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Sunday, September 1, 2024
15th Sunday After Pentecost

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

This Week At A Glance

September 1 - Today

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

Monday, September 2

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

Tuesday, September 3*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
11am Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
7:30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 4*

6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, September 5*

6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6pm Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)
7pm Barbara Liddick Circle (FH)

Friday, September 6*

Church Office Closed (facility manager will be on site)

Saturday, September 7

* 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 Genesis 15:1-6 Week 5: Re-Defining Righteousness

Before we experience a tangible sign of God's grace in the sacrament of Holy Communion, this Sunday we explore the meaning of righteousness. Rather than self-righteousness, Christians are called to pursue God's righteousness. What does that mean? How do we discover righteousness from God for ourselves? Join us to see.

Prayer

We thank You for Your many promises to Abraham and his descendants; for by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior we too are his descendants. By Your Spirit within us, cast out our fears and remind us that because You are our God we do not need to be afraid. Amen

HAVE A BLESSED LABOR DAY



Ecclesiastes 5:19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God. 20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Sarah plans to start up the Bible Study class on Wednesday, September 4th at 10:30am. She will begin at the beginning with Genesis. Join us every Wednesday in room 20 - bring your Bible.



Sunday School Classes

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 Langille will resume moderating this class on 9/8)

Youth - Room 22

Carpenters Class - Room 30

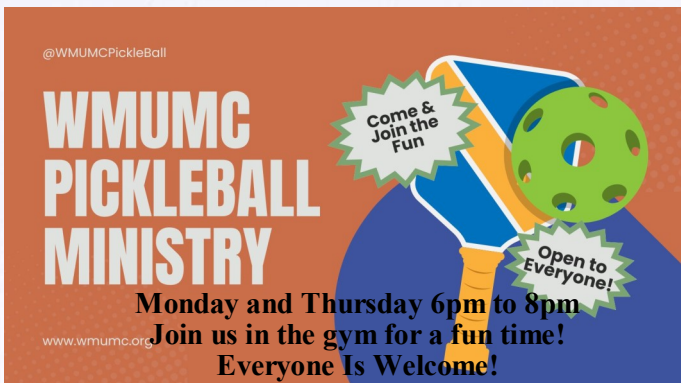
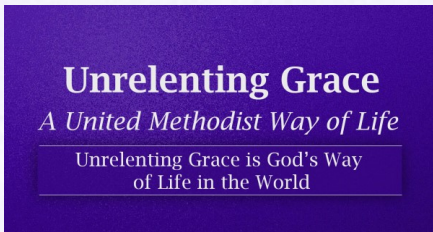
Children - invited to gather in the toddler nursery room following worship

Tuesday Night Book Study with Pastor Sean

Beginning Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm, in the library, you are invited to join Pastor Sean for a new book study. The book will be *Unrelenting Grace, A United Methodist Way of Life* by Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. and will be a 5 week long study.

Pastor Sean will be leading the study on how to live with unrelenting grace in God's way of life in the world. Books will be available on the first evening for a cost of \$11.

All are invited and welcome.



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. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, delivery (as they come up to the door) and cleaning up. Many hands make light work!

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.

Help with set-up, breakdown and cooking 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

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.

Ways to Give to WMUMC

This is just a reminder of the options to give to WMUMC.

1. In the offering plate on Sunday (envelopes are available on the welcome table in the CC and in the pews in the Sanctuary.)
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 questions about how to give to WMUMC, reach out to the church office, Jim Corliss, finance chair, Mary Ann Hoyer, finance secretary or contact the church office.

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 will resume beginning Sunday, Sept. 8th. *

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

If you would like to come and help on Sunday evenings, we are always thankful for new Volunteers - come and have some fun and help with the faith journey of our Children and help to develop our family ministry program.

*** It's Back to School time which means it's time for youth and Children's Ministries to start back up. This year we are celebrating intergenerational style. Come out and kick off the new Children's and Youth year with ice cream sundaes. Next Sunday, September 8 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help and donate items for this event please see the kids or youth bulletin boards to sign up. For more information please contact Kerry Blazek.**

Menowood's Grandparents' Day Carnival on Sept. 8th 11am to 1pm

Menowood Retirement Community is inviting us to participate in their Grandparents' Day Carnival. There will be music, face painting, and carnival games for both grandparents and their grandchildren to participate in, Popcorn, Corn Dogs, Ice Cream and Punch will be provided. This is a free community event but please call for reservations and parking information—outdoor, shine only event. 757-249-0355.

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. (This is a private class and no money is collected for the church.)



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 we showed the middle group on the right side (Praise, Praying Hands and Holy Spirit.)

This week we feature the final section on the far right side:

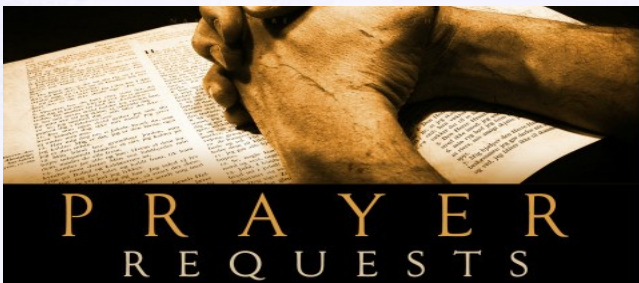


The **Word Window** shows an open Bible, the Scripture which is the Christian's guide, comfort, and inspiration. (John 20:31 and II Timothy 3:16)

The **Pentecost Window** contains a dove, the traditional symbol of Holy Spirit, and tongues of fire, depicting the Day of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2:1-4.

We hope you have enjoyed this review of all the Sanctuary stained glass windows. The book with all the detailed drawings and more information about each window is located in the library on the shelf above the computer.





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, September 2, at 9am** at Vancostas on Warwick Blvd. Stop by and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with this fun group!



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.

Sick? Going to Hospital?

If you are hospitalized, planning surgery, or have become ill, please contact the church office at 767-877-2270 or by emailing warwick.memorial@wmumc.org. If you have an urgent situation, please call **the church office at 757-877-2270 and go to the administrative assistant extension (rolls to cell phone) or leave a message on 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 (Hiddenwood) * Frances Topping (Mennowood) * Nancy Setty * Norma Coleman * Anne Corliss * Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) * 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) * Vanessa Sczesny * Zena Myall and all those who are grieving or sick - God knows!

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

Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

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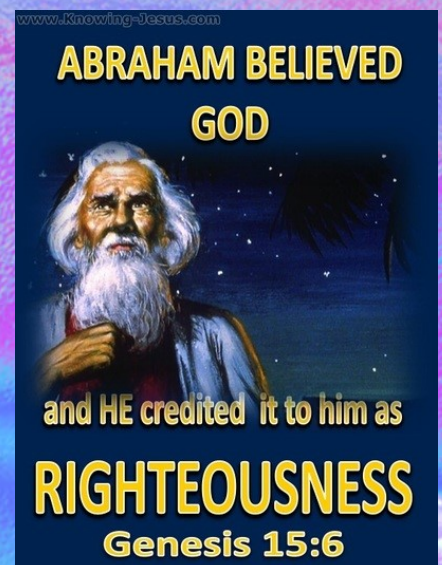
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Attendance Numbers (8/25)

9:00am: in-person: 67
Online Live: 15
Online Weekly Views: 166
11:15am: 51
Sunday School: 52

Dinner Church 8/28: 57



Food Collection For THRIVE



On the first Sunday of the month we invite you to bring your food donations for THRIVE Peninsula. However, you are welcome to bring donations into the church any Sunday, or drop them off at the church office during the week for our monthly collection. We transport the donations to THRIVE on the first Monday of the month. Thank you for your continued support.

Current needs: Cereal * Canned Meats * Pancake mix/ syrup * Baking Items * Shelf Stable Milk * Canned Vegetables * Canned Fruit * Canned Meals * any shelf stable foods are welcome * hygiene products * cleaning products.

Other On-Going Events & Programs:

*** The United Methodist Men** Fresh cooked peanuts are available for purchase in the church office for \$6 a quart. Remember that they make great gifts! They are always in need of new volunteers to help with this ministry. If you are interested, please contact the office for details or reach out to Jim Hackett. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry. They give back to help many ministry programs within the church as well as the Boy Scouts and THRIVE Peninsula. (please remember to return any jars to help keep the cost at \$6.)

*** The United Women of Faith:** The ladies Circles meet monthly September to June. If you are interested in knowing more about United Women of Faith or joining one of the 2 Circles, please contact Mary Ann Hoye or Linda McLawhorn. Please reach out, or, look at the calendar on the Warwick Weekly to be sure you don't miss out on the meetings.

*** The Church Library:** A wonderful wealth of various resources. You can always check to see if our library has a resource you are looking for by visiting our site at <https://wmume-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home> and search the inventory before coming to check out the book. A QR code for faster searching will be available soon. We also set out free books for our Dinner Church guests to take so any donations of books you have read or devotional books to share are greatly appreciated.



WARWICK MEMORIAL
United Methodist Church

SHOE COLLECTION BOX

any type, any condition accepted



Your Donations...

- 1) Support micro-enterprise development in 3rd world nations
- 2) Reduce waste in area landfills
- 3) Raise funds to support local families

All shoe types accepted including heels, dress shoes, kids shoes, boots, sandals, and everything in between



THRIVE Peninsula, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is committed to assisting Virginia Peninsula individuals and families through difficult times. Learn more at: www.thrivepeninsula.org

Collection box is located in the coatrack area of the hallway in the Celebration Center. Drop shoes into the container for weekly pick-up.

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- **9am Lampstand Modern/Contemporary Worship Service in the Celebration Center which is also streamed on Facebook**
 - **10am Adult Sunday School (begin between 10am and 10:15am)**
- **11:15am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
- **Wednesday Community Family Dinner Church at 6pm**

To help us keep track of attendance (and visitors) please continue to sign in on your way into worship in the Lampstand and use the pew attendance pads in the Sanctuary. If you bring a friend, please have them provide us with a phone number or email address so we can reach out to them to thank them for attending worship (a mailing address would be great too, but, to start with, at least an email address.) If you watch on line, please say hello in the chat box that we know you were there, if you watch it as a replay, please say "#replay Hello" so we know you checked out the replay. Thank you for helping us with this. It's important to keep up with our guests and our visitors.

If you bring a visitor or notice a visitor, we have welcome bags in the Narthex and Gathering area which visitors are welcome to take - just a little gift from us with some information about our church.





WM Family Ministries

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Kick off the school year and Family Ministries with ice cream sundaes and fellowship time. This is an intergenerational event open to everyone.

Sunday, September 8, 6 pm

WARWICK MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HALL

38 Hoopes Road, Newport News 23602



For more information
contact Kerry Blazek

