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Sunday, September 29, 2024
19th Sunday After Pentecost

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

This Week At A Glance

September 29 - Today

9am Worship - Lampstand (CC)
10:15am 5th Sunday Fellowship (FH)
10:15am NO Sunday School
11:15am Worship Sanctuary
11:30pm Denbigh Christian (CC)
6pm Children & Youth Ministries
8pm AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, September 30*

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

Tuesday, October 1*

9:30am Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary)
10am Crafts (FH)
1pm Staff Meeting (library)
6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
7pm Book Study with Sean (Library)

Wednesday, October 2*

10:30am Bible Study (Rm 21)
6pm Family Dinner Church (FH)

Thursday, October 3*

6pm Cub Scouts (FH)
6pm NO Pickleball Free Play (CC)
6:30pm Yoga (Rm 22)

Friday, October 4*

Saturday, October 5

10:30am Memorial Service/Reception Beth
Stabnow's Sister (Sanctuary/FH)

* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

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

This week's message will be based on Habakkuk 1:1-4 Week 8: Re-Defining Justice

We close our "Re-defining Our Faith" series with a passage from one of the Minor prophets, Habakkuk. Often overlooked and underread, Habakkuk cries out for justice, the restoration of what is right in a world that is perverted by sin. Justice is a divine mandate, and that for which the human spirit thirsts in the face of sin and evil. What role do we as individual disciples play in justice, and how might we as the church bring justice into our community for the glory of God? Come and see!

Prayer

Lord, you are my Rock. When I want to make right what is wrong, help me to remember you do, too — that you care about injustices. Thank you that you are my Rock, that your works are perfect and all your ways are just. I can depend on you. When fairness seems a long way off, teach me to bring my hurt, anger, and resentment to you. I ask you to step in and make wrongs right. I trust you to act on my behalf because there is no one holy like you. Then my heart will rejoice because you make me strong. You will give me an answer. You will bring dignity and honor. Amen

TODAY - 5th Sunday - join us in the fellowship hall during Sunday School hour today for our 5th Sunday Fellowship Potluck Brunch. If you bring something to share, you are welcome to drop it off at the Fellowship Hall kitchen when you arrive to church. Coffee, tea and water will be provided.

As always, volunteers to help set-up and break-down are appreciated.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Classes

All classes now begin by 10:15am.

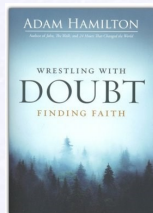
To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.

Classes are meeting in the following rooms:

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

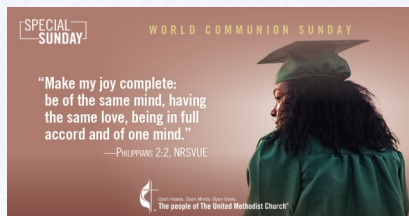
Covenant Sunday School Class

On October 13, the Covenant Sunday School Class will begin a study using Adam Hamilton's book *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*. Are you struggling with uncertainties on your spiritual journey? Come and join our discussion. We meet in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen.



Special Sundays - World Communion Sunday October 6th, 2024

This special offering provides scholarships and leadership development opportunities for international students and racial-ethnic minority students in the United States who are pursuing advanced degrees, specifically Masters in Divinity for clergy. Special envelopes will be available next week or you can mark your offering "WCS."



Ministry Opportunities

Are you feeling called to help? Then, we need you! We have a few ministries within the church that need a few extra hands:

- * Help to transport food donations to THRIVE on the first Monday/Tuesday of the month after communion;
- * Upward Basketball/Cheerleading is coming up (see page 3) and we need help with many things;
- * Greeters/Ushers are needed for both the 9am service and the 11:15am service.

Please reach out to the church office at 757-877-2270 to learn more about where you can help.

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.

To 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.

Taking the child in his arms, he said to them "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise."

Habakkuk 1:2-3



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.

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, crafts and teamwork.

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.

Bazaar and Cookie Walk 2024 Prep

Join the ladies in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday between now and the Cookie Walk. We will work together from 10am to 2pm on craft projects for the bazaar. Please bring something to share for lunch and come and have some fun. Donations of new and gently used Christmas/winter themed items for craft projects or the Attic Treasures table are welcome. You can drop off donations on Tuesdays or reach out to Marsha Six (757-810-4850) or Sharon Blake (757-876-9864) with any questions.



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Registration Now Open

You can now register your children for UPWARD Basketball and/or Cheerleading. Please visit <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86928>. In order to make this another successful program, we need volunteers in many different areas. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86928/volunteer> and one of the coordinators will reach out to you.



CPR/AED Training

Are you interested in becoming certified to perform CPR and to use an AED in an emergency? Remember, many times it is a family member who will need you to know these techniques. If you would like to become certified the course is in 2 parts. The first is an online class, cost \$16.50, and the link is <https://shopcpr.heart.org/heartsaver-cpr-aed-online>.

This course must be completed with a certificate in hand to perform the 2nd part of hands-on. The hands-on will be held at church the end of October (date/time TBD), cost \$30, and will take 1 hour to 90 minutes. When you have completed the online course or have any questions contact Sina Hofler at hofler2@verizon.net, 757-877-6109, or 757-869-2960 or contact the church.

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.)



Celebrating the love for all animals
at Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

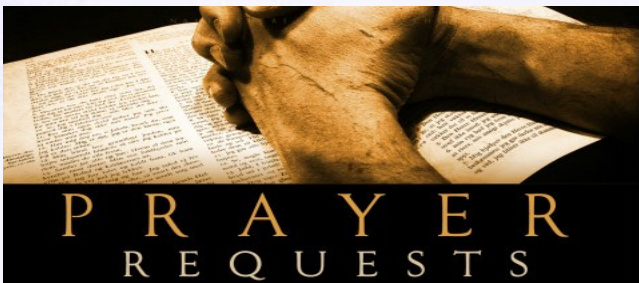


Blessing of the Animals

Join us as we honor and **celebrate every creature** in our lives with blessings and joy. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. All are welcome. If you prefer to leave your pet at home, you can bring their blanket, favorite toy or their collar to be blessed.

Sunday, October 6th at 2pm

Front Lawn - 38 Hoopes Road | Newport News | VA
www.wmumc.org | 757-877-2270



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, October 7, 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 and 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 * Vince & Marion Bonacci * Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) * Chuck and Cynthia Nothstine * Barbara Freund * Bea Hoal * Lorie & Cheryl Pruitt * Donna Curran * 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) * Delores F. Lewis (Alvia's mom) * Mark Crockett (Cheryl Pruitt's cousin) * Kevin Moorehead * Beth Stabnow and family for the passing of her sister * and all those who are grieving or sick - God knows!

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

Attendance Numbers (9/22)

9:00am: in-person: 61
Online Live: 12
Online Weekly Views: 117
11:15am: 60
Sunday School: 54

Dinner Church 9/25: 51

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Come and Be Social With Us . . .



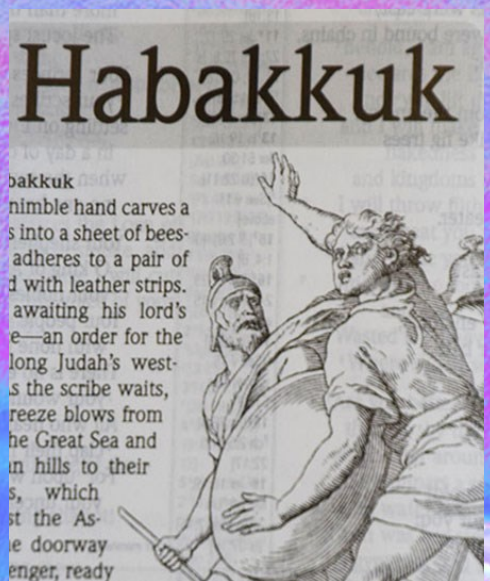
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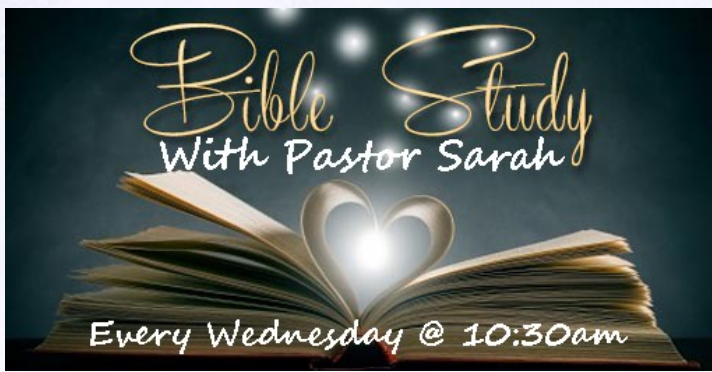


TikTok



Facebook





Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Sarah is teaching the Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. We are currently studying Genesis. Join us every Wednesday in room 21 - just bring your Bible.

Eye Health—Free Community Event

Learn about your vision, prevalent eye conditions, and how eye problems can be indicators of other health issues, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and thyroid disorders. Dr. Catherine Batton will explain the importance of regular eye exams to help you maintain not just your vision, but also your independence, safety, and social connections. Presented by Mennowood Retirement Community, 13030 Warwick Blvd, NNs, VA 23602, on **Thursday, October 17th from 12pm to 1pm**. Light refreshments will be served. Event is free, but please RSVP to 757-249-0355 by Tuesday, October 15th. Or email mryba@mennowood.com.



WMUMC'S Respite Care Ministry

We are here to help! If you need help with buying groceries, picking up prescriptions and bringing them to you, or just need someone to talk to and check up on you, please contact **Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109 (home) or 757-869-2960 (cell)**. We have volunteers who have offered to help other church members who have difficulty going out. If you are in need of any help, please contact Sina. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, you are also invited to contact Sina. May God continue to bless this ministry.

A few members of the Men's Fraternity Group would like to assist the men and women in our church with their home needs. If you need some help with home repairs or safety improvements in your home for medical issues or other reasons, please call the church at 757-877-2270, Frank Blake at 757-876-9799 or Sina Hofler at 757-877-6109.



Endowment Fund Information Notebook

Information regarding the Endowment Fund has been placed in a green notebook in the church Library on the shelf above the computer monitor along with the Finance Team notebook. The Endowment Fund notebook contains the following items:

- * End of Year Endowment Fund Status Report for 2023
- * Latest report from the Virginia UM Foundation where the funds are invested
- * Current Operational Guidelines for the General Endowment Fund
- * Endowment Grant Program Guidelines
- * Original Resolution Establishing the Endowment Committee
- * Church Council Minutes Authorizing the Establishment of an Endowment Committee
- * Operational Guidelines for the Bennett Family Endowment

WMUMC Endowment Grant Program

Active members of Warwick Memorial are eligible for an Endowment Grant for church related training, outreach activities, or ministry activities. All requests must support the mission and vision of WMUMC. The scholarships mentioned below generally are not meant to completely pay for training or a mission trip, but rather to fill in the gap between the funds the person can personally come up with and what the total training/trip will cost them.

Church Related Training - The purpose of this element is to provide scholarship assistance for attending church related training, or to study for the ministry.

Outreach Element – The purpose of this element is to provide funding to organize, develop, strengthen, or participate in **future** outreach activities. An outreach activity is one that results in someone getting helped **directly** in some way, such as physically or spiritually, within a reasonable amount of time. Although existing outreach activities will be eligible for these funds, priority will be given to “innovative” activities that introduce new or changed methods or areas of church outreach, program or study. Therefore, requests should be for outreach activities that are not normally funded through the annual operating budget of the church. Scholarship assistance to participate in outreach activities is also available under the conditions described in the opening paragraph.

Ministry Element - The purpose of this element is to provide funding to strengthen or expand existing ministries or to initiate new ministries. Ministries include, but are not limited to, preaching, teaching, music, health, activities for children, youth or adults, education, worship, etc. Requests for new ministry funding should be for ministry activities that are not normally funded through the annual operating budget of the church.

For more details about this program and the application process, please call or text Henry Bennett at 757-877-2258 or send e-mail to jhbenn3940@gmail.com.



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.

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**



WARWICK MEMORIAL
United Methodist Church

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://wmumc-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.



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.



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/guest, 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.

Last Call for Shoe Donations for 2024

We're counting down to October 31st, the final day to donate shoes in 2024 for the THRIVE shoe collection! Get your shoes dropped off to allow us time to prepare them for the last truck pick up of the year. All sizes and types are welcome.

You can drop off directly to THRIVE Peninsula or in our collection box in the Gathering Area.



Shoe donation
DROP OFF DEADLINE

OCTOBER 31

Get your shoes dropped off in time to send them on the last truck pick up of the year!