

## Weekly Planner for September 18-24, 2005

<b>Sun 18</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	New Member Class in the Library
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 noon	Reception for guests in the library
	5:45 p.m.	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
	5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir
	6:00 p.m.	UMYF YUK Nite
	6:00 p.m.	Pastor's Class—"Soul Feast"
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	
<b>Mon 19</b>	9:00 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	9:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m.	Praise Choir	
<b>Tue 20</b>	9:30 a.m.	Cookie Walk/Craft Sale Committee (followed by craft workshop)
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in the World
	1:30 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in the World
	3:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 1
	4:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 1
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - <i>Worry and Stress Free</i>
	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Middle School Bible Study at Mingee's
	7:00 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Committee
7:30 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers	
<b>Wed 21</b>	7:00 a.m.	See You at the Pole (your school's flagpole)
	9:00 a.m.	TOPS
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:30 a.m.	Mothers Nurturing Mothers
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	4:15 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	4:45 p.m.	Junior Choir
	5:15 p.m.	Free Thank You Dinner from Russia Mission Team
	5:25 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 p.m.	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	High School Bible Study at At Lee's	
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	
<b>Thu 22</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	9:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	3:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World
	4:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 2
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
<b>Fri 23</b>	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Partners
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	10:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00-10:00 p.m.	District YSF Rally/Back-to-School Bash at St. Mark's
<b>Sat 24</b>	9:00-11:30 a.m.	Christian Education—Brain Gym®
	8:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

## Warwick Weekly—September 18, 2005

**“Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice” (Psalm 150:3).  
Let us rejoice as we present ourselves before our loving Creator.  
Welcome to worship. Welcome to this house of God.**

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS** are available for use during the worship service. Please see an usher to obtain one.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a person in need of prayer, call **Audrey Martinez** or **Elsie Mitchell** or the church office (877-2270) and your request will receive prompt addition to a prayer chain. If you would like to join the **electronic prayer** chain and receive 4 or 5 prayer requests a week or place a prayer request on the chain, contact Jim Rogers at **68eagle@cox.net**.

### **Serving Today**

**Greeters:** 8:30 - Cliff and Doris Swilley  
11:00 - Pat and Leta Shannon

**Ushers:** 8:30 -  
11:00 - Beverly Mayeaux, Jean Scott, Beth Murray, Kathy Crossett

**Junior Church Workers Today:** 8:30 - Ken and Lisa Bradley  
11:00 - Doug and Caitlin Comer  
**Next Sunday:** 8:30 - Judy Wilson  
11:00 - Mel and Chris Hofler

### **Prayer Thoughts**

*Enable us to open ourselves to you, O God,  
that your love might flow into our spirits.*

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given by the **Holt Family** to the glory of God and in celebration of **Drew's** 16th birthday.

### **In Sympathy**

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to **Carole Stockberger** and her family on the death of her mother, **Velma Kessler**, on Saturday, September 10.

### **New Baby**

The rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of **Bradley Mauger** who was born to **Tom and Stacey Mauger** on September 7. He is also welcomed by big sister **MacKray**.



## **Sanctuary is back in September!**

**Dinner begins at 5:15 and worship is at 6:30.**

### **A Journey Through Genesis: God's Gifts "In the Beginning"**

**September 21st:** The Gift of Family (Genesis 2:4-10; 21-25)

**September 28th:** The Gift of Animals: A Blessing of the Animals (Genesis 6:17-22)

**Childcare is provided.**

### **Russia Team Thank-You Dinner**

**Wednesday, September 21 from 5:15-6:30 pm**

(before the *Sanctuary Worship Service*)

in the Fellowship Hall

This **FREE** dinner, which will be somewhat "Russian," is given to the congregation by the Russia Mission Team as a way of saying **Thank You** for your prayers and support for our mission trip to Russia this past summer.

### **New Member Pastors' Class**

The pastors are teaching a new member class today that will continue September 25 and October 2. The class will meet in the church library during the Sunday School hour, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. and will cover the Bible, Church history, Christian Theology and United Methodist tradition. On Saturday, October 8 we will have a brunch from 10 a.m. till noon, and spend some time talking about Warwick Memorial UMC – our traditions and opportunities. New members will be received into the church on Sunday, October 9. The class is open to anyone interested in joining the church, and to anyone who would like a refresher course in the basics.

### **Legal Questions**

Anyone asking questions about legal matters related to the church and any press inquiries should be referred to our Senior Pastor, Dr. Steve Plymale.

### **Hurricane Relief**

⇒ If you wish to give an offering to help with Hurricane Katrina relief, **make your check payable to WMUMC and mark it UMCOR-Hurricane Relief** and our treasurer will send the money to the conference treasurer.

⇒ Information is available on the table in the narthex for **flood buckets and health kits**.

### **Help Wanted**

**Two counters are needed** for the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the **3rd Sunday** of each month. Please call Joe Young if you can help.

## **Youth News**

**Today - YUK NIGHT!!** - 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Snack supper 5:30-6:00) Come in your messiest clothes...no, honest...be ready to get seriously messed up!! You won't believe it.

- **CHANGE the World!!** Youth Fundraiser for Hurricane Katrina Relief. (see below)

- **Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraiser** continues (selling from tonight through Sept. 25)

**Tuesday - Middle School Bible Study** - 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Minge's house

**Wednesday - SYATP - Your School...Your Flagpole...You!, See You at the Pole - 7:00 a.m. at your school's flagpole.** For more info check out [www.syatp.org](http://www.syatp.org).

- **High School Bible Study** - 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the At Lee's House

**Friday - District YSF Rally & Back-To-School Bash**, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at St. Mark's UMC at 302 Riversedge Drive in Hampton.

**Next Sunday - Regular UMYF** - (Snack supper starts at 5:45 p.m., program ends at 7:30 p.m.)

- **CHANGE the World!!** \*\*Last night to collect!!\*\*

- **Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraiser** \*\*Orders Turn-In\*\*

**Upcoming Stuff** ... Watch Youth Bulletin Board for more info and signup sheets:

> **Need Help!** We've got a **Lay Witness Mission Team** coming to our church October 14-16...and we need families to host the youth members of that team (and some adults, too) for Friday and Saturday nights. If you think your family might be able to host a member of the team in your home, please contact Mel Hofler at [melhofler@yahoo.com](mailto:melhofler@yahoo.com)

## **Youth Hurricane Katrina Relief...**

**So what can you do?? PLENTY!!** We've got some great ways you and your friends can help with Hurricane Katrina relief:

- **CHANGE the World!!** Have extra change lying around your room? The house? Your car? Your Piggy Bank??! Bring it to UMYF through the month of September and we'll collect it, roll it and send it off to UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief). **Get your friends & parents to help too!!** (And we're going to have a **contest** to see who can raise the most: *Middle Schoolers or High Schoolers*...so your rep's on the line!!) Change it up!

- **Fall Fund Raiser Profits** (Joe Corbi Pizza & Innisbrook Wrapping Paper): We'll still split the profits between missions and youth credits—but instead of saving it for general Summer Missions, we're going to use 2/3 of the profits for Hurricane Katrina Relief (through UMCOR). 1/3 of the profits will go to youth individual credit accounts for youth activities, trips, etc.

- **Health Kits** About \$12 can buy all the stuff you need for a Health Kit for flood victims and refugees. Put them together, bring them to church, they go to UMCOR for distribution. Get a sheet with all the details from one of the youth leaders or go to [www.vaumc.org/index.cfm/fa/content.view/menuID/2427.htm](http://www.vaumc.org/index.cfm/fa/content.view/menuID/2427.htm)

- **Flood Buckets** about \$45 can buy all the stuff you need for a Flood Bucket for flood victims. Put them together, bring them to church, they go to UMCOR for distribution. Get a sheet with all the details from one of the youth leaders or go to the VAUMC website listed above.

- **Fashion Show? Talent Show/Bake Sale?** Lots of ideas for the Winter/Spring...help make a difference in the lives of everyone affected by this disaster.

### **You Are Invited**

The congregation is invited to attend **Mark Lotts' Eagle Court of Honor** at the Denbigh Church of Christ (205 Denbigh Boulevard) on Monday, September 19 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### **WANTED!!!**

“**New**” cuddly friends to start a new Caring Ministry. Please consider donating one, two or three **new** stuffed animals (any size) to be given to persons who are ill or in need of encouragement. A box is in the hall for collection. For details or questions, call Pastor Amanda or Kay Fries. Thanks!!

### **Cookie Walk/Craft Sale Workshop**

Committee meeting on September 20 at 9:30 a.m.

The craft workshop will follow the meeting.

The craft committee would appreciate **40% off coupons for Michael's Craft store** (usually in the Sunday paper) or **Jo-Ann Fabric coupons** for our supply purchases. Thanks! If you have questions you can call Billie Quigley, Marsha Six or Sylvia Custer.

### **Aqueduct Tutoring**

Warwick Memorial will again be providing tutoring for children in the Aqueduct Apartments. This ministry is not just about helping children with their schoolwork but showing them God's love. We are asking volunteers to sign up for one Thursday night (6:30-8:00 p.m.) per month for 4 months beginning September 15. We can use several volunteers each Thursday night. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Jim Rogers at 68eagle@cox.net.

### **September Local Missions Project**

During September, we will collect back-to-school supplies for students at Carver and Epes Elementary Schools. Place your donations in the **plastic bin** designated for local missions in the **church library**. Thank you for helping some local children as they begin a new school year. The following items are needed: **loose-leaf notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, folders, and glue.**

### **New Bible Study**

A new Bible Study is offered on **Tuesday, evenings from 7:00-8:15 p.m.** led by Linda McLawhorn. The first study will be *Worry and Stress Free* by Thelma Walls.

### **Thank You**

I just wanted to take a moment and thank everyone for their kindness, prayers and cards during the recent passing of my mother. You are such a wonderful and loving church family. Thank you again. In Christ's love, **Janice Fritz**

### **“A Helping Hand” Resource Card**

Most of us find it somewhat unsettling when a stranger approaches us in public and ask us for emergency assistance. We are unsure how to respond and uncertain if the need is legitimate. So we struggle within ourselves: should we give cash; offer a ride; or just ignore them, pretending not to hear?

“A Helping Hand” resource card is a more appropriate way to respond. By carrying a few of these convenient, “on-the-go,” information cards and offering one to persons needing aid, we are providing 24-hour hotlines to link them with resource organizations that provide more thorough aid with their plight. Being equipped with this card (and perhaps sharing enough money for a phone call) allows us to be helpful stewards while not jeopardizing our safety and well-being. Indeed, we can still yield to the Spirit's call to be Good Samaritans in a hurting world.

An added benefit is that the resource card also contains information about Warwick Memorial UMC. What a blessed opportunity to initiate the helping hand process and the invitation to church—a community of faith where those facing hardship may find their hope restored through Jesus Christ! Cards will be distributed during a September worship service and made available at the church office. Let us lend a helping hand!

***God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1***

### **Addresses Needed**

We have no current mailing addresses for the following persons. If you have that information, please call Dolores Halberg or Donna at the church (877-2270) and give us the address(es). Thanks!

Christina Bart	Sherry Hasinger Geller	Andrea Rocco Smith
Gary Barrows	Leesa Hatmaker	James Stewart
Kerry Bishop	Roxanne McLeod	Yvonne Vreeland
Anthony Musick	Becci Sullivan	Joy Whitley
Betty Campbell	Thomas Neumayer	Janis Croft
Norman Coggins	Todd Nichols	Roberta Powell
Candi and Jamie Culbreth		

### **Lay Speaker Training**

If you are interested in being a lay speaker of the United Methodist Church, you will have the opportunity for training on **September 23 and 24**. The training will take place at First United Methodist Church, Warwick Boulevard and Main Street, Newport News. The Basic course and advanced courses will be taught from 7:00-9:30 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Graduates of the Basic course can take the advanced course, “Lay Speakers Lead Small Groups”. For more information, contact Bill Walker, district director at fliegerbill@cox.net or the district office at 596-3476.

**\*\*Potato Bar next Sunday, September 25 following the 11:00 am service.\*\***  
**Proceeds go to Youth Missions.**

### **Text for Anthem**

#### ***At Home, Let There Be Love***

At home, let there be peace, let there be love.  
May we be slow to anger and fast to forgive;  
May joy and patience abound where we live;  
At home, sweet home, let there be love.  
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
At home, let there be peace, let there be love.  
May we be kind and gentle and show self control,  
Both child and parent, both young and old;  
At home, sweet home, let there be love.  
As families together we pray before our Father's throne;  
May home be a refuge of peace and protection,  
A place where Your presence is known.  
At home, let there be peace;  
At home, sweet home, let there be love.  
Blest be the tie that binds.

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### **Brain Gym® is Here!**

Coming this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. First there will be a continental breakfast and then a message from a Certified Instructor of the Newport News Public School System followed by a question and answer session. Brain Gym® is a physical activity that enhances mental acumen and it could turn out to be an eye opening experience that can be used by all ages and most importantly by our children. Some of our children are already involved with Brain Gym® in our Newport News Public Schools. Please let the Church Education Office know if you will be able to attend and if you need childcare.

### **Congressional Alert**

The general church wants us all to be aware of the fact that Congress is now considering the final plan for the next budget. The suggested plan calls for large reductions in Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, temporary aid to needy families, and other help for vulnerable people. The General Board of Church and Society of the UM Church challenges the wisdom and humanity of these cuts.

Also, the Violence Against Women Act is under consideration. This act, a product of bi-partisan cooperation, guarantees assistance to women who are victims of rape or other abuse. The church supports this assistance program as it opposes the use of force and violence and seeks to protect women. Let your opinion be known.

Temporary toll-free numbers for Congress are 1-800-828-0498 and 1-800-426-8073.

## **Ten Ideas to Help Children Cope with Natural Disasters**

While hundreds of thousands of children will be directly affected by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, children throughout the country will experience distress as they hear of friends and family who have suffered and as they watch displaced people on TV. Parents and other adults can take steps to help children cope with their fears and live with hope.

### **Here are ten suggestions.**

1. Allow children to express their concerns through artwork and play.
2. Pray with children for those affected by the hurricane.
3. Limit children's exposure to television coverage of the disaster.
4. Give children something concrete to do. For example, let children help purchase and assemble health kits, layettes, or flood buckets. See <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/kits.cfm> for information on how to assemble kits.
5. Develop a family disaster plan for the types of natural disasters that may happen in your area. Role-play some possible situations. Knowing that you are prepared will help children cope with fears that they may find themselves separated from family in the event of a disaster.
6. Talk with children about what has happened, helping them to identify their feelings. Ask them what they have heard about the disaster from other children. Sometimes children have heard wildly inaccurate information from their peers that needs to be corrected to alleviate fears that have no basis in reality.
7. Discuss openly with children what your family and church are doing to help those who have been hurt by the disaster.
8. Older children may find it helpful to write about what they are feeling. Suggest keeping a journal on paper or computer.
9. Let children use puppets to express their feelings.
10. Do a low-key activity together, such as assembling a puzzle, playing a board game, or baking cookies. These activities create space for children to talk. Children often find it easier to talk about important things while their hands are engaged in something else.

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