

Weekly Planner for September 7 - 13, 2008

7 (Sun)	8:30 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:30 pm	Study: Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
	2:00 pm	Holy Communion, Warwick Forest
	3:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal
	5:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	6:00 pm	UMYF YUK Nite
8 (Mon)	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	9:00 am	Senior Breakfast Club
	9:00 am	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	9:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:30 pm	Scouts
	7:00 pm	Mary Freeman Circle
9 (Tue)	7:30 pm	Praise Choir
	9:30 am-2:30 pm	Craft Workshop
	9:30 am	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
	1:30 pm	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
	3:45 pm	ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1
	5:00 pm	ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1
	6:30 pm	United Methodist Men
	6:30 pm	Witness Committee
	6:30 pm	Youth Adult Koinonia/Bible Study
10 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal
	9:00 am	TOPS
	9:30 am	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:30 am	Mothers Nurturing Mothers
	10:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	4:00-5:00 pm	Registration for Cherub and Junior Choirs, Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 pm	Nurturing Committee
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	
11 (Thu)	9:30 am	Sewing Group
	9:30 am	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	3:45 pm	ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World
	5:00 pm	ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 2
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
	7:00 pm	Children/Family Council
	7:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	
12 (Fri)	9:30 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	10:30 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00-8:00 pm	Family Gathering
13 (Sat)	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Registration
	3:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal
	8:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

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Let no one feel like a stranger here. We all have the same Creator who loves us unconditionally. Welcome, children of God! Greet one another joyfully.

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) Lamar Williams, Jim Hackett, Paul Ramsey

Greeters: (8:30) Clara Reid and Ann Woodward
(11:00) Bob and Trish Williams

Junior Church Today : (8:30) Lori Robertson
(11:00) Melissa Jones

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

Prayer Thoughts

As we boldly approach you, dear Lord, may we feel the pulse of your presence and be strengthened to serve you faithfully.

Flowers for Today

The flowers on the altar are given by **Deborah McClain** to the glory of God and in honor of **Faeren Baker's birthday**.

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to **Ted and Betty Potter** on the death of Betty's aunt, Christine Litch, in Chicago.



June and I are finally back from our travels. Thanks to many of you for your cards expressing sympathy and support over the passing of my mother, Cecelia Munro. Thanks, too, for all the hugs when we got home. Y'all proved, without a doubt, that our church family is loving and caring — sometimes more than our blood relatives but that's another story!

There is a lot going on. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we'll have finished the paperwork for buying the bus from Grafton Baptist. Thanks again to the Amaker's for providing the bridge loan to buy the bus. Upward registration starts this month. If you didn't get involved last year give it a shot this year. We packed the Celebration Center and watching the youngster's was a hoot. The UMW have started meeting weekly on Tuesdays to work on crafts. The UMM will start their second Tuesday evening meal and meeting starting September 9th at 6:30 PM. On September 20th, before the Denbigh Day Parade, we're serving breakfast to the firefighters, police officers and deputies who will be part of the parade. This is just to say thank you for what they do for us. Please feel free to stop by from 7:30 to 9:30 to help out or just say thanks. Gail Slocum and the Witness team will need help at Denbigh Day handing out information about our church. If you are shy about being a recruiter for Christ this is a painless way to get started! Drama rehearsals are also underway for a production in October. Christine Griggs will be starting Yoga classes on Friday evenings. If you can't find something to do on campus let me know and we'll start something else!

It's good to be home! Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

Communion at Warwick Forest

We serve the Holy Communion at Warwick Forest today at 2:00 p.m. Lane Rogers will be playing the piano for our singing. Pastor Steve will offer a meditation and officiate. Any member or friend of WMUMC is invited to join with us and help serve.

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

This powerful book, written by Bishop Robert Schnase, was the focus of the sermons during June and July. A number of people said they wanted to read and discuss the book together and the group decided on **Sunday's, 12:30 – 2:00**. The study group will gather together with "brown bag lunches" (go get a fast food lunch, or pack a lunch – whatever you like) **in the Fellowship Hall** on the following seven Sunday's: **September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, and 19**. We will have the class only if 8 or more people sign up. Sign-up sheets are available in the office, or you can call the office to have your name added.

"Meat" Their Needs

To meet the needs of hurting persons in our community, DUCO needs our help. The DUCO Food Pantry needs to be restocked. DUCO needs "protein" and canned meats (canned meats are the first thing to be depleted from the Food Pantry shelves). **Let's make a special effort to bring canned goods, particularly canned meats, August 31 and/or September 7**. The church staff will arrange for the food items to be transported to DUCO.

Notes from Donna: 1. **If you have information for the bulletin or Warwick Weekly for the next Sunday, please email it to the church but also email it to Donna at donnabjones@msn.com by noon on Wednesday each week. Thanks!!!**

2. **Copies of the Upper Room devotional books for September/October are in the narthex. Please leave your contribution in the green metal box. Thanks!**

Youth Stuff

Today—UMYF YUK Nite! 6:00 p.m.

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

- **District Youth Lock-In**, Friday, September 19th at Hampton YMCA (10 p.m.-7 a.m.)
- **Peninsula See You At the Pole Rally** at First Baptist Church, September 21 - Leave at 5:45 p.m.

Confirmation Class 2009

It is time for us to begin the exciting and significant journey towards Confirmation. Confirmation is intended for 7th graders, but older students may be included if they have not been confirmed but wish to be. Pastor Steve will be the lead teacher and the coordinator for this year's Confirmation experience. The initial meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 3:00 – 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for Confirmands and their parents. We will review the entire schedule (you will join the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009), and we will discuss the role of Mentor, helping each Confirmand select an experienced, seasoned Christian and member of Warwick Memorial as a Mentor. The second meeting is a luncheon for Confirmands, parents and Mentors, scheduled for Sunday September 28 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in the class or have questions, contact Pastor Steve.

Confirmation Helpers: A Plea from Pastor Steve

As you know, we do not have an Associate Pastor. That means that my plate is full to over-flowing. I need your help with the Confirmation Class because I am determined to make this a great experience for these students. So I need helpers. All are invited to participate in this experience: parents and adult family members of the Confirmands or church members in general. Think and pray about one of more of these jobs:

- Cooks to prepare snacks and/or meals
- Coordinate a visit to a synagogue in September or October, and help chaperone
- Coordinate a visit to a mosque in January, and help chaperone
- Coordinate a visit to a Roman Catholic Mass in February, and help chaperone
- Help by assisting Pastor Steve with one or more of the class sessions
- Teach a class session when Pastor Steve is unavailable
- Coordinate the May, 2009 over-night retreat (Friday-Saturday)
- Coordinate and Chaperone a Pizza Party in October or November
- Help Confirmands plan, prepare and lead a worship service in March
- Help Confirmands make a banner in May

If you have questions, contact Pastor Steve. If you would like to volunteer, write a note or leave a phone message for Pastor Steve saying what you would like to do and including a way for me to contact you (phone and e-mail). Thanks for your prayerful consideration. Pastor Steve

October Book Talk

The next book talk will be Longing to Pray: How the Psalms Teach us to Talk With God. Those who have participated in the book talks have indicated that they have enjoyed this format. This is an **open** invitation to **anyone**. There will be an **evening group** and a **bag lunch group** offered. Please see **Linda McLawhorn** if you are interested or sign up on the sheets found on the **UMW Bulletin Board**. The approximate next meeting will be **October 7**; however I will work out the date with participants.

Open House Month – Welcome!

To those in the congregation who are visiting, we warmly welcome you. To those of you who have been here before, we're glad you are here again and hope you are blessed by this worship experience.

People of Warwick Memorial - Look around you! If you see someone you don't know, extend a hand of friendship, smile, introduce yourself! After the service, we hope you will take a few minutes to answer questions, get to know the guest, invite that person to join you in a Sunday School Class or an upcoming event! Warwick Memorial has so much to offer, we want to share the fellowship and love of Christ with everyone!

The Minister's Discretionary Fund

Every Communion Sunday – the first Sunday of the month, and other special times – there are collection plates placed at the front of the sanctuary for worshippers to make special offerings and gifts for the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This Fund is entirely at the discretion of the Minister and may be used in any way he or she sees fit. In part (mostly) it provides for confidential assistance for church members or people in the community. FYI, here are a few of the things recently financed through your Minister's Discretionary Fund:

- \$300 distributed to four separate families to help with prescription medications
- \$100 for a PORT client who did a lot of work for us here at WMUMC
- \$350 (approximately) for gasoline for people needing transportation help
- \$150 auto repair for needy family
- \$200 food distributed to three different families
- \$300 in rent help for needy families
- \$100 or so has been spent over the last year or so for different expenses here at the church for program expenses not fully funded otherwise
- over \$1,000 in cash gifts have been given in the last few months from this fund to church families in need of various sorts.

As the minister in charge of distributing these funds, I thank you for your generosity and for the opportunity you give me to confidentially help those in need. It is a real blessing for those being helped, a real blessing for me to witness the help, and, I hope, a blessing for the church family to help without embarrassing needy sisters and brothers.

Craft Workshop Every Tuesday!

The United Methodist Women invite any members of the church who may have an interest in arts and crafts to help prepare for the annual Cook Walk/Craft Sale to be held on December 6. You may help in several ways: work on your own ideas at home and donate them to the sale or attend one of our workshops where ideas, supplies and instructions are provided for you.

Now that September is here, we will be meeting **every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

If you are interested in staying for lunch, you may bring a light luncheon item to share. Questions: call Billie Quigley or Marsha Six.



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

We praise you for all who labor for the common good and for those whose service is unappreciated.

We thank you for children whose play is the work of learning to live in the world.

We thank you for teachers and other school workers, in our church family and in our community, who give unselfishly of themselves for the sake of our children.

We thank you for disciples who are obedient to the promptings of your Spirit in all their relationships.

We thank you for your yearning mercy that waits for us to make all our hours and days participation in your healing and blessing of the earth and all peoples.

You made us in your image and set us in a lush garden as caretakers.... and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Children and Family Ministries Council

The Children and Family Ministries Council will meet on **Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in room 14.** Anyone interested in Children and Family Ministries at Warwick Memorial is encouraged to attend.

Circle News

The **Mary Freeman Circle** will meet on **Monday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Virginia Taylor.

Field of Friends School Supplies – Thanks!

On behalf of the Local Missions, thanks for collecting school supplies for the Field of Friends Day held at the Boys & Girls Club on August 15. Officer J.P Smith reports that the day was a huge success with lots of activities and free food for the over 400 children who attended. The Newport News Emergency Services (Police, Fire Fighters, Sheriff's Office, Parks & Recreation) gave out over 500 free backpacks filled with school supplies. He thanks the members of Warwick Memorial for their generosity and for being a part of helping these children begin school with the right materials!
Local Missions, Outreach Committee

September 20th - Denbigh Day

The Denbigh Lions Club is sponsoring its 49th annual Denbigh Day Parade on September 20th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the playground of the Denbigh Early Childhood Development Center at 14310 Old Courthouse Way. The musical guest is the Slapwater Band.

The Witness Committee is sponsoring three important endeavors that day – two of which correlates to the Denbigh Day activities.

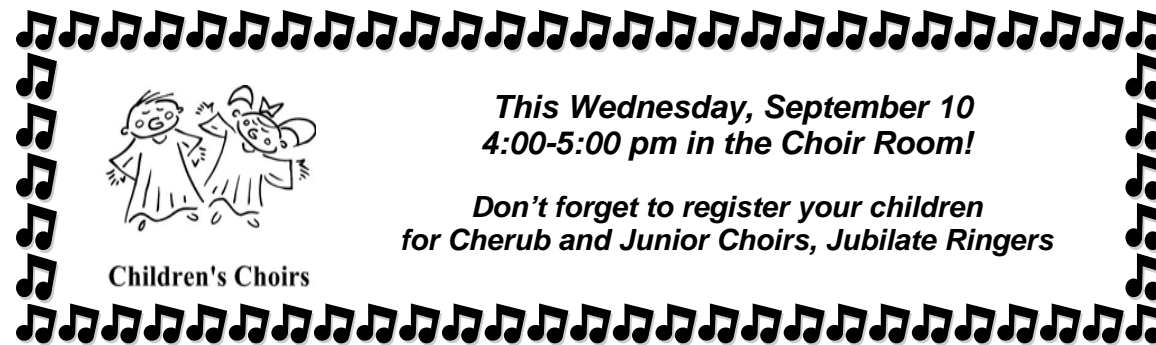
1. **Breakfast.** As a special Warwick Memorial thanks to the sheriff, police, and firemen/women, Dave Munro will serve them a complimentary breakfast from 7 – 9:30 a.m. in the Celebration Center before the parade.
2. **Denbigh Day Booth.** We will be meeting and greeting our neighbors along with handing out church and Upward literature. Complimentary cross-necklace kits will be given to the girls and boys as a special gift from our church.
3. **Upward Registration.** Volunteers are needed at the church from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. to help with Upward registration.

If you can help, please place your name and a contact number on the 'Sign-up Sheets' that will be available both in the adult Sunday school classes and in the church office. (Please return the Breakfast and Denbigh Day Booth sheets to the Witness box in the church office.) Thanks!

The Witness Team

Treat Yourself to Yoga Classes

An 8-week session of yoga classes will begin **September 19 on Friday evenings from 6–7 pm** in the Celebration Center. Christine Griggs is a certified yoga instructor and is offering these classes free of charge to anyone who is interested. All you need is to wear comfortable clothing, bring a towel and a yoga mat (TJ Maxx has some good quality mats for only \$12.99) Please contact Christine with any questions.



Children's Choirs

**This Wednesday, September 10
4:00-5:00 pm in the Choir Room!**

**Don't forget to register your children
for Cherub and Junior Choirs, Jubilate Ringers**

Text for Anthem

He Giveth More Grace

Verse 1 He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater;
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase.
To added affliction He addeth His mercy
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

Chorus His love has no limit
His grace has no measure
His power has no boundary known unto men
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!

Verse When we have exhausted our store of endurance
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

United Methodist Children's Fellowship for grades 1-5 will resume next Sunday, September 14 - 5:45 p.m., in Room 14.

We will begin the season with a pizza and game night. Bring your friends and plan to have a super time. The program ends at 7:30 p.m.

The following three weeks we will be preparing for the **Children's Sabbath.** If you would like to be involved, it is important for you to be at these meetings.



Children's Fellowship