

Warwick Weekly—April 27, 2008

Text for Anthem

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.
Rejoice! And be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you,
Rejoice! And be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
Rejoice! And be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you,
Rejoice! And be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
3. Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!
Rejoice! And be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you,
Rejoice! And be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.
Rejoice! And be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice! And be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
Rejoice! And be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice! And be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

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A Special
THANK YOU


*We wish to extend our thanks to
Dave Amaker for ministering
to us through his portrayal of
Jesus preaching
The Sermon on the Mount.*

You are accepted! You are worthy! You are welcomed with joy! Please enter fully into our worship experience.

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 the 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 **Sharon Ellis** at **cutygrgal@cox.net**.

Serving Today

Ushers: (8:30)
(11:00) Jane Shaffer, Joan Call, Beth Murray, Mary Ann Hoye
Greeters: (8:30) Donna Cox and Tracy Cox
(11:00) Bob and Molly Warthan
Junior Church Today (8:30) Michael Davenport
(11:00) Kim Rodgers
Next Sunday (8:30) Lori Robertson
(11:00) Melissa Jones

Prayer Thoughts

Your wisdom and goodness are unlimited, O Lord. Help us even now to grow in holiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by **Dave and Barbara Amaker** in honor of **our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ — Lord of lords, King of kings.**

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the **family of Kathryn Overstreet** who died on April 17.

*****Please note: The May/June Upper Room devotional books are in the narthex. Donations may be placed in the green metal box. Thanks!*****

Celebration

Several people have mentioned that they had ideas for “stuff” to add to the kitchens. I’ve put up white boards in both kitchens so you can leave me notes on ideas on new items to buy or that we’re running out of something in the Common Store. I try and check both pantries every week but sometimes I get a brain burp so please let me know when stuff is running low.

Center

We have the teachers for the computer course and now I need students! Please let me know if you are interested.

Chatter

Don’t forget to check the lost and found items in the hall. I’ll be headed to one of the thrift stores with a donation soon after the services on May 4.

Finally, check out the ‘Green’ brochure rack next to the Aldersgate Classroom. The Green Church Committee changes the information available every few weeks. There just might be some information that can save you some money or answer a question you might have.

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

Relay for Life

A coordinator is needed for our church’s participation in Relay for Life. Kay Fries can tell you about the work load. If interested, contact Pastor Steve.

Lost and Found

The lost and found items have been placed on a table in the hallway outside the Choir Room. Please check to see if anything belongs to you. I also have a few jewelry pieces in my office. **All items that are not claimed will be discarded after services on May 4.** Donna



Engraved Donor Bricks

Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church is providing an opportunity for current and past members and friends to create a unique personalized walkway entrance to our Celebration Center. It gives us a way to recognize special people, families or events. As an expression of our faith and gratitude, it adds a special touch to our Celebration Center.

For a **minimum donation of \$150**, donors will be given the opportunity to have one brick engraved. The engraved bricks will be set in the brick walkway entrance into our Celebration Center.

Engraving may be in honor or memory of family members, friends, someone especially admired as a Christian disciple.

When we have enough engraved bricks to make it economically sound, we will ship them to the engraver. When they are completed, they will be returned to us and the engraved bricks will be set into the brick walkway replacing the bricks that are currently there. When we had the walkway installed, we set aside enough bricks to begin this “**Engraved Donor Brick**” opportunity. The bricks removed from the walkway will be the ones to be engraved as more are required.

About 1/3 of the minimum donation covers the cost of engraving and setting each brick. The remaining funds will be used to help pay the mortgage we carry on the Celebration Center.

Brochures with order forms will be available on Mother’s Day, May 11.

Youth Stuff

Today - UMYF - snack supper beginning at 5:45 p.m., program ends at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - High School Bible Study - 7- 9:00 p.m. (study begins at 7:30) at the At Lee’s house.

Next Sunday - Special UMYF: Trip to St. Mark’s UMC in Hampton for an afternoon of fun, food and music starting at 2:00 p.m. You can join in on a game of volleyball, basketball, Frisbee or flying hoops. Then enjoy a concert by the John Ivins Band. Bring picnic type food with you to share and we’ll provide burgers and hotdogs for grilling. Will be back to church by 8:00 p.m.

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

- Officer Work Day—Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- No UMYF on Sunday May 11th (Mother’s Day)
- Quarterly Planning Meeting (QPM) - Saturday, May 17th, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- Potato Bar Fundraiser—Sunday, May 18th
- Youth-Led UMYF—Sunday, May 25th (WooHoo!)

Potato Bar Help Needed

Three adults are needed to help with this great youth fundraiser for next year. Call Lisa Bradley or Melanie Evans for more details.

From the Nursery Coordinator

Parents of Nursery Children: In order to ensure the health and safety of all children, we are asking parents to label all bags, drinking cups, bottles, etc. Many children suffer from food allergies and we do not want to give a child the wrong food or formula. For those hectic mornings, peel and stick labels are placed next to the sign-in sheets for your convenience. Thank you for your help in this matter.

To All Event Coordinators: Upon scheduling an event that requires child care, please notify the Nursery Coordinator immediately. Our care givers hold other jobs and/or have family responsibilities and find it hard to respond on short notice.

Contact Information: I can be reached at email: moore_edie@msn.com. Thank you. **Edie Moore**

United Methodist Children’s Fellowship

United Methodist Children’s Fellowship (UMCF) is for children in **grades 1-5** and meets **Sunday evenings from 5:45 to 7:30**. After a light supper the children participate in short-term Bible studies, hands-on projects, worship and fellowship. Through the end of May we will be using *Learning To Use My Bible* to help children become more familiar with their Bible. This resource uses a step-by-step approach and will open the Bible message to the children for their lifelong faith journey. The schedule is as follows:

- April 27 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 5-The Gospels: The Life of Jesus
- May 4 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 6-The Gospels: The Teachings of Jesus
- May 11 No Meeting - Mother’s Day
- May 18 *Learning to Use My Bible* Session 7-Acts and New Testament Letters: Tell The Good News
- May 25 *Learning to Use My Bible* Wrap-up; Review
- June 1 Game Night



Put a big circle around **May 31** on your calendar! A “**Ladies’ Night Out**” is being planned for your and your friends to enjoy a wonderful program and some delicious desserts.

The nine performers who refer to themselves as “**Bible Babes**” will share first-person portrayals of selected Women of the Bible in authentic biblical costumes.

Tickets will be available in May from the United Methodist Women.

Friday 13th is a Lucky Day for You & DUCO!

Grab your golfing gear, **and raise funds for DUCO!** The Newport News Elks Lodge #315 invites you to participate in its Charity Golf Tournament on **June 13, 2008**, 8:00 a.m. at Pines Golf Course, Fort Eustis. Fees are \$250.00 per team or \$75.00 per person. (Mulligan packages and hole sponsorships are available.) After the tournament, lunch and prizes will be offered at the Elks Lodge (13813-A Warwick Boulevard, 23602). No superstition—an enjoyable event is expected by all, and your participation will aid families in crisis as **all profits go to Denbigh United Christian Outreach**. Please RSVP to our gracious hosts (ELKS, 877-0171, or Larry Church) by **June 9, 2007**. Thanks!

April Local Missions

The Local Missions Committee is collecting **over-the-counter medications and other items** to send with the **Honduras Medical Mission Team** on their trip from July 12– 20. If you are interested in donating items to help them, pick up a tan flyer in the narthex. Local Missions

Do You Have a Bicycle You Aren’t Using?

P.O.R.T. is looking for adult bicycles for their clients to use to get them to and from work. If you or someone you know can donate a bicycle/bicycles, please call Lynne Finding, 595-1953, ext. 202. Thanks!

Indoor Yard Sale - July 26

Children & Family Ministries Council is hosting an indoor yard sale on Saturday, **July 26, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.** If you have items appropriate for a yard sale, that you would like to donate, please set them aside. We will begin collecting them the week of July 13. (**Please, no adult clothing**—children’s clothing will be accepted.) Proceeds made by the Children’s Council will be given as follows: 25 percent to the Celebration Center Kitchen, 25 percent to the Celebration Center Audio Visual Team and 50 percent to the Children and Family Ministries Council. Other local non-profit organizations that work with children and families have been invited to participate with us.



**A Special Offering for the
2008 Virginia Annual Conference
will be received next Sunday, May 4.
(see yellow insert)**

Cruise the Great Lakes

Take a cruise on all five of the Great Lakes plus take a tour of Mackinac Island, Niagara Falls, the picturesque town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Henry Ford Museum and much more on this eight day-seven night tour from **September 14 – 21**. The cost is \$995 per person (double occupancy). For more information, contact Norma McCartney.

for Life at Sandy Bottom Park

Let’s get our walking shoes on and support the **Care Net Resource Pregnancy Centers** by participating in the **Walk for Life, Saturday, May 3, from 8:30 to 10:30 through scenic Sandy Bottom Park**. Individual or group walkers can help this life-affirming ministry raise funds by inviting others to financially sponsor them to walk (at one’s own pace). See Gail Slocum for a brochure after the 8:30 service, at the Covenant Sunday school class (located in the Celebration Center), or by email: gailsloc77@verizon.net.

We walk to bring “help for today...hope for tomorrow”

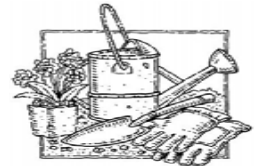
to the young women, men, and their babies that we have served for 22 years!

Suggestions from the “Green Church Committee”

Spring is a great time to celebrate God’s creation with living decorations and gifts of potted plants, bedding plants, shrubs, and trees. Plants give us oxygen, remove carbon dioxide, require little, and surround us with a healthy environment and beauty designed by God!

Instead of cut flowers or “stuff”, consider beautiful living gifts for:

- * Mother’s Day (potted plants or rose bushes)
- * Father’s Day (shrubs or patio vegetable gardens)
- * Memorial Day (plant a tree in memory)
- * Birth of a child (plant a tree)
- * Wedding (house plants)



Other reminders:

- * Turn off lights when leaving an unoccupied room
- * Turn off the tap when brushing teeth
- * Take shorter showers
- * Run full loads in dishwasher and clothes washer
- * Air-dry clothes when possible
- * Take fabric grocery bags to use when grocery shopping
- * Recycle everything possible
- * Reuse everything possible...be creative and share ideas
- * Read labels and avoid “inert” ingredients in cleaning products
- * Purchase “green” items as much as possible
- * Buy in bulk to reduce packaging materials



We are indeed stewards of God’s magnificent creation. Stewardship is not limited to an “Earth Day” event but is a year round issue. It is our responsibility to learn how to care for it and to make every effort to do our best. “When you do what is right, God remembers!”