

Weekly Planner October 26 - November 1, 2008

26 (Sun)	8:30 am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Discipleship Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:30 pm	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:00 pm	Youth Choir
	5:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	5:45 pm	Children's Fellowship
	5:45 pm	UMYF
27 (Mon)	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	9:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00-8:00 pm	Upward Basketball
	6:30 pm	Scouts
28 (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
	6:00-8:00 pm	Upward Basketball
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Koinonia/Bible Study
29 (Wed)	7:30 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	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
	4:15 pm	Cherub Choir
	4:45 pm	Junior Choir
	5:25 pm	Jubilate Ringers
	6:00 pm	Way of the Child
	6:30 pm	Discipleship Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life
30 (Thu)	7:00 pm	High School Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	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	Church-Wide Planning Meeting
31 (Fri)	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	9:30 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class
1 (Sat)	5:30-8:30 pm	Fall Festival Chili Cook-Off & Barn Dance
	8:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

Warwick Weekly—October 26, 2008

When we gather as children of our heavenly King, we're prompted to exhibit love for God and one another. Let us show a friendly spirit and be open to one another as we worship our Creator. We're glad you're here.

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) Pat and Leta Shannon

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

Next Sunday: (8:30) Lori Robertson
(11:00) Melissa Jones

Prayer Thoughts

Grant us harmony with you, Lord. May this time of worship result in deeper dedication to your will in our daily lives.

Flowers for Today

The flowers on the altar are given by the **Blake family** to the glory of God and in honor of Frank's mother's birthday, Thyreese Blake and in memory of Frank's father, Frank S. Blake, Jr.

The flowers in the narthex are given by **Jim and Judy Hackett** to the glory of God and in honor of Laura Hackett's 25th birthday.

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to **Brent Legreid** on the recent death of his grandmother.

Note: November/December Upper Room devotional books are in the narthex. Please leave your donation in the green metal box. Thank you.



Remember that we are trying to be a green church and put in the small amount of extra time it takes to clean dishes instead of using disposable dishes and utensils. Remember also to label the food you put in the refrigerators or freezers. Food items will be discarded if we cannot determine they are safe for consumption.

Do you have some neat ideas about recycling? Pass the information to **Dorothy Scott-Wrenn** or Dave Munro and we will get the information in the bulletin to share with the congregation. Recycling those pesky fluorescent bulbs just got easier. Home Depot has a recycling container in their store.

Do you have small children or do the grandkids come to visit from time to time? We have high chairs and booster seats available. There are two of each in the pantry off the old kitchen and lots more of each behind the right hand side of the curtain in the Celebration Center.

If you missed the play, you missed a good time. **Dave Amaker** was the leading man and the director! He was superb as well as the rest of the cast. Best of all, we're finding some great talent among the teenagers so we can hope for a long future for a drama ministry here at WMUMC.

The next big event is the Fall Festival/Chili Cookoff/Barn Dance this Saturday night. You can get energized, nourished and ready to vote on November 4th.

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

Synagogue Worship

The Confirmation class will be attending a Jewish worship service on Friday, November 14. Any interested person in our church family is invited to join with us for this worship experience. We will gather in our parking lot, at our bus at 6:15 p.m. The service at Temple Sinai starts at 7:30 p.m. and they are arranging for a tour following worship.

In preparation for the synagogue visit, Pastor Steve is offering a one-time, brief class called "**Judaism 101 - An Introduction to Judaism**" for anyone interested. The class is offered **Sunday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Wesleyan classroom.

PORT Note

Now that the Mayor has fixed the safety and security concerns about **PORT** it is time to start recruiting help for our first week. We have six partner churches so we only have to staff one night. We need people for the following shifts:

5:30 to 9:00 p.m. to man the check in desk and help with dinner; **8:45 p.m. to 6 a.m.** (if enough people volunteer for this shift we can break it up so you can get some sleep); **5:00 to 9:00 a.m.** to handle check out and breakfast.

We will also need one person each evening to spend the night with our partner church just to answer questions about where to find things, has keys (Dave will provide), etc. You can bring your sleeping bag and snooze the night away you just need to be available.

Sign up sheets will be in each Sunday School Class, in the Church Office and outside Dave's office. You can also call Bonnie James with any questions or to sign up for a job. I cannot tell you how nervous I was the first time I worked for PORT nor can I describe the reward of doing this work for the Lord.

With the onset of PORT, LINK needs **clothes for men**, especially big men. They need winter clothes --- **flannel shirts, sweaters, jeans, hats, scarves, gloves, coats, socks** --- and please think big --- **large, X-large, XX-large, XXX-large**. You can deliver to LINK, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., 10413 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, 23601 or you can leave them in the Celebration Center Gathering Area

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 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the At Lee's house.

Next Sunday—Hay Maze, Hayride, and Campfire Cookout, Sun, November 2, \$20, at Triple R Ranch (Chesapeake, VA) Sign up on youth bulletin board. Bus will leave church "right after youth choir" at 5:45 pm—returning by 10:00 pm. Dress warmly!! (hats, gloves, long pants). Bring signed "Day Trip" permission slips (online at <http://www.wmumc.org/youth/2004-newpage/forms.shtml>)

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

- **Sunday Potato Bars**—to help raise funds for our mission trips: November 9, December 21
- **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)
- **New Year's Eve-Eve Lock-In**, Tuesday, December 30 at church
- **Acquire the Fire Youth Rally**, Fri-Sat, January 30-31 (Richmond)
- **Ski Trip** (for Youth/Family/Friends), Sat-Sun, February 14-15, Cost: Approx \$200 (Winterplace Ski Resort, WV)

Confirmation 2008-09

Our Confirmation class meets next Sunday at 2:30 in the Youth Room, though we will move around the building during our two hours together. To keep the congregation informed, we will print our schedule from time to time. Any adult member of the congregation is invited to participate in any of the Confirmation classes or experiences. The general outline of our Confirmation study will be to follow the Christian liturgical year.

Sunday, November 2: CHRISTMAS: Celebrating the Birth and Meaning of Jesus Christ

Adopt-A-College Student Program

A heartfelt thank you to the Barbara Liddick Circle for adopting our last student. Our Adopt-A-College Student Program is off and running for the 2008-2009 college year. All students who have responded to our questionnaire in the bulletin have been adopted. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, and Groups who agreed to partake and adopted a college student(s).

Adoption consists of the following: **Sending care packages on special occasions** such as on the students' birthday, during holidays, and at the start of exam periods (Care packages can include but are not limited to gift cards, non-perishable food items/snacks, CDs, etc.); **Sending an E-mail or card** from time to time; **Praying for the student**.

If there is another group or Sunday School class that would like to adopt a college student, please contact us. If you want to inquire about a student being part of the program, please check with us.

Ken and Dr. Tina C. Sherwood, Higher Ed Ministry Coordinators

Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to all the friends who called, sent cards or notes, blessed us with wonderful food, and upheld me with their prayers. Special thanks to Pastor Carole, whose visits were bright spots in the difficult days. After a rough start, I'm doing well and plan to be back with you soon. Warwick Memorial truly is a caring, loving family; I feel privileged to be a part of it.

Mary Harrison

We would like to express our appreciation to **Henry Bennett and Jerry Haynes** for removing the lettering on the new bus. Good job, fellows!
The Trustees

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.

Attention Farm Fresh Shoppers!

Those of you who shop at Farm Fresh may be aware of their **123-4 (formerly 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 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.

Communion Ministries

Our Communion Ministry Team, coordinated by Maria Cory, takes the Holy Communion to church members who cannot attend church on Communion Sunday. Maybe there is a temporary illness, a hospitalization or a more long-lasting time confined to home or a facility. To lift up this vital ministry, we will celebrate in both worship services on **Sunday, November 2 a "Blessing Our Communion Ministers"**. The following Sunday, **November 9**, we will have a meeting of all Communion Ministers and any and all church members who might be interested in joining this significant ministry of and for our church family. The Communion Ministers and interested others will **meet for discussion and training at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, November 9** in the Aldersgate classroom. There is a Potato Bar on November 9, so have lunch and then join us for the meeting. If you have questions, contact Pastor Steve or Maria Cory.

Support the Jubilee Project—One of our Covenant Missionaries

The Appalachian Spring Cooperative and Clinch Artists are selling the following items: bath and body oils, powders, jams, jellies, butter, salad dressing, pickles, relish, salsa, BBQ sauce, candy and Christmas tree ornaments. Prices range from \$3.00—\$38.00. Items are sold individually or in gift baskets. Orders are due by October 26. Items purchased will be delivered to Warwick Memorial on Sunday, November 16. One hundred percent of the profits will go to the Cooperative (which is affiliated with the Jubilee Project) and in turn will help individuals in the community. If you have any questions, contact Belinda Gaskins.

Christmas in Middleburg, VA, - December 10th

Tour historic **Oatlands Plantation** decorated for Christmas; have lunch at **Red Fox Inn** and shop in the **unique shops**—all for \$85.00. Call Norma McCartney.

Text for Anthem

(8:30) Here I Am

Here I am, Lord, take and use me, for I know you have a plan for me.

Here I am, Lord, take and use me, for I know you care for me.

When the night is lonely, I have no light to see; still I hear your voice, Lord, calling to me.

Here I am, Lord, take and use me, for I know you have a plan for me.

Here I am, Lord, take and use me, for I know you care for me.

When the dawn is breaking, I face a day unknown; yet your light reveals, Lord, I'm not alone.

Here I am, Lord.

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(11:00) Little Innocent Lamb

Little lamb, little lamb, little innocent lamb, I'm gonna serve God 'til I die.

This ol' world says to get all that you can. I'm gonna serve God 'til I die.

But my Lord has offered a much better plan. I'm gonna serve God 'til I die.

Little lamb, little lamb, little innocent lamb, I'm gonna serve God 'til I die.

This ol' world says to love only your self. I'm gonna serve God 'til I die.

'Cause there ain't no dyin' over there in that heavenly land. There will be joy!

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Collection for Appalachian Mission

Belinda Gaskins will be visiting our WMUMC sponsored missionaries in West Virginia and Tennessee in November. 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.

Baby clothes, lotion and baby wipes

Children's clothing (all sizes); **Any Kitchen items**

Look for a scheduled presentation about her trips after she gets back. Outreach Committee

"May those who bless you be blessed..."Numbers 24.9

Bus Drivers Needed!

As all of you know, the church has purchased a 25 passenger bus. There is a lot of interest in using the bus by various groups. The downfall is that the driver is required to maintain a Commercial Drivers License (CDL). This is not hard to acquire but does take some effort. If you are interested in obtaining a CDL and relieving some of the burden of our four members that currently have one, please contact Scott Thompson or Dave Munro. If we have 10 or more interested persons, DMV may do a class at the church including the road test. This would be a great service for the church and the more people that do this, the more flexibility we will have to use the bus.

Earth-Friendly Tips for Halloween

Parents, the following web address gives you great tips for Halloween decorations you and your child can craft from "repurposed" household items such as egg cartons, oatmeal containers and milk jugs: http://www.kiwimagonline.com/ecocrafts/eco-crafts_ecohalloween.php.

Also, for an index of "Green Halloween Tips: Tricks to Make Your Halloween a Treat for Mother Nature", see http://environment.about.com/od/greenhalloween/ss/green_halloween.htm.



Operation Christmas Child
Christmas is about sharing the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, with the world. You can share Christ with needy children in Africa, Honduras, China or a number of other countries by taking part in Operation Christmas Child (a shoebox ministry). Complete details are in the brochures located in the narthex. Please help spread joy and peace to hurting children by taking part in this special project. **Dedication will be November 16** so bring your shoebox to church that day. **Use only standard size shoeboxes.** Shoeboxes are available in the library. Questions call Norma MacLuskie

Boy Scouts to Rake Leaves

Boy Scouts from Troop 6 at WMUMC will rake leaves for homeowners this year as a fundraiser. The scouts have sold Christmas trees, had car washes, held a bowling tournament, and sold refreshments at William & Mary football games to raise funds for summer camp, other camping trips and equipment purchases. Most of the money raised goes into the boy's accounts to pay their expenses. When you are ready to schedule a leaf raking for your home, call Jim Taylor. You may donate what you want for the work done.

A Stroll in the Park for TEAM DUCO! **The Human Race, Tuesday, 11/25/08, 5-7 p.m.**

It's time to put our walkin' shoes on again, enjoy the holiday lights with friends, and help Denbigh United Christian Outreach raise funds to aid our neighbors in critical need. Individual or group walkers can assist this worthwhile ministry by inviting others to financially sponsor them to walk (at one's own pace) through the scenic Celebration in Lights at the Newport News Park. DUCO earns all \$ raised over \$8.00 per Walker entrance fee, so consider making this FUNdraiser into a contest. Seniors challenge the youth; gals challenge the guys. Come stroll in the park to help **Team DUCO. Registration deadline is November 14 (November 12 if you would like DUCO to pick up your walker wristband entrance tickets for you).** Visit www.volunteerpeninsula.org and/or call DUCO (877-6211) for participation details. Thanks!

Next Book Talk

They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky: The True Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan is the next book topic for the book talks. This is the story of three of these boys and their will to live. The invitation is **open to anyone.** A **bag lunch group** and an **evening group** are offered. Please see Linda McLawhorn or Belinda Gaskins if you are interested or sign up on the form found on the UMW bulletin board.

Did You Witness An Accident In Our Church Parking Lot Last Sunday Morning?

If you witnessed or are aware of a vehicle hitting a blue Buick 4-door sedan in our church parking lot on Sunday, October 19, between 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., please contact Jim Corliss. The driver's side front fender, bumper and parking light were damaged. The accident probably occurred inadvertently when someone was backing their vehicle out of a parking place. Thanks!

October: Focusing on Service to God

God has blessed this church. Let us praise Him by serving others.

Communication Ministry

There are many aspects to our Communication Ministry: 1) To make our church's presence, its programs, activities and the people in the church family known in our community through our "Open Hearts, Open Doors and Open Minds"; 2) To communicate information, plans and needs within the church so we can more effectively function as a church family. How do we do this?

- Bulletin boards - help by cutting out letters and helping with displays. Help to assemble minutes, updates and summaries from committees to be displayed. Be responsible for posting pictures and names of confirmands and other new members to welcome and "introduce" them to church members.
- Newspapers and Newsletters - submit church news and events to the local newspaper, district newsletter and the Advocate.
- Online advertising: submit church news and events to hrtownsquare.com and community events calendars.
- Radio Stations: notify them of upcoming church activities and events.
- WMUMC website: help to keep it current.
- Photography: be a member of a pool of photographers to capture the many activities and special occasions of the church.

If you have a gift for communication through writing, photography or assisting, call Marsha Six.

Other ways you can help your church:

- Be part of those on call to help set up or put away chairs and tables in the Celebration Center for major activities.
- Learn how to use the new kitchen equipment and help prepare meals for the congregation or one of our outreach or youth activities.
- Learn how to run the dishwashing equipment and help clean up after meals.
- Use any plumbing, mechanical, electrical or carpentry skills to do volunteer jobs for the trustees.
- Use your gardening skills to help keep the grounds groomed and appealing.
- Learn how to run the sound board, lighting board and graphics projection to help with drama ministry, worship services and other events in the Celebration Center.
- Become a bus driver for the church. You will need a Commercial Driver's License. The church insurance covers you while you are driving the Church bus.



Cookie Walk

Be sure to put **Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** on your calendar for the **United Methodist Women's Annual Holiday Cookie Walk and Craft Sale** in the Celebration Center. Thousands of homemade cookies will be available to select for \$4.00 per pound. And to help you with your Christmas gift shopping and decorating, church members and friends are making handcrafted items for the Craft Sale (we welcome anyone interested in "crafting" to join us each Tuesday morning for creative fun!)



Once again, we will have a **Silent Auction** as part of the Cookie Walk/Craft Sale. We are looking for special donated items to be bid upon. Suggestions are: new items, antiques, unique artwork or handcrafted items, vacation weekends and services. Services could include: catering, cleaning, handyman work, etc. If you have an item to offer, contact Sandy Marcuson, Lynnah Mancil or Betty Potter.

All proceeds will support United Methodist Women missions and projects. This event is a wonderful way to welcome the community into our church and be prepared for the Christmas holidays!

United Methodist Children's Fellowship

United Methodist Children's Fellowship is for children grades 1 through 5 and meets every Sunday from 5:45—7:30 p.m. We begin with a light supper followed with a program. Our new unit is called "Come, Follow Me!" - a program for teaching the gospel to children.

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| October 26: Worship is a Time of Celebration | November 23: No Meeting |
| November 2: What Does it Mean to be a Follower Of Jesus? | November 30: No Meeting |
| November 9: What Do I Have to Give? | December 7: Second Sunday of Advent: Peace |
| November 16: The Young Worshiper's Toolbox | December 14: Third Sunday of Advent: Joy |
| | December 21: No Meeting |
| | December 28: No Meeting |

Children's Christmas Pageant

The Surprising Christmas Pageant by Dennis Hartin, the story of the birth of Christ told with humor, mystery and awe, will be presented on Sunday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. There will be three rehearsals:

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| Saturday, November 15 | 10:00—12:00 noon |
| Sunday, November 23 | 12:00—2:30 p.m. (cast members will be served pizza before rehearsal) |
| Saturday, December 6 | 4:00—6:00 p.m. |

If your child would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet outside the Sunday School office or contact Christi Girvin or Ms. Gerry at the church office or email: Msgerry1@verizon.net.



Children's Christmas Pageant

Fall Festival Chili Cook-Off & Barn Dance

**Saturday, November 1
5:30—8:30 p.m.**



**Costume Parade
Pumpkin Decoration
Caramel Apples**



**First, Second and Third Place Prizes
For Chili Cook-Off**

**Don't know how to dance?
No problem. We'll teach you!**

**All ages welcome.
Nursery available for
children 5 and under.**

- 6:15 p.m. Dinner**
- 6:45 p.m. Parade**
- 7:00 p.m. Dance**

Caller: Bob Clinebell

