

Weekly Planner for July 22-28, 2007

22 Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Worship Sunday School Worship Harvest of Hope Team leaves on Mission Trip Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous
23 Mon		
24 Tue	7:00 p.m.	Companions in Christ
25 Wed	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon 10:00-11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	TOPS Police Academy for Seniors (Fellowship Hall) Mothers Nurturing Mothers Young Adult Koinonia Dinner/Bible Study
26 Thu	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Sewing Group Trustees Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous
27 Fri		
28 Sat	8:00 a.m. Upper Room Training 8:30 p.m.	ASP Mission Team meets to leave for Mingo County, West Virginia Sessions in the Celebration Center Alcoholics Anonymous



**Our Church Conference
is scheduled for
Thursday, 18 October, 2007
at 7:00 p.m.**

BRING FOOD ITEMS: July 29 and August 5

LINK of Hampton Roads is in need of help. They have a food pantry that is bare. They can make use of any non-perishable items. We will collect food items for them on **Sunday, July 29**.

DUCO also has a food pantry that serves many people in need in our Denbigh area. We will collect food items for DUCO on Sunday, **August 5** (as is our custom on Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of every month). DUCO is in need of canned meats, canned fruits, peanut butter and jelly.

Shop With a Cop

The Newport News city police Christmas program, **Shop With a Cop**, is in need of supporters. They are asking for donations to help cover the expense of \$200 per child for the children who are accepted into the Shop With a Cop program. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Steve.

Warwick Weekly—July 22, 2007

We are very glad to welcome all who have come to praise God with us today. May the Lord's loving presence undergird and bless each of you.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS 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)
(11:00) Jane Shaffer, Jean Scott, Beth Murray, Ellen Buckner

Greeters: (8:30) Donna Cox and Tracy Cox
(11:00) Bill and Samantha Fries

Junior Church Today (8:30) Judy Wilson
(11:00) David Ellis

Next Sunday (8:30) Al Dorner
(11:00)

Prayer Thoughts

Inspire us by your holy presence, O Lord, that we may leave your house with our spirits renewed and refreshed. Amen.

Flowers for Today

The flowers on the altar today are given by **Sam and Dayna Lance** to the glory of God and in celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary.

The flowers in the narthex today are given by **Richard and Marie Wheeler** to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to **Diane Bevins and family** on the death of her father, Gordon Lenox on Sunday, July 15 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

We also extend our sympathy to **Haley and Kristin Rocco** on the death of their mother, Andrea Smith, on Saturday July 14.

Celebration Center Chatter Do you know how many first aid kits are in the building? Right now there are four: church office, old kitchen, new kitchen and the Celebration Center. Do we need more? You tell me please. How about fire extinguishers? I can count 17. Can you? There is only one AED (automatic external defibrillator). Do you know where it is in case of a heart attack? Jim Taylor is getting us another one for the Celebration Center.

You may have noticed that we solved the crummy-grass-and-weeds-in-the-parking-lot-island problem by digging out some of the dirt and filling in with mulch. It looks much better and it should be easier to maintain. The dirt we excavated is back by the new storage building. Here's the deal—help spread some of the dirt into the low spots around the storage building and take whatever you need of the dirt that is left.

This past week we hosted 1) Youth Group from Green Street UMC, Augusta, Maine on their way home, 2) a Wacky Wednesday Ice Cream Social (I like ice cream), 3) a district picnic to welcome new pastors, and 3) a church family celebration. Next weekend we will host two conference training events for Way of the Child and Companions in Christ. Leta Shannon is catering the meals for the two training sessions.

I hope everyone knows that the refrigerator in the 'old' kitchen died two weeks ago. I'm searching for a good used commercial two door refrigerator. The United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men have each come up with \$500 and I can use some of the Maurice Akers fund if needed. I hope to have a replacement by early August. Until then, please use the refrigerators in the 'new' kitchen.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Are you a knitter or crocheter or want to be one? Consider using your talents to support this ministry. Prayer Shawl Ministry is a worldwide movement of small groups who gather to create shawls for individuals who would benefit from this outreach of love and compassion. Often these are people burdened with illness or sorrow, but the shawls can also be a gift to celebrate a marriage or a new baby. **Pamphlets about the ministry and registration forms are available in the narthex and library.** For more information, please contact Debbie Stall at grandeb1@cox.net.

Counters Needed

We are currently in need of **one counter** for the **2nd and 3rd Sunday** of each month for the **11:00 a.m. service**. If you can serve in this capacity, please call Joe Young .

P.O.R.T. Appreciation Dinner

LINK of Hampton Roads is inviting anyone who volunteered at P.O.R.T. 2006-07 to a "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant Dinner." If you volunteered in any capacity and would like to attend, please notify Joyce Bennett by Sunday, August 19 at jhbenn@cox.net.

Date: Saturday, September 15
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Peninsula Korean Baptist Church
972 Harpersville Road, 23601

Youth Stuff

Today - Youth Mission Teams Commissioning at 11:00 a.m. service

Both the Harvest of Hope and Appalachian Project teams will be commissioned
Harvest of Hope Team leaves for Ashland, VA (2:00 p.m. from the church parking lot)

Saturday - ASP Mission Team Departs for Mingo County WV - Saturday, July 28th. Meet at church at 8:00 a.m. for final packing and send-off; depart 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday -

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

- **Ultimate Bible Study Begins** (Thursday, August 9, 6-8 p.m.) Combo of Ultimate Frisbee and Bible Study for all Youth.
- **Youth Water Country Day** - Saturday, August 11th (10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- **Gym Jam** in the Celebration Center - Sunday, August 12 (2-5 p.m.) Just hanging out and playing basketball, volleyball, whatever!
- **Middle School Mission Week** is August 19-25 at Westview on the James ("IF" we get adult help)

Young Adult Koinonia (Ages 18-30)

- During the month of July, we will be meeting at the Liceaga's home for our regular Wednesday night dinner and a devo at 6:30 p.m. We would love to have you join us.
- In July during the **Sunday School hour (9:45)** we'll continue a study titled *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. This six week study will challenge your concept of what it means to be part of the flock.

Text for Anthem

Lord, You Are Near Me

Lord, you are near me; I will not fear. You walk beside me, it's your voice I hear.
Darkness may cover me, but soon your light appears, and I know, dear Lord, you are near me.
Lord, help me trust in you, keep me close I pray. Help me know, dear Lord, you are near me.
When I sleep, when I wake, night and day you are near me. When I cry, when I pray, Lord, I know you will hear me.

Lord, you are near me; I will not fear. You walk beside me, it's your voice I hear.
Darkness may cover me, but soon your light appears, and I know, dear Lord, you are near me.
And I know, dear Lord, you are near me.

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Help Wanted!

I need two or three volunteers to assist me on **Saturday, July 28** when we host the training sessions for the **Upper Room Ministries**. We are serving a continental breakfast and lunch for the group. Times are **8:30 a.m. through** clean-up, probably around **3:00 p.m.** I especially need help from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please contact me . Thanks! Leta Shannon

Growing Pains and Joys

Good News! We have been saying for some time that we want more young families and more young children in our congregation. Well, we are getting what we have been asking for. We have more young children and, consequently, we need more nursery help on Sunday mornings and at times during the week. In fact, it looks like we can expect even more growth over the next few years.

We need to hire at least two more nursery workers (we pay about \$10.00 per hour). Paid nursery workers must be 18 years old or older and must meet several requirements including a sexual offenders and criminal background check. Paid staff can work one, two, or more Sundays per month – not necessarily every week.

We also need volunteers. A volunteer MUST have been a member of the congregation for a minimum of six months and have taken the Child and Youth Protection class offered here at the church. We need people to volunteer for one Sunday a month in the nursery (but, of course, you can volunteer for more than one Sunday per month). And we need volunteers to help out during the week from time to time.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office, place it in the offering, or give it to Jennifer LeFever.

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YES, I CAN HELP IN THE NURSERY

_____ I am interested in being a paid employee

_____ I am interested in being a volunteer

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

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Commissioning our
Harvest of Hope Mission Team
and ASP Mission Teams

When prompted by the pastor, the congregation will respond:

Harvest of Hope Team, we thank you for your willingness to glean in the fields so that the food you pick can be used to feed those who are without food.

ASP Team, we thank you for your willingness to work in Mingo County, West Virginia so that the work of your hands might benefit families in need and make a difference in the lives of others.

Our prayers go with you today and in the days ahead as you work in the name of Christ.

When prompted by the pastor, Gleaners respond:

As we go into the service of the Lord as gleaners, we thank you, our church family, for your prayers and your support. As your representatives in the mission field, we pledge ourselves to the goals and objectives of the Society of St. Andrew’s Harvest of Hope ministry. We will work to the best of our abilities in the fields. We will participate fully in the educational and spiritual growth opportunities, and bring home to you, our sisters and brothers, what we learn and experience. We will demonstrate our Christian faith in all we do, and think, and say.

When prompted by the pastor, ASP Missioners respond:

As we go forth in the service of our Lord as ASP volunteers, we thank you, our church family, for your prayers and your support. And we thank you for the example of ASP service that is such a significant and rich part of our church heritage. We pledge ourselves to the goals, objectives and standards of the Appalachian Service Project. We will work to the best of our abilities and always seek to be cooperative and helpful with our fellow team members. And we will always seek to work so as to be Christ-like in all we do, with others and within our team, demonstrating our faith in word and deed.