

## Weekly Planner for September 28 - October 4, 2008

28 (Sun)	8:30 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Discipleship Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Luncheon
	3:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal
	3:00 pm	Staff-Parish Relations Committee
	4:30 pm	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:00 pm	Youth Choir
	5:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	5:45 pm	UMYF
	5:45 pm	Children's Fellowship
	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
29 (Mon)	9:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:30 pm	Scouts
	7:00 pm	Child/Youth Protection Policy Review
	7:30 pm	Praise Choir
30 (Tue)	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	Youth Adult Koinonia/Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
1 (Wed)	9:00 am	TOPS
	9:30 am	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:30 am	Elizabeth Overby Circle
	10:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	4:15 pm	Cherub Choir
	4:45 pm	Junior Choir
	5:25 pm	Jubilate Ringers
	6:00-7:30 pm	Way of the Child
	6:30 pm	Discipleship Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life
	7:00 pm	Senior High Bible Study
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	
7:30 pm	Miriam Gruber Circle	
2 (Thu)	9:30 am	Sewing Group
	9:30 am	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:00 am	Ardelle Lett Circle
	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	Education Committee
	7:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Barbara Liddick Circle
	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
3 (Fri)	9:30 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class
4 (Sat)	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Youth Officer Workday at the church
	10:00 am	Blessing of the Animals
	1:00 pm	Haynes-Minetree Wedding
	3:00 pm	Drama Rehearsal
	8:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

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**Love is the key that can open another's heart. Our goal is to love one another as Christ has loved us. Therefore, be assured that you're loving welcomed to God's house. Let us rejoice together now!**

**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](mailto: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) Don and Fae Conner

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

Next Sunday: (8:30) Andrea Legreid  
(11:00) Christi Girvin

### Prayer Thoughts

*As we worship you, Almighty God, place a healthy portion of your love in our hearts so we may conduct ourselves worthily from this time forward. Amen.*

### Flowers for Today

The flowers on the altar and in the narthex are given by **Jim and Lane Rogers** and **Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane** to the glory of God and in honor of **their 40th anniversaries** and the **17th anniversary of Dave and Barbara Amaker.**



Denbigh Day was a great day around here. In the morning a several folks helped prepare breakfast for about 50 firefighters, police officers, and sheriff's deputies. It was great to see the smiles when we thanked for what they do for us. Several of them mentioned that they don't often hear kind words from the people they deal with each day. Gail Slocum (Witness Ministry Team Chair) is thinking of making this a tradition. Let her know what you think. And thanks to all the folks who showed up to help me with the breakfast.

Next, the Witness Team manned our booth for Denbigh Day. I spent a little while there and it was just a good experience talking to folks about what we do at our church. It is an easy way to be an evangelist. Next year give it a try.

In the afternoon Jim Rogers and another group of church members had another registration for Upward basketball and cheerleading. Here is another opportunity for you to be an evangelist. Grab a few Upward brochures (available in the Narthex and church office) and give them to neighbors or coworkers with young children. Consider too helping out with running Upward. Jim Rogers, like the Marines, is always looking for a few good people.

Don't forget to reserve the evening of October 17 or 18 or the afternoon of October 19 to attend the latest production of the Living Word Drama Ministry. I've gone in to a couple of rehearsals and it is going to be a great performance! Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

### Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

We have been having a very difficult time getting interested persons together to discuss Bishop Schnase's book, Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. So, here is what we are going to do. We will have **ONE discussion session on Sunday, October 12, 12:30-2:00**, brown bag your own lunch. Whoever is there is the group. We will eat, fellowship and discuss. If we want to set up a second time, it is our option to do so, but as of now, we have only this one discussion meeting set. Anyone is free to come, of course, so invite others. Grace and Peace, Pastor Steve

### Discipleship Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life

This class begins today (or, if you prefer the Wednesday evening session, Wednesday, October 1) and lasts for nine (9) weeks. We will use the book Soul Feast and discuss various spiritual practices intended to strengthen and deepen our spiritual life and experience. Pastor Steve is the lead teacher. If you are interested, a green sheet in the office outlines the class and provides all the details. There is also a blue sign-up sheet for those interested in joining the Sunday morning or Wednesday evening study.

### 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.

### From the Finance Committee

All 2009 Operating Budget requests must be to Nolan Reid by October 7. Thanks!

### Youth Stuff

**Today—Regular UMYF** (snack supper starts at 5:45 p.m., program ends at 7:30 p.m.)

**Wednesday—Senior High Bible Study Kicks Off** - 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the At Lee's house.

**Saturday—Officer Workday**, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at church

**Next Sunday—Regular UMYF** (snack supper starts at 5:45 p.m., program ends at 7:30 p.m.)

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

- **Adult Leadership**, Thursday, October 9, 7-10 p.m. at the At Lee's
- **Sunday Potato Bars**—to help raise funds for our mission trips: October 12, November 9, December 21
- **Conference Middle School Mission Weekend**, Fri-Sun, October 17-19, \$50, at Westview on the James (Goochland, VA)
- **Hay Maze, Hayride, and Campfire Cookout**, Sun, November 2, \$20, at Triple R Ranch (Chesapeake, VA)
- **Conference Middle School Fall Retreat**, Fri-Sun, November 14-15, \$50, at Camp Eagle Eyrie, (Lynchburg, VA)
- **Cookie Baking and Parent's Day Out Service Project**, Sat, November 29th at church
- **District Thanksgiving Feast and Youth Service**, Sun, November 23, \$2.00 at Bethany UMC (Hampton)
- **Conference High School Fall Retreat**, Fri-Sun, December 5-7, \$50, at Camp Eagle Eyrie, (Lynchburg, VA)

### Confirmand Blessing

In **both services today**, we will have a special blessing for the 2008-09 Confirmands as they begin their exciting journey together. During the worship experience, we will invite the Confirmands to come forward with parents and Mentors.

### Confirmation Luncheon

**Today, 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship**

The luncheon is free and is for Confirmands, their parents and siblings, and Mentors. We will share in a meal and fellowship, we will review the Confirmation schedule together, and we will Covenant with one another. Together we will make this Confirmation experience a truly meaningful, significant and memorable one for our Confirmands — our children deserve it!

### Green Church Ideas

Now that the new school year is "under way" and parents are busy preparing snacks and/or lunches for their children, it seems a good time to consider **reusable containers** for those healthful snacks and lunches. The wise use of these containers might inspire others in the classroom to do the same.

For your children in high school, it seems a good time to encourage them to suggest **club projects** that are based around cleaning up the community, recycling programs, and making their high school environmentally clean and safe.

**Reminder from Donna: All reports and forms for Church Conference are due today!! Thanks! Church Conference is **October 7 at 7:00 p.m.****

### **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!

### **Treat Yourself to Yoga Classes**

Yoga classes are held 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. 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.

Thanks to everyone who came to the first class. It was an amazing experience. Hope to see everyone again next Friday.

### **Buy More Peanuts!**

Did you know that UMM peanuts are available for purchase in the church office? Well, they are. Did you know that when you buy peanuts from the UMM you help:

- Provide camperships for needy Boy Scouts in Troop 6?
- Support DUCO?
- Support our Honduras mission?
- Support our summer UMYF programs?
- Provide copies of the Upper Room to local hospitals?
- Pay for a Christmas Party at a local nursing home?
- Contribute to the Celebration Campaign?

So, besides getting a quart of the best peanuts you've ever tasted (salted or unsalted), your \$5 helps the UMM support a number of great missions. Now you know and have no excuse for not buying more peanuts.

### **Attention Farm Fresh Shoppers!**

Those of you who shop at Farm Fresh may be aware of their ABC's program where schools and places of worship have the opportunity to earn free educational equipment by simply saving their Farm Fresh receipts. Warwick Memorial is registered with this program and we will be collecting grocery receipts. Look for the collection container in the narthex and start bringing in your **receipts for items purchased September 1, 2008 and after**. The September receipts count double. The program runs through May, 2009. Donna will be collecting these receipts, processing them and sending them to Farm Fresh throughout the year. This is an easy way to help our church.

### **Text for Anthem** **Seek First the Kingdom**

Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Child of the Father, we are all His children.

It is His pleasure to give His Kingdom.

Wait upon the Lord. Set your heart and mind on that which is above.

Wait upon the Lord, know ye that His word is love.

Set your heart and mind on Him who reigns above!

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be.

And where your heart is, there I will be.

For I am the Kingdom and the power, and I am the Father.

Seek first the Kingdom, and all things shall be added unto you.

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*Karen Haynes and Bobby Minetree  
are celebrating the union of marriage  
on Saturday, October 4, 2008  
at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.  
We would love to have members of our  
church family present to help us celebrate.  
There will be a small reception in the  
Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.  
Please, no gifts.  
Your presence will be our gift.*

### **Care Net Resource Pregnancy Centers** **Fundraising Banquet on October 23**

**Point Plaza Suites and Conference Hotel in Newport News**

The evening's festivities will begin at **7:00 p.m.** If you would like more information about the banquet or how you can support this life affirming ministry, please call 591-0303 or visit the website at [www.beforetheydecide.org](http://www.beforetheydecide.org).

### **The Effects of Global Warming on Hampton Roads**

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Sunday, October 12 - 6:30 p.m.**

Dr. Douglas L. Dwoyer will review the scientific evidence for global warming and its causes. He will examine the impact of expected climate and sea level changes on Hampton Roads and suggest appropriate personal and community responses. Dr. Dwoyer was Associate Director of NASA Langley Research Center until he retired in 2007. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and twice was awarded the Meritorious Presidential Executive Award. Dr. Dwoyer now serves as a Project Director for the Hampton Roads Research Partnership, a consortium of research universities in Hampton Roads.

## The Future of PORT at WMUMC

The People Offering Resources Together (PORT) Steering Committee made a decision whereby they did not want a Community Service Board (CSB) member to have to monitor the shift from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each night during PORT. They asked the City of Newport News to reallocate funding so that a Sheriff's Deputy could be assigned to that duty. On September 15<sup>th</sup> the City Manager denied the request for shifting the money for that purpose. The PORT Steering Committee informed the churches of the following: "There will not be a Community Services Board worker, or a deputy from the Sheriff's Department from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m." We were not told why the CSB worker was not retained for the shift after the City Manager's decision.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the WMUMC Church Council decided to advise the PORT Steering Committee that if a CSB worker or a Sheriff's Deputy is not provided to cover the 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. period, WMUMC would be forced to withdraw as a site church since we would not be able to ensure the safety and security of our volunteers, participating church volunteers or that of the facility. We also advised the PORT Steering Committee that we would encourage church members to write to the Mayor, City Council Members, City Manager and the Daily Press. Addresses for these individuals are available on the city web site, [www.newport-news.va.us](http://www.newport-news.va.us). *The web site also has phone numbers and email addresses for these individuals.*

Here are a few for quick reference:

Mayor Joe S. Frank: [mayorsoffice@nngov.com](mailto:mayorsoffice@nngov.com)

Vice-Mayor Joseph C. Whitaker: [council@nngov.com](mailto:council@nngov.com)

Councilman Herbert H. Bateman, Jr.: [bertbate@aol.com](mailto:bertbate@aol.com)

City Manager Randy W. Hildebrandt: no email given on website

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Tamara Dietrich Columnist: [tdetrick@dailypress.com](mailto:tdetrick@dailypress.com)

(quote from recent Dietrich article: 'A frustrated Newport News Mayor Joe S. Frank nailed it at a recent City Council meeting: "What concerns me is we are still studying things. It seems to me we have to take some responsibilities to ensure that we get these people off the streets ... and I don't know if we ever get there."')

## **Collection for Appalachian Mission**

Belinda Gaskins has felt a calling to better understand just what our WMUMC sponsored missionaries in West Virginia and Tennessee do and how this church body can help them do what God is calling them to do. As a result, she will be going on the road and visiting these two sites in November. When she visits Gary, WV, we would like for her to take a truck load of material needs that Missionary Judy Matheny, said they desperately need. These items can be new, slightly new, and/or used. After Belinda returns from WV, she will immediately travel to Tennessee and visit Missionaries Steve and Diantha Hodges, serving the Jubilee Project, in Kyles Ford. (FYI: Another local church will be collecting items for their mission & will be transported by Belinda.)

We will be collecting the following items for WV from now until **Sunday, October 26**. Please place these items in the plastic bin labeled "Local Missions" which is located in the Celebration Center foyer.

**Any baby clothes** - "Onesies", blankets, undershirts, socks, booties/shoes, bibs, baby toys/items. They also need baby lotion & baby wipes.

**Children's clothing** - jeans, shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, socks, pajamas, underwear, hats, gloves & shoes. (All sizes)

**Any Kitchen items** - skillets, utensils, bowls, pots/pans, cookie sheets, roasting pans, etc.

Look for a scheduled presentation about Belinda's trips after she gets back. Come hear how God is using them and WMUMC to bless so many people in the Appalachian area. Outreach Committee - Local Missions "May those who bless you be blessed..."Numbers 24.9

## **A Successful Denbigh Day**

We are delighted to report that *Denbigh Day* was a success from serving breakfast to our police, fire, and sheriff officers in our Celebration Center to our Warwick Memorial UMC tent that was located in the field of the Denbigh Early Childhood Center from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Dave Munro, along with the below-named helpers, prepared a wonderful breakfast for the officers who were on their way to the Denbigh Day parade. They sure did appreciate it! They raved about how good it was and came back for seconds, and, yes, even thirds! But, who's counting? Thank you, Dave, for your culinary expertise and guidance. A special thanks to the following folks who were willing to give up a Saturday morning to help spread some kindness to the men and women who serve our community day in and day out: **Scott Thompson, Mike Buckner, Randy Brennan, Johnise & West Nuttycombe, Josie Mitchell, Donna Rae Rote, Amanda Keafer, Betty Palmer**

At our tent, the Clowns-and non-clowns-passed out balloons, Upward registration brochures, children's music, upcoming events and our church service information. We also gave the children cross necklace bead kits where each colored bead represented a character of Christ. It also had our church information attached. What a big hit – the kids just loved them! We are already thinking about ideas for next year...stay tuned and get involved in the planning! A heart-felt thanks to the following folks who did so much to help with our successful *Denbigh Day*:

- ◆ **Donna Jones for providing the church literature and information for us to pass out.**
- ◆ **ABZ Rental (Beth & Jerry Murray) for our tent, helium tank, tables, and chairs.**
- ◆ **Sandy Haynes who donated the crosses for the necklaces**
- ◆ **Marsha Six for coordinating all the literature and everything else she does**
- ◆ **Amanda Keafer – for coordination of the cross necklace bead kits and Judy Hackett's help**
- ◆ **Those who came to help the day of the event: Jim Rogers, Donna Shafer, Josie Mitchell, Denise Workinger, Crystal Skaggs, Nathan Jones, Amanda Keafer, Linda Brooks, Donna Rae Rote, Betty Palmer, Clowns Belle Wood & Raven Dodson**

**The Witness Team**