

Weekly Planner for August 26 - September 1, 2007

26	8:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Housewarming for Kesa Rios, Kassaundra and Miyoko Carpenter
	3:00 p.m.	Memorial Garden Task Force
	5:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
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Mon		
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Tue	7:00 p.m.	Companions in Christ
29	9:00 a.m.	TOPS
Wed	10:30 a.m.	Mothers Nurturing Mothers
		Information for bulletin due by noon today!
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Koinonia Dinner/Bible Study
30	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group
Thu	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Ultimate Frisbee and Bible Study for Youth
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
31		Church office will only be open until 12:00 noon.
Fri		
1	8:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sat		

Warwick Weekly—August 26, 2007

May the spirit of friendship exude from each of us as we gather in the house of the Lord. We eagerly welcome all who have come.

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) Jim Crittenden, Jim Dunn, Jerry Haynes, Matt Keafer
(11:00) Jane Shaffer, Jean Scott, Beth Murray, Ellen Buckner

Greeters: (8:30) Donna Cox and Tracy Cox
(11:00) Pat and Leta Shannon

Junior Church Today (8:30) Michael Davenport
(11:00) Kim Rodgers

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

Prayer Thoughts

May your purity and holiness touch us that we may reflect them in our lives.

Flowers for Today

The flowers on the altar are given by **Pat and Leta Shannon** to the glory of God and in celebration of their 47th anniversary. They are also in memory of Leta's father, John Miller.

The flowers in the narthex are given by **Shirley Crittenden** to the glory of God and in celebration of James and her anniversary.

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to:

Gerry Turner and family on the death of her mother Mary Beale on August 19.

Dave Loudermilk and family on the death of his father Randy on August 18.

Page Roberts on the death of her husband Don on August 18.

Crystal Skaggs and Katie Tanner-Barker on the death of their grandmother on August 21.



**is coming
to the Peninsula District –
September 28, 29, 30**

- Evangelism through praise, praying, and preaching
- **An opportunity for folks in our churches to invite someone new to go with them to Woodside High School and be a witness to inspiring praise, prayer and preaching by Rev. Bart Campolo.**
- **Special youth service at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday with the John Ivins Praise Band from Richmond.**
- Worship beyond our sanctuary walls
- Mission opportunities
- Chances to witness your faith
- Ways to affirm your belief in God's promises
- Opportunities to start a new faith walk.

Wherever you are in relation to God, this ministry will meet you.

Sponsored through the Evangelism Priority of the District Council on Ministries

Celebration Center Chatter Please remember to keep an eye on the outside doors to the Celebration Center (CC) and make sure the door latches when you leave. Thanks.

This coming weekend we have two great events. On Friday evening, we will host a celebration by Operation Breaking Through. Some twenty families, the program staff and sponsors of the program will eat and witness the fruits of this faith based initiative reaching out to youngsters from the East End. Witness is supporting the cost of using the CC for this event. On Saturday and Sunday afternoon, a group of Sudanese Lost Boys will be having a reunion of some of the few Christian survivors from their region of southern Sudan. They will be using the Fellowship Hall and kitchen. Please welcome our guests if you meet them.

The AED (automated external defibrillator) for the Sanctuary has a new battery and is ready for use. Pray we continue not to need it. The new AED for the CC will soon be installed and we will be having classes to learn how to use it. If you are in any way going to be involved with athletics, you should sign up for this training. You could be the difference between life and death.

September 8th will be the Celebration Service in the CC. We'll meet at 6:33 p.m. (there is a reason for the time – ask Pastor Sonja). Come worship with us!

In the near future Christine Griggs will be starting a Yoga ministry that will probably meet on Friday or Saturday evenings. The only expense will be an exercise mat. The group will meet in the CC usually but may move to Fellowship Hall when we have conflicts. (Notice I didn't say if we have conflicts.) Please talk to Christine (874-0324) if you are interested.

Dave Munro, dmunro79@cs.com

Church Conference

We will have a Church Conference on **Sunday, September 2, 2007 at 12:00 noon** in the sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. Two agenda items: first, to accept the \$40,000 grant from the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church to help with construction cost of our Celebration Center; second, to encumber the church facility for this grant in accordance with Virginia law. These are not new items. We need "official" approval for the sake of the court system and proper legal proceedings.

Special Training and Learning Opportunities:

Sunday, September 9, 2007

2:00-4:00

Acolyte and Crucifer Training

4:00-6:00

Reading the Bible in Worship

Sunday, September 16, 2007

2:00-4:00

Being a Lay Reader (reading liturgy in worship)

4:00-6:00

Praying in Public

www.wmumc.org

Just a reminder: this is Warwick Memorial's website full of information about the activities, ministries, committees, groups, Sunday School classes and special events at our church. Also, there is a monthly calendar for reference, a Celebration Center page with all the scheduling of our new facility, and a new link to past Warwick Weekly information (click on WW-Archives). Check it out next time you are online and please send any missing information to Marsha Six (msixva@aol.com) or to John Evans, our webmaster (coachevans@cox.net).

Upper Room devotional books for September/October are available in the narthex. Contributions may be placed in the metal box on the table. Thank you!

Youth Stuff

Today - Gym Jam in the Celebration Center (2-5 p.m.) Just hanging out and playing basketball, volleyball, whatever!

- **UMYF Back to School Night** - (5-6 pm right after the Gym Jam). Let's get everyone together to welcome in our new 6th grades and new 9th graders! The "experienced" kids give the newbies survival tips for their new schools and the new year.

Young Adult Koinonia (Ages 18-30)

- We will be meeting at the Mingee's home for our regular Wednesday night dinner and a devo at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday School hour (9:45)—we're looking at Old Testament stories with new eyes!
- Harvest of Hope Gleaning weekend for young adults October 5-7. Join us in Keezletown, VA or carpool from the church as we glean fields for St. Andrew's Harvest of Hope. Cost is \$50 for the weekend. Contact Gerry or Gloria Mingee (mingee@cox.net) to register. A deposit of \$25 is requested. See Harvest of Hope website for more information (www.endhunger.org/hoh_schedule.htm).

We would love to have you join us for any or all events. If you have questions, please contact either Gerry or Gloria Mingee or Marisol or Carlos Liceaga .

Celebration Campaign Update

Seems like time to let folks know how the Celebration Campaign to pay off the mortgage on the Celebration Center is doing. We have 140 commitments (down from 172 for the first campaign) totaling \$915,249.58. The total of the First Fruits offerings and a grant from the Conference will be used to pay down the construction loan as much as we can and then convert from a construction loan to a mortgage. This should happen within the next few weeks. We will then be faced with a monthly payment of approximately \$18,500. This will be paid from the Celebration Campaign contributions so we can preserve our Operating Budget for the ministries that take place in all parts of the building. If you have any questions, talk to Dave Munro, Lisa Bradley, Gwen Hansen or Jim Corliss.

Results of the Baby Bottle Drive

The Baby Bottle Fundraiser results are in! Warwick Memorial collected **\$898.28** for Care Net Resource Pregnancy Centers! What a fantastic total! Thanks to this congregation for your generous and caring hearts for the young women, men, and their babies we serve free of charge. You help us be a blessing to many! Gail Slocum

Celebration Service

The Celebration Service is coming into view. We have been busy forming a launch team as well as interviewing persons for the music ministry. We will have a special praise service on **Saturday, September 8th at 6:33 p.m.** based on **Matthew 6:33 "Seek Ye First"**. If you would like to be a part of the launch team or serve in another capacity for this service, please see Pastor Sonja for more information. A Celebration Service presentation will be completed soon and will be available to everyone.



Thank You

Brad and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and concerns for Tracy. The Lord has answered our prayers and Tracy is home and doing well. We give all the glory and thanks to our Lord and Savior. With our love and thanks, **Kathy and Brad Kiehner**

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 making a donation of any amount, make your check out to WMUMC and mark *Shop With a Cop* on the memo line.

Housewarming

The Barb Liddick Circle would like to invite you to a **housewarming shower today at 2:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall for **Kesa Rios, Kassandra and Miyoko Carpenter**. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target and Walmart under the name *Angeliqye Rios*. Light refreshments will be served.

United Methodist Women Circles

The purpose of the United Methodist Women is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. The Circles of the United Methodist Women meet monthly from September through June. Additionally, there are four general meetings each year to bring all the circles of Warwick Memorial together for a business meeting, a program, and a meal (lunch or dinner). All women of the church are invited to join a circle. Call the circle chairperson for additional information or contact any circle member. Please come join us!

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| Mary Freeman Circle | meets 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes
Chairperson: Kay Fries |
| Dana Tyson Circle | meets 1st Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the church
Chairperson: Regina Burkhammer |
| Elizabeth Overby Circle | meets 1st Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the church
Chairperson: Sharon Ellis (Childcare is available.) |
| Miriam Gruber Circle | meets 1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in members' homes
Co-chairpersons: Delena Merenda
Linda Craft |
| Ardelle Lett Circle | meets 1st Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the church
Chairperson: Kay Fippinger |
| Barbara Liddick Circle | meets 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church
Chairperson: Linda McLawhorn |

**Our Church Conference is scheduled for Thursday, October 18,
at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**



New Pictorial Directory

The photography dates for our pictorial directory are coming soon. If you have not reserved a time to be photographed, be sure to do so today while there is still a good selection of appointments. Our goal is 100% participation. It just won't be complete without you!

Help Wanted: Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Ministry

Our Upward ministry will begin this fall. We need help in these areas:

- (1) **Publicity.** Upward has provided us with 5,000 flyers that describe the ministry and include registration information. We are especially interested in reaching children who do not currently attend church. Take flyers to give to your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors who have children in grades K-6. Flyers are available in Jim Rogers' box in the church office.
- (2) **Volunteers.** We need prayer partners, coaches, referees, scorekeepers, concessions workers, set-up crew, advertising help and devotion leaders. Signup sheets with job descriptions are on the board in the church office. Please help where you can. Most jobs require only one or two hours on a Saturday.
- (3) **Scholarships.** We want to provide scholarships for families who cannot afford for their children to participate. If you would like to help, make your check out to WMUMC and indicate Upward Scholarships on the memo line.
- (4) **Portable Basketball Goals.** We learned that to accommodate as many teams as we can (our goal is 28 teams this fall), we will have to play cross-court for the teams with younger children. To do this will require the purchase of four portable basketball goals that were not in the original budget and will cost approximately \$2,000 for the four. If you would like to help, make checks payable to WMUMC and indicate Upward Basketball Goals on the memo line.

Thanks for your support!

Your Invitation to Peninsula District Lay Speaking Ministries!

Leading, Caring and Communicating-to be Christ's servant in his church and in his world. If you are a church member involved, or considering involvement, in many aspects of ministry within your congregation and your community, consider Lay Speaking. This is your tool for the development of your gifts and application of your service to God's work through his church. Lay Speaking Ministries is about spiritual growth and faith sharing through participation, as led by the Holy Spirit, in areas of our response to God's grace. This includes Worship, Witness, Missions, Outreach, Discipleship, Education, Advocacy, and Development of your Personal Faith.

District Training classes will be September 21 and 22 here at Warwick Memorial. Friday session will be 7:15-9:30 p.m.; Saturday session will be 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Registration is required. Call the district office at 596-3476 or Bill Walker, district director of Lay Speaking for more information.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on **Thursday, September 6 at 6:45 p.m.** in the Library.

Interested in a Memorial Garden?

Recently, a small group met to talk about a need for a Memorial Garden and perhaps a columbarium somewhere on the church grounds. A memorial garden is a type of prayer and meditation garden where one can sit, commune with God, and remember those saints who have preceded us. The memorial part would be a wall that has the names of those saints. A columbarium would include niches where the ashes of people who chose to be cremated could be kept. The intent is for the garden to be self financing.

The committee has decided to explore the idea of a memorial garden and columbarium with the congregation to:

- Talk about cremation
- Explain the purpose we have in mind
- Discuss financing
- Listen to your ideas, questions and concerns
- Talk about possible locations

A meeting to have this discussion is scheduled for **September 9th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be assisted by a representative of the Virginia Cremation Society.

The committee members are: Jim Corliss, Norma McCartney, Ruth McGhee, Dave Munro (chair), Pastor Carole and Pastor Steve. If you have any questions, concerns or cannot attend the meeting on the 9th please talk to a committee member.

Season of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, after all you have done for us, we have failed you.

Congregation: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Leader: We have turned away from your Word

Congregation: I have not read and studied the Bible as frequently as I know I should have;
I have not been as disciplined in Bible study as I had planned;
I do not know the Bible as well as I should.

Silent confession

Leader: We have not prayed as we ought.

Congregation: I have not come before you, Father, as frequently as I had planned;
I do not spend as much time with you as I say I want to;
I have not struggled with you, seeking your will for my life and work.

Silent Confession

Leader: We have not lived in full accordance with your will.

Congregation: I make confession, as I think of the Ten Commandments.

Silent Confession

*The Ten Commandments: Have no other gods
Make no graven images
Do not take the name of the Lord in vain
Remember the Sabbath
Honor parents
Do not kill, commit adultery, steal, lie, covet.*

Leader: We have not lived according to Jesus' teaching.

Congregation: I have not loved my neighbor as I love myself.
I have not forgiven seventy times seven.
I have not carried my cross.

Silent Confession

Leader: We have not lived as well as our highest and best ideals.

Congregation: I have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance:

Leader: God abounds with steadfast love.

Congregation: I know that God loves me.

Leader: As far as the east is from the West, so far does God remove sin from the penitent.

Congregation: I know that God forgives me.

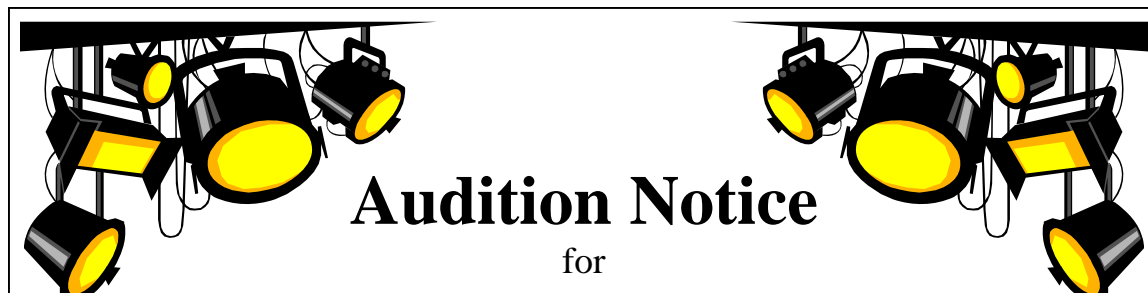
Leader: God invites us to be a part of the holy and loving work God is about.

Congregation: I know that God is working to make me holy.

Leader: Amen.

Congregation: Amen.

The Passing of the Peace of Christ



Audition Notice

for
“Murder, You Must Be Kidding!”
by Pat Cook

When: Today, August 26 - 2:00 p.m.
Tomorrow, August 27 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Parts: 5 women, 3 men

Performances: November 2, 3, and 4

If you think you might be interested in an off-stage job, please feel free to come to an audition to find out more about the show.