

Warwick Weekly—February 15, 2004



Sanctuary: Called to Worship

This Wednesday, we will conclude our series on God's call by remembering that we are called to praise and worship God. Each and every moment is an opportunity to worship God—and even the most “ordinary” things of life can be seen as holy and worshipful acts. Come and experience the joy of being called to a life of worship. Worship begins at 6:30; dinner begins at 5:15.

Companions in Christ

Our second Companions in Christ group will begin on Tuesday, March 2 from 10:00 a.m.—noon. *Companions* groups meet for five weeks, take a break, and then decide when to meet again for a five week period. If you are interested in this very powerful small group experience, please see Pastor Amanda. Make this experience a part of your Lenten Journey this year. You can sign up in the church office.

Flamingos!!

Members of this year's ASP team are selling flocks of flamingos **today** between services and after the 11:00 service. Look for the flamingo table — it will be hard to miss! A flock of 8 costs **\$20.00**. Flamingo insurance can be purchased for **\$40.00**. Friendly flamingo representatives will be available to answer any questions you may have. Orders will be taken for several weeks. Place your orders now! They'll be arriving soon! Thank you for supporting ASP (Appalachia Service Project)!



Communion Ministers

We are seeking persons who would be willing to take Holy Communion to persons who are unable to attend regular worship services. Communion Ministers would take already consecrated communion elements to these persons on the first Sunday of the month (after church). **Training for communion ministers will be on February 29th at 4:00 p.m.** If you would be interested in serving as a Communion Minister, please see one of the pastors.



Bible Study

Dr. Plymale is teaching a Bible Study on “**Saint Paul and His Letters**”. The class meets 12:00 (noon)-1:30 p.m. on Monday. Please feel free to bring your lunch. We meet in the Aldersgate Classroom. Tomorrow is the last session.

Mothers Nurturing Mothers

A new group is forming for mothers to take a break and refresh themselves as women and mothers. We will have the opportunity to grow, learn and share in fellowship, secure and comfortable in a nurturing Christian environment. Childcare will be provided. Meetings will be on Wednesdays from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Please call Jessica Henry Spayde at 988-1687 to register for the group. There is no fee for participation.

****Next Sunday is deadline for March Visitor information.**

Youth Stuff

- ☺ Today: Regular UMYF (snack supper starts at 5:45 program ends at 7:30)
- ☺ Tuesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study at Mingee's - *Wild Truths*
7:00-9:00 p.m. High School Bible Study at At Lee's - *The Passion of the Christ*
- ☺ Wednesday: **Sanctuary** - 6:30 p.m.
Next Sunday: Regular UMYF - 5:45 p.m.

Upcoming Stuff...Check Youth Bulletin Board –

- > **30 Hour Famine** Fundraiser for World Vision (Lock-in at church on Friday, Feb 27)

Local Missions Project

During the months February, we would like to give help to the residents of **Menchville House**. The following items are needed: **diapers, gift cards** (to be used at grocery stores), **cleaning supplies, paper products for kitchen, toilet tissue, dry goods** (flour, sugar, salt), **shampoo and conditioner**. You may place donations in the plastic container located in the church library. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Pray for Our Confirmands and Mentors

Confirmands

Mentors

Austin Bright

Brad Comer

Daniel Caballero

Jeff Mingee

Josh Evans

Steve Crossett

Rebecca Evans

Gloria Mingee

Jeremy Forrest

Jack Garber

Jenny Lewis

Mary Ellen Cochrane

Tina Priddy

Josie Mitchell

Collin Proctor

Bob Warthan

Rich (RJ) Stratmeyer

Gerry Mingee

Lucas Taylor

Dave Holt

Kristen Thompson

Cindy Savedge

*Confirmands, mentors and family members are invited to the **Welcome to the Journey** luncheon after the 11:00 service today. The class will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the youth room.

Thanks

Thank you so much for your cards, prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that were here for me when I arrived home from the hospital. Thank you Pastors Amanda and Steve for your prayers and visits. **Florence Swanson**

The family of June Akers would like to thank our church family for the many acts of kindness shown during Mom's illness and passing. Every thought, prayer, word and deed has been felt by each of us and touched our hearts. What a blessing you have been. Your love and support has given us strength as we go through this difficult time. A special thank you to the Dana Tyson Circle, the United Methodist Women, and all women of the church who helped with the lovely reception in Mom's honor. She loved each of you. Thanks also to Pastors Steve and Amanda for their help and words of comfort. **The Akers Family**

Tax Assistance AARP

AARP is providing free tax assistance from February 1 thru April 15 for low and middle income tax payers. Taxpayers age 60 and older are served first, but anyone may use this FREE service. Full details on the bulletin board by the church office.

Harvest of Hope

Any senior high youth desiring to go on the Harvest of Hope gleaning this year should sign up on the youth bulletin board as soon as possible. A deposit of \$25 is required when you sign up. We hope to attend the Senior High Week at Randolph Macon College from July 18-24. Visit the HOH website at www.endhunger.org for more information.

"2004 Koins 4 Kids" Campaign

The Peninsula Care & Pregnancy Center's (PCPC) 2004 "Koins 4 Kids" Campaign is *underway!* This fundraising activity, designed to supplement the Center's operational costs, starts Sunday, February 1st and ends Sunday, April 25th. These decorated empty baby bottles are available for you to take home and fill with spare change, bills, or check made out to PCPC. Bottles can be returned any time through Sunday, April 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Slocum through the Church Office.

Liturgical Dance Opportunity

As part of Drama Ministry, we are seeking folks who have an interest in participating in liturgical dance. From time to time this sacred art form will be a part of our worship services. You do not have to have dance training or background to participate. If you have a desire to join in, please sign your name and telephone number on an interest list which is posted on the bulletin board by the music room. Sign up sheets will also be distributed to Sunday School classrooms high school level and above. Our next opportunity will be at both Sunday services on February 29. Camil Liceaga is the choreographer. Please consider participating. If you have questions, please talk to Camil or Barbara Plymale.

Ash Wednesday Services

We will have two Ash Wednesday services: 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. with imposition of ashes at both services. The sermon will be the same at both services.

Text for Anthems **(8:30) The Beatitudes**

Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs in the Kingdom of God.
Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth,
Blessed are you. Blessed are you.
Blessed are those that thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peace makers for they shall see God, for they shall be called sons of God,
Blessed are you. Blessed are you.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for heaven is theirs.
Rejoice and be exceeding glad! Rejoice and be exceeding glad!
Blessed are you. Blessed are you.
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Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
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And blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your heavenly Father. Amen.
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Singles News

Thursday Night Together (TNT) - every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share in the pot luck and \$1 to cover paper goods and drinks. Program—your choice of dance lessons or another program.

Bowling - Saturday, February 28 from 7-9:30 p.m. at AMF York Lanes, Grafton. Cost is \$10 each (includes bowling and shoes). Ask for "Singles". Reservations needed—contact Charlene at 867-7138. Children welcome.

Stone Soup for the Body and Soul

Come join us for a morning of spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

Saturday, February 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Bring an ingredient for the soup and a small stone for our Worship Center.

Weekly Planner for February 15-21, 2004

Sun	8:30 a.m.	Worship
15	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 noon	Confirmation Luncheon
	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Singles Dance Lessons
	3:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Music Practice
	4:15 p.m.	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	5:45 p.m.	UMYF
	6:00 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study
	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Christian Believer Study Course
Mon	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
16	10:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	12:00 noon	Pastor's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Organizing Your Personal Papers
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	6:00 p.m.	Junior Girl Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Praise Choir
Tue	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
17	1:30 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
	4:15 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard
	6:45 p.m.	UMW Executive Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	High School Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed	9:30 a.m.	TOPS
18	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: The Cycle of Seasons
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	4:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	4:30 p.m.	Junior Choir
	5:15 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers
	5:15 p.m.	Church Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thu	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group
19	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: The Cycle of Seasons
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	3:30 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: Around World
	4:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Cadette Girl Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	Singles Group
Fri	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Partners
20	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	10:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:30-10:00 p.m.	Answering God's Call: Past, Present, Future
Sat	8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	Answering God's Call: Past, Present, Future
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Hurricane Isabel Repair Still Needed!

The Daily Press reported on February 9 that 199 Poquoson families are still living in the FEMA trailers because they have been unable to complete repairs to their homes made necessary by Hurricane Isabel. **The United Methodist Church has a Disaster Relief Office in Poquoson's City Hall complex** that helps to provide materials and coordinate volunteer relief efforts. **If you want to organize a volunteer team, contact Barbara.** The Relief Office has jobs suited to any size volunteer team, however, teams of two to four seem to be able to work best without getting in the way of each other. This is an opportunity right here in our own community for those who can't participate in a mission trip to Appalachia or Honduras, etc. The good people of Poquoson will welcome any assistance you may offer.

Answering God's Call:

Past, Present and Future

Our entire Warwick Memorial Church family is invited and encouraged to attend a very special gathering on Friday, February 20, 6:30 – 10:00 PM and continuing on Saturday, February 21, 8:30 AM – Noon.

Together, we will talk about our church: who we are, what we have accomplished, and, most importantly, what God is calling us to do.

Together, we will look at our church in new and different ways so we can free ourselves to dream about our future together and unleash our hopes and energies.

Together, we will consider our ministries of outreach (serving others) and nurture (caring for our own church family), thinking of the sacred space we need to answer God's call.

Our consultant, Kerry Goldmeyer, will lead us in our praying, planning, and thinking, helping us lay a solid spiritual and financial foundation for our future, together.

Light refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided. You will be receiving a letter and a response card in the mail. Watch for it and please respond promptly.

Because we are talking about the future of our church, we hope and pray that you will be able to make it to the entire two-part discussion; but, if you can only come to one, please do.

Together, let us answer God's call!

DUCO Update

On January 6, 2004, the furnace supplying heat to the "White Building" became inoperable. The DUCO staff and volunteers continued to serve their clients under very adverse conditions while the trustees looked for a way to restore heat to the building. Repairing the furnace is too costly because of the likelihood that the "White Building" will be demolished this year. Other remedies explored were hampered by the limitations of the facility; therein the necessary decision to remove DUCO's operation from the "White Building". The trustees then offered the use of the house next door, also Warwick property, but zoning regulations permit its usage for residential purposes only. A request can be made that the zoning regulations be waived, but it is anticipated that this home also will be removed with the launching of the building program. Another option is to move DUCO into the main building. In the current church building, there doesn't appear to be available space to meet their needs.

The DUCO board is seeking support from its 37 Partner Churches and other members of the community in locating a home for this ministry. Until a suitable home is found, DUCO is only able to meet with clients on a limited basis at temporary locations provided through Partner Churches. At this time, DUCO's pantry is well-stocked; thus please bless the Peninsula Foodbank with your generosity until such time that DUCO is fully operational.

Please contact Maria Cory if you know of any available space that DUCO may utilize. The DUCO board, staff and volunteers thank Warwick Memorial for providing a home for many years for this collaborative faith outreach. Please pray that God will provide a haven for the continuing work of this ministry.

