT, youth and children's' ministry programs, shut-ins - and any personal 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, August 5, 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. 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 or 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 * Barbara Freund * Bea Hoal * Lorie & Cheryl Pruitt * Donna Curran * Jeanne Shaffer * Jane Shaffer * Cindy & Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) * Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) * Ken Marcuson * Judy Hackett * Lori McCormick * Lonnie Frye, Sr. (Mary Ann's brother) * Carol McGreen (Mary Ann Hoye's relative) * Delores F. Lewis (Alvia's mom), the family of Gene Osborne (passed 7/15), the family of Jim Taylor (passed 7/16) 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 (7/14)

9:00am: in-person: 65

Online Views: 198

11:15am: 67

Sunday School: 54

Dinner Church 7/17: 69

