

Weekly Planner for February 25-March 3, 2007

25	8:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Emerging Church Task Force Meeting
	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Hoopes Road Open House
	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	3:30 p.m.	God and Life Class
	4:45 p.m.	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Bible from Scratch
	5:45-7:30 p.m.	Children's Fellowship
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
26	9:00 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
Mon	9:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts (FH/Classrooms)
	7:00 p.m.	Child/Youth Protection Training Class
	7:30 p.m.	Praise Choir Rehearsal
27	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
Tue	1:30 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
	3:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard 1
	5:00 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard 1
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Dinner and Devos
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Companions in Christ
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Senior High Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
28	9:00 a.m.	TOPS
Wed	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Mothers Nurturing Mothers
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	4:15 p.m.	Cherub Choir Rehearsal
	4:45 p.m.	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	5:25 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Communion
	6:00 p.m.	The Way of the Child
	6:30 p.m.	Study of Prayer
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
1	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group
Thu	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:00 a.m.	Ardelle Lett Circle
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	3:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: Around World
	5:00 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Barbara Liddick Circle
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
2	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
Fri	10:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
3	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Youth Leaf Raking at Mrs. Dudley's house
Sat		Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet
	8:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

Warwick Weekly—February 25, 2007

We are very happy to have everyone present at this service of worship. It is here that we can find light for any darkness. It is here that we may find the blessings and comfort which God alone can offer. Welcome!

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 the church office (877-2270) and your request will receive prompt addition to a prayer chain. If you would like to be a part of the **electronic prayer** chain and receive 5-10 prayer requests a week or place a prayer request on the chain, send your name and email address to Jim Rogers at 68eagle@cox.net.

Serving Today

Ushers: (8:30) John Halberg, Jim Crittenden, Jim Dunn, Jerry Haynes
(11:00) Jane Shaffer, Jean Scott, Beth Murray, Sherril Buckner

Greeters: (8:30) Donna Cox and Tracy Cox
(11:00) Steve and Kathy Crossett

Junior Church Workers Today: (8:30) Michael Davenport
(11:00) Mel and Chris Hofler

Next Sunday: (8:30) Lori Robertson
(11:00) Carrie Greer

Prayer Thoughts

*Enlighten us with your truth, heavenly Father,
and be our guide forever. Amen.*

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by **Shirley Crittenden** to the glory of God and in honor of **Jim Crittenden's** birthday tomorrow.

New Baby

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of **Charlotte Lynn Wilhite** born to **Jason and Mary Lynn Wilhite**. Proud grandparents are **Alan and Pat Wilhite**.

Celebration and Consecration-Mark your calendar: March 25

BUILDING

N-O-T-E

The office is furnished! A flame and cross has been painted at center court! The phone and data lines have been installed! New phones have appeared in new places. Leta Shannon and the rest of the Kitchen Ministry core team have had initial training in the kitchen. Lighting training starts this coming week. If all goes well between the time I write this and Friday evening, we should be in a position to get a provisional occupancy permit in the next week or so. Please pray about how you can become part of one of the ministries needed to run the center or one of the ministries that will use the center to fulfill the Great Commission. Dave Munro

New Ministry

A new ministry has begun in our building. Volunteers from Virginia Beach use the middle wing classrooms to tutor Sudanese immigrants. Some of these are the Lost Boys we've heard about lately. Please welcome the tutors and their students. If you want to get involved with tutoring or in any other way, you can call Betsy Egan or email her at bbegan@earthlink.net or talk to Dave Munro.

Russia Mission

This year's Russia Mission trip with Pastor John Speight of Christ UMC, Fairfax Station, is scheduled for June 25 – July 10. The team is going to a school in a very poor and isolated village outside of the city of Stavropol. 10 or 12 orphan children live at the school all year; therefore, the mission team will be working alongside the students and teachers in the re-tiling of a bathroom and some interior painting. Interested persons should speak with Pastor Steve, or contact Pastor John directly: pastorjohn@christchurchva.org, office: 703-690-3401.

The Spring Laity Spiritual Growth Retreat

The Spring Laity Spiritual Growth Retreat, sponsored by the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, is scheduled for April 21-22, 2007 at our Assembly Center in Blackstone. Well known storyteller Karen McIntyre is the Retreat Speaker. The theme of the retreat is learning to hear, listen to and respond to God's call. Adult registration, lodging and meals totals \$80.00. Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office.

Care and Share Sunday

Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of every month, is also Care and Share Sunday when food donations are received for Denbigh United Christian Outreach (DUCO). We greatly appreciate your support in keeping the pantry shelves filled to assist those in need. The ministry is also grateful for financial gifts to help with shelter and utilities for our neighbors in crisis. Your tax deductible gift (made payable to DUCO) may be placed in DUCO's box in the office. May God bless your generosity.

Runaway Hymnals!

We have a number of hymnals that have "gone missing" from the sanctuary. If you have taken one home to use and no longer need it, please return it to the sanctuary as soon as you can. We will be ordering some new hymnals soon so we need to know how many we need. Thanks so much!!



****Upper Room booklets for March-April should be here by next Sunday.****

Celebration Center Dates

Today

Special "Open House" to invite our Hoopes Road neighbors to visit our Celebration Center. It may be that we will have refreshments in our current Fellowship Hall and provide a tour of the Celebration Center.

March 25, 2007

Consecration of the Celebration Center. One worship for the entire congregation: 10:00 a.m. - Lunch, music, celebration, "home-coming," fun and fellowship; 2:00 p.m. - the Consecration service.

The Celebration Campaign is Coming!

March 11

Church Orientation

9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (light lunch)

More information to follow!

Young Adults Between the Ages of 18 and 30

Our young adult class has a slate full of activities during the month of February. Some of the events are listed below. Hope to see you there!

- ❖ Sundays - 9:45 am – Bible Study during the Sunday School hour Sunday. We are studying the book of Philippians.
- ❖ Tuesday evenings – during the month of February – Dinner and a Devo at the Minge's
- ❖ 6:30 pm—Come learn to prepare a quick easy dinner and stick around for devotions and discussion. Devo, discussion and fellowship begin around 8pm and go until 10 pm. Please feel free to join us anytime during the evening.



If you're not on our email list or if you have any questions, please contact Carlos or Marisol Liceaga or Gerry or Gloria Minge.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Sign up for the **Organizational Dinner, Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m.** This is a sign up to attend the dinner and organizational meeting so we can get a head count. This **is not** a commitment to volunteer to help with the ministry. We will need quite a few volunteers—coaches, scorekeepers, referees, people to help with registration and concessions and persons to lead devotions. It will be a 12 week commitment of one night a week for an hour and one hour each Saturday for the 12 weeks.

If you think you would be interested in this ministry, please plan to attend the dinner and meeting to hear a representative from Upward explain the program and answer questions. Sign up in the church office. **A nursery will be provided if needed.**

If you want to know more about Upward, check out their website at <http://www.upward.org>. Any questions, contact Jim Rogers.



Save This Date! Friday, April 20th

7:00 p.m.

Rhythm 'n' Pews in our new Celebration Center. More information to follow.

Calendar

Request from the staff: When placing events on the calendar in the church office, **please put the room where you are meeting** as well as the time. Thanks!

Youth Camp, Stavropol, Russia

When Pastor Yelena of the Stavropol United Methodist Church visited with us not long ago, she shared her plan to have a youth Camp for the youth of her and other churches. Those plans are coming together. The Camp will be on the Black Sea and will include youth from Moscow, Stavropol and several other Russian cities. Some of you said that you wanted to help financially. The youth of Russia cannot afford to pay their own way to youth camp. Pastor Yelena still needs about \$7,200 for the Camp, but there are other sources being considered. If you are willing to contribute, please give a note to Pastor Steve with the amount you are willing to donate and your name and phone number. **Do not give money yet.**

Thank You

Thank you for bringing the altar flowers to us. They are beautiful and the prayers that go with them are wonderful! All of you are great — the many cards, heartfelt prayers and telephone calls in addition to the flowers make getting better much easier. The special visits from **Carole Stockberger and Virginia Taylor** were especially helpful. Keep praying for me, please.

With love, **Gwen Hansen**

We would like to thank **Pastor Steve, Carole Stockberger** and all of our church family for the many prayers, cards, calls and visits. Thanks also to **all who helped with Debra** — a very special thanks to **Barbara Maynard** for coming each day to stay with her so I could go to the hospital and be with Bob. In Christian love, **Ruth and Bob Ritenour**

New Bible Study

Beginning in March, the Covenant Sunday School class will be studying: **Longing to Pray—How the Psalms Teach Us to Talk with God.** It is a 12 week study dealing with the highs and lows of the different authors of the Psalms. In this book, we see that the secret to their prayers was their friendship with God and their approach to that friendship from several different perspectives. The authors do not give us specific rules or formulas for prayer, but show us how to develop the proper friendship with God so we can be more effectual in our prayer life. If you are looking for a Sunday School class or just find the subject interesting, we invite you to join us on this journey through the Psalms.

The Alphabet Prayer

Many of us need to be more like the little girl whom the farmer found lost in his meadow. The farmer said to her, "Do not cry; I'll take you home."

The little child snuggled up to him, and with a smile, said, "I knew you would; I was waiting for you."

"Waiting for me?" said the man. "What made you think I was coming?"

"I was praying you would," she said.

"Praying? When I first heard you, you were saying A-B-C-D-E-F-G. What was that for?"

She looked up again and said, "I'm just a little girl. I was praying all the letters of the alphabet and letting God put them together the way he wanted to. He knows I was lost, and he knows how to put words together better than I do."
— *Homiletics*

Youth Stuff

Today - ****No UMYF****

Tuesday - **High School Bible Study** (Revelation!): 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the At Lee's

Saturday - **Dudley Leaf Raking Service Project** - starts at 9:00 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m.

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

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

- **Acquire the Fire** (ATF) - March 16-17

- **Easter "Sonrise" Service - Sunday, April 8 - 6:30 a.m.** (Youth provide breakfast for the church immediately following the service)

- **Beach Retreat** - Friday-Sunday, April 27-29 in Sandbridge (VA Beach)


Just for Kids

Coming Wednesday, February 28 - **The Way of the Child**

This is a spiritual growth program for children ages 6-12. We will meet **Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. for four weeks** and will be learning about prayer. Please contact Ms. Gerry at msgerryturner@aol.com or 877-2270 to register your child or for more information.

Mission Study for Children

Children 1st—5th grades will be studying **Children of Biblical Lands, Sundays from 5:45-7:30 p.m.** The study seeks to help children:

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- ❖ recognize and appreciate what they have in common with children of biblical lands
 - ❖ recognize and appreciate the challenges and difficulties faced by many children
 - ❖ identify with the hopes and dreams of children living in biblical lands
 - ❖ identify ways to show God's love to children of biblical lands.

The study includes Bible stories, contemporary stories, art, games, music and food. All children grades 1-5 are invited to be a part of this study.

Coming Next Sunday

Gateway to the Gospel for children's Sunday School. Warwick Memorial has always been passionate about children's Sunday School. We have always loved teaching biblical content, interaction among the children and adults within the church, doing projects like Vacation Bible School and finding ways for children to feel nurtured. **Gateway to the Gospel** is based on the Workshop Rotation Model for Sunday School. We hope this will be a way to enhance our children's Sunday School program. Watch your *Warwick Weekly* for more details.



Child/Youth Protection Training

If you are interested in working with children or youth at Warwick Memorial UMC, **Child/Youth Protection Training is a must.** There is one more training opportunity in February:

Monday February 26 7:00 p.m. Wesleyan classroom

Anyone interested in our policy as well as those who have not had the training in the past two years are encouraged to attend.

An Opportunity to Hear Forrest Cory

All adult and youth Sunday School classes are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall during the regular **Sunday School gathering time** (9:45-10:45 a.m.) today for a presentation by Forrest Cory on his mission trip to Johannesburg, South Africa. The presentation will include pictures, video and testimony by Forrest about the relationship between baseball, religion, and life in the African sun as well as in his own life. We look forward to seeing you there.

What Has God Written On Your Heart? - Revisited

Last year the Witness Team asked the congregation to consider submitting a faith sharing story that would eventually be part of a devotional booklet. The thought was to share our stories within the congregation and out in the community. We received 20 fantastic devotionals; however, we are still 10 short of our original goal of 30.

So, in order to complete the project, we need 10 more folks to share and submit a devotional. Here are a few considerations:

1. Please keep in mind that your faith story does not have to be grandiose or a "Damascus-like experience." Each and every divine encounter is unique and precious. Sharing personal accounts of God's fingerprints on our lives gives glory and honor to our Lord, and hope and peace to those receiving the message.
2. As you prayerfully consider sharing your faith story, we trust that the Lord will guide and direct your mind, your heart, and your hands.
3. Please limit your contribution to a single page and include a foundational scripture. If you need help with a scripture, please email Gail Slocum at gailsloc77@verizon.net.
4. To submit your finished product, email Gerry Turner (msgerryturner@aol.com).

From the Pages of God's Story...to the Writings on our Hearts

The Witness Team "My son, keep my word....write them on the tablets of your heart." Proverbs 7:1, 3

February Local Missions

During February, we have decided to continue collecting much needed items for the men who have found shelter at the **Peninsula Rescue Mission** which is located on Huntington Avenue in Newport News. Among the items needed are:

Men's Tee Shirts: Sizes M-XXL

Men's Briefs: Sizes 32-48

Sugar, creamer, coffee, cereal

Powdered laundry detergent

Cleaning fluids such as Pine-Sol, Mr. Clean, etc.

Dishwashing liquid detergent (not for a dishwasher)

You may place the donations in the plastic bin located in the church library. Thank you for remembering these men who need our help.

Text for Anthems

O, Divine Redeemer!

Ah! Turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy,
Ah! Turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy.
Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid,
Thy pity show in my deep anguish!
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, tho' righteous thine anger,
O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.
O divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins!
Forgive me, O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon
And remember not, O Lord, my sins!
Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee;
Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, to help me!
Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy;
Hear my cry, come and save me, O Lord!
O, divine Redeemer, I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not, O Lord, my sins!
Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God!
O, divine Redeemer, have mercy? Help me, my Savior!

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Hear My Cry, O God

Hear my cry, O God, hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.
Hear my cry, O God, hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.
From the end of the earth I call to Thee when my heart is faint.
Hear my cry, O God, hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.
Hear my cry, O God, hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.

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Prayer

To you, O Lord above, do I lift up my prayer, for you are my God; I put my trust in you.
To you, O Lord above, do I lift up my prayer, for you are my guide in all that I say and do.
Forgive my sins, O Father, and teach me to live by your truth.
O hear my cry, hear my cry, forgive my sins, O my Lord.
Hear my prayer; O Lord; lead me in paths of righteousness.
Hear my cry, O Lord, hear my prayer.
To you, O Lord above, do I lift up my prayer, for you are my God, I put my trust in you.
Amen.

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