



Warwick Weekly

Sunday, July 7, 2024
7th Sunday After Pentecost

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

This Week At A Glance

July 7 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am NO Sunday School
10:15am Meet & Greet Reception (FH)
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, July 8*

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, July 9*

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

Wednesday, July 10*

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

Thursday, July 11

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

Friday, July 12*

Saturday, July 13

* 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 Isaiah 42:5-9

God chose this nation among all the nations of the earth to be His people. He was not just choosing them to be recipients of His blessings. He chose them to be His servant. He had a task for them. The Jewish nation as a whole was supposed to be a light to the world, teaching others about God. However, as a nation, they did not fulfill this purpose. They failed.

God's plan was that the Messiah would come and do for the world what the nation of Israel had failed to do.

In Isaiah 41, the servant was Israel. But in Isaiah 42, the servant is an individual. God prepared a Jew from the nation of Israel to step in the gap and fulfill Israel's national purpose. Where the nation failed, the Messiah would not. The Messiah would be a light to the nations. The Messiah would singlehandedly accomplish what millions of Jews for thousands of years before Him could not. He is the true servant who did His Master's will.

Who is the servant? The servant is the Messiah.

The New Testament also confirms this. In Acts 8, Philip is talking with the Ethiopian eunuch. That man was studying one of the four servant songs, Isaiah 53. It was about the suffering servant. Philip told him that this was about Jesus, the Messiah. Matthew quotes Isaiah 42 in Matthew 12:15-21 and identifies Jesus as the servant Isaiah wrote about.

The servant is identified as Jesus. Jesus could have taken any title. He could have come as a king or a conqueror. But He chose to come as a servant. He lowered himself to become a man. Then He lowered Himself even further to become a servant of men.

Let us not treat others like the world does. Instead, let us treat them how Jesus did. When someone is embarrassed, let us come alongside and encourage them. When someone falls, let us be the first to pick them up. When someone is being bullied, let us stand in the gap and put a stop to it. When someone is struggling in their walk with the Lord, let us befriend that person, pray with them, and help them overcome. When someone is lost and without Christ, let us preach the gospel to them.

Jesus lowered us to be a servant. We are followers of Jesus. Let us serve as He did.

Adapted from an article on <https://studyandobey.com/servant-song-isaiah-42-1-9/>

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

Trinity Class - Room 10

Wesleyan Class - Room 21

Wired Word/Blessed Mess - Room 20

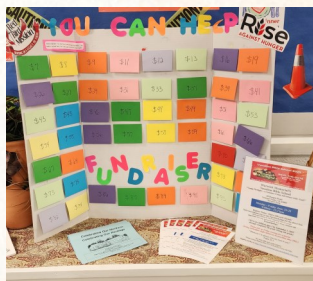
Children - Meet in the toddler nursery room

Youth - Room 22

Carpenters Class - Room 30

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 - TODAY

SPRC is inviting you to join them **Today**, 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.



Pastor Sarah



Pastor Sean

"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



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 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 need - pencils * notebooks * binders * folders * looseleaf paper * markers * crayons * scissors * dry erase markers * tissues * hand sanitizer * ear buds * colored pencils, etc. Donations can be dropped 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.



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.

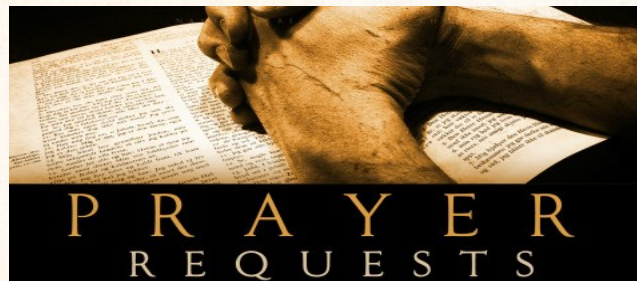
Please RSVP to Linda Brooks (757)880-4622 that you will be attending.



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 * 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 Hoye'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).

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Attendance Numbers (6/30)

9:00am: in-person: 64
Online: 90
11:15am: 51
Sunday School: 48
Dinner Church 7/3: 67

