

Warwick Weekly

Sunday, July 28, 2024
10th Sunday After Pentecost

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

This Week At A Glance

July 28 - 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 29*

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 30*

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

Wednesday, July 31*

6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, August 1 *

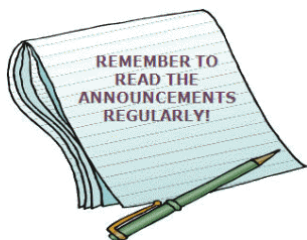
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

Friday, August 2*

Saturday, August 3

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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



This week's message will be based on Luke 1:68-79

When we use the term "call to ministry" in the church we are often referring to the specific way clergy narrate how they came to realize they were called to professional ministry. In reality, all Christians are called to ministry in one form or another, no matter their profession or day job. The call to ministry that all Christians share is to spread the good news of Jesus and to share in the work of building God's Kingdom ahead of Jesus' return. These are only the broadest themes we can use to describe the calling of all Christians. Each person's individual calling is as unique as they are.

This week's text is a prophecy about John the Baptist being delivered by his father on the day of his birth. This prophecy is eleven verses long and yet, only two of them describe the ministry to which John is called. The other nine are more focused on God. Specifically the promises God made to the Israelite People and how those promises are coming to fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Then the attention is turned to how John's life and ministry will move that process forward. It is John's call story, but the focus remains on God.

As I prepare to share my call story this week, I hope that the details and circumstances that are unique to my life and call to ministry are in some way relatable to your own walk with God. I hope that together, we can better understand how the work we do and the dreams we have connect us to the calling of all Christians. I hope that together, in our own unique ways, we may all strive to building the Kingdom of God. In that way, I hope that all of us will see our lives as contributing to the work John started all those years ago to once again "prepare the way of the Lord."

Written by Rev. Sean Gray, Associate Pastor

Prayer

Light-Giving God, we give you thanks that the darkness of fear, superstition and isolation has been overcome through the holiness and righteousness of our God, and that nothing in this life can ever defeat it; as we follow God's light-revealing path to God's fullness of life. Amen.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Sarah plans to start a new study in September beginning with Genesis. Please stay tuned for more 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 - Room 20 (Peggy will begin leading this class 9/1)

Youth - Room 22

Carpenters Class - Room 30

Children - invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship



Monday and Thursday 6pm to 8pm
Join us in the gym for a fun time!
Everyone Is Welcome!

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 tjclausw4@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.

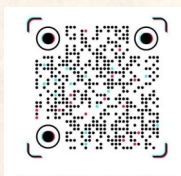
1. In the offering plate on Sunday.
2. Via BillPay direct from your bank.
3. Drop off your offering to the church office any time.
4. Give securely on line by credit card at www.wmumc.org
5. By card in person on Sunday (look for Mary Ann or Vanessa) or scan the QR code on the bulletin.
6. Gift of stock 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 TUESDAY, July 29th** or directly to THRIVE by Friday, August 2nd.

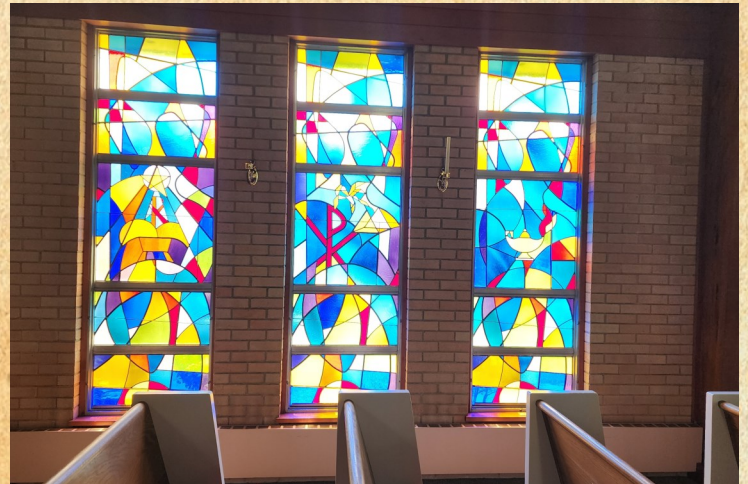
Yoga Classes

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@gmail.com or through www.christianyogastudio.org.



The stained glass windows in the Sanctuary are not only beautiful mosaics of color but contain symbols of our Christian faith that have deep meaning for those who worship in this place. They were installed in 1982 through the generosity of members to honor loved ones and glorify God for years to come.

Last week, the images of the Trinity in the large window at the front of the Sanctuary were explained along with the Cross and Flame symbol to the left. This week, we will describe the first two small windows on the right side of the Sanctuary.



On the left side, the group of three at the back of the Sanctuary: The **Nativity Window** begins the life of Jesus with the depiction of the radiant star over the Chi Rho symbol of Christ (the Greek X over the Rho that looks like a P) with the manger in the center. Scripture stories of the Holy Birth are found in Luke 2:1-16 and Matthew 2:1-11.

The **Flight to Egypt Window** shows the prominent Chi Rho symbol for Christ with a palm tree above and pyramids to the right (Matthew 2:13-15).

The **Christ in the Temple Window** focuses on the Lamp of Knowledge, also the traditional symbol of the Word of God. The story of the boy Jesus in the Temple can be found in Luke 2:40-52.



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.

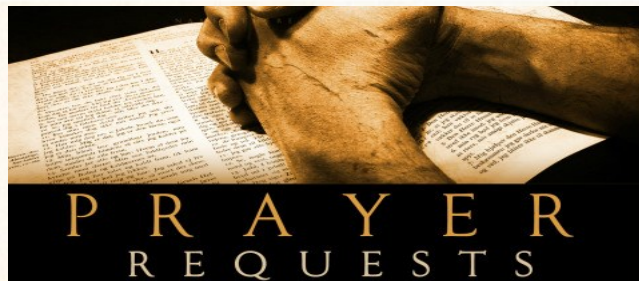
Prayer points include our leaders—national, state and local; our school system; our church—pastors, leadership team, Sunday School teachers, ministers, missions - Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, Meals on Monday, Community Dinner, PORT, youth and children's' ministry programs, shut-ins - and any personal 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 DeGreen (Mary Ann Hoye's relative) * Vince Bonacci * Delores F. Lewis (Alvia's mom) * Mark Crockett (Cheryl Pruitt's cousin) * the family of Gene Osborne (service will be 8/10), the family of Jim Taylor (service will be 8/17) 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 (7/21)

9:00am: in-person: 80
Online Live: 15
Online Weekly Views: 228
11:15am: 63
Sunday School: 81

Dinner Church 7/24: 59

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To Them That Sit
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LUKE 1:78-79