

Weekly Planner for November 11-17, 2007

11	8:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Befrienders Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Just for Kids-Hayride and hot dog roast
	4:30 p.m.	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	5:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
	5:45 p.m.	UMYF
	6:30 p.m.	Living Fully, Dying Well
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
12	9:00 a.m.	Senior Breakfast Club
Mon	9:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Upward Basketball
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Praise Choir
13	9:30 a.m.	ECMS:Music Makers:At Home in World
Tue	9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Craft Workshop
	1:30 p.m.	ECMS:Music Makers:At Home in World
	3:45 p.m.	ECMS:Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1
	5:00 p.m.	ECMS:Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Upward Basketball
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Koinonia/Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Men
	6:30 p.m.	Witness Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Staff-Parish Relations Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
14	9:00 a.m.	TOPS
Wed	9:30 a.m.	ECMS:Cycle of Seasons-Wind Dancers
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	10:30 a.m.	Mothers Nurturing Mothers
	4:15 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	4:45 p.m.	Junior Choir
	5:25 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers
	5:45 p.m.	"Brown bag" meal/fellowship; Bible study begins 6:30
	6:15 p.m.	Way of the Child
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	High School Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
15	9:30 a.m.	ECMS:Cycle of Seasons-Wind Dancers
Thu	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	3:45 p.m.	ECMS:Music Makers: Around the World
	5:00 p.m.	ECMS:Music Makers: Keyboard Year 2
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous
16	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
Fri	10:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
17	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Youth Quarterly Planning Meeting
Sat	4:30-6:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Rehearsal
	8:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

Warwick Weekly—November 11, 2007

Remembering that we are brothers and sisters in the Lord, we welcome each of you. May this worship service fill us all with confidence and hope as we prepare for the week ahead.

Please see an usher if you need large print bulletins or hearing devices to amplify the sound for use during the worship services.

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) Gene Osborne, Dave Munro, Warner Williams

Greeters: (8:30) Leah Lively and Jim Rogers
(11:00) Frances Topping and Janice Fritz

Junior Church Today (8:30) Sharon Ellis
(11:00) Gerry Turner

Next Sunday (8:30) Ken and Lisa Bradley
(11:00) Doug and Caitlyn Comer

Prayer Thoughts

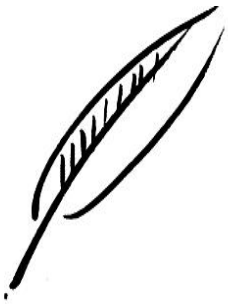
All glory be to God, the loving Creator of us all. We bend our heads in reverence and open our hearts gladly so that God might fill us with love and mercy. Amen.

Flowers for Today

The flowers on the altar are given by **Heather and Michael Myer** to the glory of God and in memory of Frances Myer's birthday.

New Baby

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of **Lucy Amanda DePremio** born to **Heather and Mike DePremio** on Friday, November 2.



A personal note
from Pastor Steve

Part 3: What About the Giver?

I have been sharing with you some of the ways our giving to the church is in fact a gift to us, a way of meeting some of our own deep-seated needs and longings. We want to give, so we need someone or some organization to which we can give with the confidence and assurance that our money is being used in constructive and positive ways. We want to give, but we want to give to people and organizations we can trust.

The church blesses us with the opportunity to give with the absolute confidence that the money is being used exactly the way it is supposed to be used. Our books are open and transparent. You could not find a more open and honest organization to support. Thank God. An thank God for this opportunity to give with a feeling of trust to a church that promises to handle the funds as if they were God's—for truly they are.

Celebration Well, we've had another play in the Celebration Center and I think this was the best yet. Thanks to the Living Word Drama Ministry and the Audio-Visual/Lighting Team for fun and fellowship.

Center Gary and Lane have come up with a great idea. On Saturday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m., they will be providing music in the Celebration Center. All are welcome to come, sing and dance. The plan is to feast on potluck desserts and have a good time together. Please put this great event on your holiday calendar.

Chatter Upward basketball practice has begun. Special Olympics basketball starts next month. The place is full of kids. How great is that!

Remember that Pastor Sonja starts the noon worship service — *Celebrate* — next Sunday in the Celebration Center. Hope to see you there. Dave Munro, dmunro79@verizon.net.

New Study on Forgiveness

Beginning **Tuesday, November 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**, we will begin a new study from the Companions in Christ Series on **forgiveness**. The study will run about 10 weeks and is limited to 12 participants. If you would like to be a part of this group, please see Linda McLawhorn.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Cast, crew and chaperone are needed for the Children's Christmas Pageant that will be held on Sunday, December 2 at the combined 10:00 a.m. worship service. If you can help with this annual production, please contact Carol Hollingsworth.

Rehearsal times	November 17 (Saturday)	4:30—6:00 p.m.
	November 18 (Sunday)	4:30—6:00 p.m.
	November 24 (Saturday)	4:30—6:00 p.m.
	November 25 (Sunday)	4:30—6:00 p.m.
	November 28 (Wednesday)	Tech rehearsal
	December 1 (Saturday)	Dress Rehearsal 4:30—6:00 p.m.
	December 2 (Sunday)	Pageant at 10:00 a.m.

Youth Stuff

Today - Regular UMYF (Snack Supper starts at 5:45 p.m., program ends at 7:30 p.m.)

Wednesday—High School Bible Study-7-9 p.m.-at the At Lee's house

Saturday—9 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: **Youth Quarterly Planning Meeting** at church. For all UMYF Officers and Adult Leaders.

Next Sunday - "Celebrate" Worship Service in Celebration Center.

Begins with Fellowship Meal at 11:00-11:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. service begins

- **District Youth Thanksgiving Feast and Worship Service** at Bethany UMC in Hampton (\$3 for dinner) - Meet at our church at 4:00 p.m. See flier and signup sheet on the youth board

Updates & Upcoming Stuff...Check the Youth Bulletin Board for more info and Signup Sheets:

- **Mark Your Calendars:**

- **November 25: Turkey Hunt!!** 1:30-4:00 p.m... van drivers needed...bring your sleuthing skills—and don't be the Turkeys!!

- **December 7 - 9:** Conference High School Retreat at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg
Cost for Youth Group Members: \$50. **Sign Up Now!! (on the Youth bulletin board)**

Check this link for details: <http://www.vaumc.org/repository/Youth/Events2007/Fallretreatswebfly.pdf>

Youth Parents

We need volunteer help for a whole bunch of different things!! If you can help, even a little — please contact Dick At Lee by email at ratlee@cox.net. There is something you can do to help your Youth Ministries program!

Interested in a Ski Trip?

If you are interested in a ski trip in February—probably on the President's Day Weekend—contact Dick At Lee at 872-9871 or by email at ratlee@cox.net. Several options available at costs ranging from \$150-\$250. Can be a small group. Due to last minute withdrawals and cancellations in previous years, only those willing to make a \$50 deposit up front will be considered for signup purposes.

Young Adult Koinonia (Ages 18-30)

- Dinner and devos in November will be held on the 13th and 27th (Tuesday evenings). We'll be meeting at the Liceaga's house. No dinner and devo on Tuesday the 20th but instead join us that week on Wednesday evening for First Things First (see details below).

- Sunday School hour (9:45)—we're looking at Old Testament stories with new eyes!

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

- **First Things First...Wednesday, November 21...** young adult fellowship gathering at **10:00 p.m.** in the Celebration Center. Thanksgiving worship at midnight with music, message and sharing. The idea is to give thanks to God first as we start our Thanksgiving Day. Please bring a canned food item. Questions - contact Gerry or Gloria Mingee by email mingee@cox.net.

Adopted College Student Reminder

The months of November and December are busy and challenging for our college students with the holidays and final exams. Please remember to support them. They would love to hear from you. Thank you.

Ken and Tina Sherwood, Higher Education Coordinators

Living Fully, Dying Well Class

The *Living Fully, Dying Well* class will have the **last meeting on November 18 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Aldersgate classroom. Please notice the change in time so members can also go to the Yorktown Chorale Concert at 7:30 p.m.

Help Wanted

Your help is needed once a month to help **count the 11:00 worship service offerings.** You will be teamed with an experienced counter. Three of our present counters will be leaving December 31. Please pray about this and contact Joe Young.

From the Sunday School Superintendent

The trial period for the Rotation Model (WoRM) program will end November 25, 2007 for the time being. The Christian Education Executive Committee has decided to begin a graded classroom structure effective Sunday, December 9. There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 2 due to the one combined worship service in the Celebration Center.

Just for Kids!

Join us **today** for a **hay ride** at Eastover Retreat Center in Surry County. We will **leave the church parking lot at 3:00 p.m.** and return between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. We will roast hot dogs and marshmallows over a camp fire. This is for children in grades one - five. You **must** have a signed permission slip to go. See Ms. Gerry for a form.

Puppet Practice

There will be puppet practice for *Countdown to Christmas* **next Sunday at 3:00 p.m.** If you have not indicated your interest in being part of this ministry, feel free to join us today.

Senior Breakfast Club

The **Senior Breakfast Club** will meet on **tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a big breakfast and lots of fellowship.

"Gaslights & Gingerbread", our **Christmas Trip**, from December 3-5, will be a Victorian type Christmas to Cape May, New Jersey. It includes tours of Victorian mansions decorated for Christmas, trolley rides to see the lights, a dinner theater and much more for \$350.00.

We have scheduled a **cruise to the Scandinavian countries and St. Petersburg, Russia** with departure on **May 28, 2008.** For information, call Norma McCartney.

We're Less Than a Month Away!!

The United Methodist Women will have their annual **Cookie Walk/Craft Sale** on **Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the new Celebration Center.

Choose from a huge variety of cookies for just \$4.00 per pound! As in past years, the UMW will call on ladies in the church to help bake homemade Christmas cookies. As the news of this event spreads, more cookies are needed. **When someone from the UMW calls you this week to ask for your help, just say "yes"!** If you cannot bake, Kim Mungin will bake for you. She will be baking in the new kitchen on Saturdays in November and she is asking for a \$10.00 donation to cover supplies. Call Kim.

Shop for wonderful gifts and decorations! Many people have been busy making hand-crafted items at home and at church. This year will be the biggest and best selection ever! Weekly workshops are held on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **We are in need of canning jars** (jelly and quart sizes). Come join us for creativity and fellowship.

All proceeds from this event will support various missions and projects of the UMW. Questions: Call Marsha Six or Billie Quigley.

Texts for Anthems

We Are the Hands of Christ

No voice to speak his kindness, no eyes to see the pain;
No heartbeat of compassion, no empathy remains.
How will they hear the message that Jesus is alive?
How can they know the truth unless it's through our lives?

Christ has no hands except your own to reach the world and make him known.
His love can change humanity by your touch alone.
Christ has no hands except your own.
No truth to scatter darkness, no candle in the night;
No warm illumination, no justice, no right.
When will we recognize? Open our blinded eyes.
We are the lighthouse to shine his light!
Christ has no hands except your own to reach the world and make him known.

His love can change humanity by your touch alone.
Christ has no hands except your own.
Touching the desperate, feeling their pain;
Reaching the hopeless in Jesus' name.
Christ has no hands except your own to reach the world and make him known.

His love can change humanity by your touch alone.
Christ has no hands except your own.
No voice, no eyes, no hands except your own.
We are the hands of Christ.

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A Kyrie for Our Time

In a world so full of beauty and wonder,
We can see so much that should not be.
Children live in poverty and hunger.
How can we pretend we do not see? Kyrie eleison.
In a world so full of hope for tomorrow, shattered dreams surround us every day.
Children live in sickness, pain and sorrow.
How can we just turn and walk away?
We need to show the world we care.
We must all find a way to give and share.
If we can learn to understand, we can walk hand in hand with people everywhere. Kyrie eleison.

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**Sunday
November 18, 2007**

Celebrate in the Celebration Center

**Fellowship Meal
11:00-11:45 a.m.**

**Worship
12:00 noon**

**Communion
12:45 p.m.**

Music by **Koncrete**,
a Christian hip hop band

Message by **Pastor Sonja**
**"What!?, No More Lamb
Stew?"**

"Kingdom Building—Hallelujah!"

A Service of Praise and Worship

**53rd Annual District Conference
Sunday, November 18, 2007 -
4:00 p.m.**

**Noland Memorial UMC
5501 Huntington Avenue**

As a part of this "Service of Praise and Worship," the **new District Offices** (located at Noland) **will be dedicated.** The preacher for the day is Rev. Dan Elmore, pastor at Parkview UMC.

Due to limited parking at Noland, parking will also be provided at First UMC, 10246 Warwick Boulevard, with shuttle bus service. A bus will leave First Church at 3:15 and 3:30 for the event at Noland and then return after the reception.



Are there any men willing to help shut-ins, elderly and widows with odd jobs around their homes? How about men willing to do odd jobs around the Church? Please let Dave Munro know what your skills are, what you would be willing to help with and when you are available. The United Methodist Men used to have a list of those willing to help but the list is very outdated. Dave looks forward to hearing from lots of men.

DUCO

Thanks to everyone who is walking for **Team DUCO** in The Human Race, sponsoring a walker, or otherwise extending a gift to support this ministry! Donations can be given to the event's sponsor the evening of the November 20th walk through the ***Celebration in Lights*** at the Newport News Park. However, **avoid the lines by turning in your signed waiver form and donations to DUCO by 5:00 p.m., Monday November 12.** We will gladly acquire your **required walker wristband tickets** in Hampton and bring them back to DUCO for distribution. Please give us a call at DUCO (877-6211) for additional details/options on submitting your gifts and/or acquiring your wristband tickets.

Here's another great way to help DUCO. **Texas Steakhouse** (the one off Bland Boulevard where Diane Bevins works), is offering a **free scoop of ice cream to anyone who brings in a non-perishable food item for DUCO.** **This offer ends this Friday, November 16.** We know that DUCO needs the support and who can pass up ice cream — so please help out.

Kairos #10 Prison Ministry Presentation Scheduled on November 18th

For those interested in hearing about my experience at Kairos #10 at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarrett, VA last month, I'll be presenting a summary on Sunday, November 18th in the Covenant Class (located in the Celebration Center) at 9:45. All are welcome to attend. Thanks. **Jay Slocum**

Baby Bed Needed

Do you have a **bassinet and/or crib** that you would be willing to give to one of our church families? The baby is due in January and will need a lovely bed as it makes its way into this world. Please call Mary Ellen Cochrane. Thanks so much!

Church Keys

We need a favor from all persons who have church keys. If you have been issued any church keys that you are no longer using, please turn them in to Donna in the office. You may have been fulfilling a responsibility that you are no longer doing but just haven't thought to give the key back. We don't want to have additional keys made if there are keys out there that aren't being used. Thanks for your help!

Attention: Parents!

Because of safety issues and insurance demands, there should never be children or youth in the building without **direct supervision of a parent or other adult.** Thank you for your help in this matter.