

**Warwick Weekly
February 22-28, 2009**

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| 22 (Sun) | 8:30am 9:45 am 11:00 am 2:30-4:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 5:45 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm | Worship – Youth Sunday Sunday School Worship – Youth Sunday Confirmation Class Laudamus Te Ringers Youth Choir Alcoholics Anonymous Children’s Fellowship Discipleship Class Alcoholics Anonymous |
| 23 (Mon) | 9:45 am 10:45 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:15 pm | ECMS: Family Music for Babies ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers Scouts Praise Choir Praise and Chancel Choirs Chancel Choir |
| 24 (Tue) | 9:30 am 1:30 pm 3:45 pm 5:00 pm 5:00-7:00 pm 7:30 pm | ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1 ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1 Pancake Supper sponsored by UMM Gloria Dei Ringers |
| 25 (Wed) | 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 4:15 pm 4:45 pm 5:25 pm 5:45 pm 7:30 pm | TOPS ECMS: Cycle of Seasons Mothers Nurturing Mothers ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers Cherub Choir Junior Choir Jubilate Ringers Children’s Ash Wednesday Service Ash Wednesday Service |
| 26 (Thu) | 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 3:45 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm | Sewing Group ECMS: Cycle of Seasons ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 2 UMW Executive Board Trustees Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous |
| 27 (Fri) | 9:30 am 6:00 pm | ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers Yoga Class in Celebration Center |
| 28 (Sat) | 8:00 am-3:00 pm 9:00 am-2:00 pm 8:30 pm | Trustees Indoor Work Day Youth Quarterly Planning Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous |

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We’re delighted to welcome all who have come to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. May we all be encouraged as we open ourselves to God’s Word and the Holy Spirit.

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) Youth Ushers
(11:00) Youth Ushers

Greeters: (8:30) Youth Greeters
(11:00) Youth Greeters

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

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

Prayer Thoughts

Creator of us all, in your presence we feel that we are spiritual paupers. May we always remember that you have made us rich with your with your love and mercy.

Today’s Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by **Henry and Joyce Bennett and Ken, Hannah and Tucker Bradley** to the glory of God and in honor of **Lisa Bradley’s birthday**.

Please Note: The memorial service scheduled for Elaine Belding today was held on Friday at the gravesite in Chesapeake. The change was made due to an influenza epidemic at Warwick Forest.

Prayer Concerns:

Care Facility: Lois Eason, Paul Green, Paul Lowe, Priscilla McCoig, Evelyn McKay, Darley Storey Hospital:

Home: Elsie Bevins, Vince Bonacci, Bill Brockett, Hannah Cooper, Celeste DeVault, Kitty DeWees, Hester Dymond, Beth Ellis, Jim Hofler, Dot Johnson, Shaun Kelley, Ruby Lusby, Beverly Mayeaux, Judy McConnell, Del Miller, Faith Ogilvie, Elaine Phillips, Terry and Jean Scott, Bonnie Turner, Darrell Wood, Jean Williams

Other: Megan Neal—teaching in Honduras

Deployed Military: Alan Earley, Adam Koertner, Jack Nothstine, Tim Claus

Relationship Missionary: Elmira Sellu - Uganda

Lectionary Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9



Wow, what a response to the **PORT signup** effort! Over 30 people volunteered the first day the signup sheets were out. Now, how to get them not to all volunteer for the same shift? Just kidding!. I still need people to spend the night on Thursday, March 12th and Sunday, March 15th. We also need more folks to cover the morning shifts on Tuesday March 17th. Thanks for all your help. I hate it when I have to beg.

Just a couple of gentle reminders this week. **First**, if you are planning an event for the Celebration Center or a church wide activity, please get me involved in the planning early. I've made most of the mistakes already and can help you avoid pitfalls. I've got a great planning guide. **Second**, there is still a lot of confusion about the **Common Store**. We stock paper products; coffee, tea, and hot chocolate; all the different colored sweeteners and creamer; common use stuff like aluminum foil and plastic wrap; and cleaning supplies. We pay for all this stuff out of the operating fund. Upward and some Sunday School classes reimburse the account from time to time. Others don't. Everybody can use the store. There are just **two guidelines**: 1) when you use the last of something let me know; 2) put things back where you found them. As simple as this is we seem to have trouble making it happen. Please help!

Our old bus, (known to the youth as "**Twinkle**" or "**Golden Chariot**" as the Senior Breakfast Club knew it), has moved on. We finally found a home for the bus with LINK who hopes to repair it and use it to transport folks for PORT. So . . ., if all works out, we'll be seeing our old bus again whenever we host PORT.

June and I are in California finalizing my mother's estate this week.

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries



Puppets! Puppets! Puppets!

A re-organizational meeting of **God's Promises** puppet ministry will be held on Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in being part of this wonderful ministry is asked to come out and join us. No experience necessary. Questions: please call Linda Carrithers.

Thank You From the Lay Leadership Committee

Thanks to all of the church family who graciously accepted jobs for this year and upcoming years. Your acceptance will be a constant help in the wonderful works of Warwick Memorial. Each job is important and for each of you we are grateful!

Youth Stuff

Today—Youth Sunday, at both morning services! Come support our youth and hear what they have to say!

*****No UMYF*****

Wednesday—Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Quarterly Planning Meeting for all UMYF Officers and Adult Leaders, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Next Sunday—Regular UMYF (snack supper begins at 5:45, program ends at 7:30 pm)

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

- Leaf raking for Mary Dudley, Saturday March 7th @ 9:00 a.m. Come help with this BIG service project (bring leaf blowers and Dads!)
- Helping with PORT homeless shelter evening check-ins every night Wednesday March 11 to Tuesday, March 17 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. Need 3 youth each night.
- Beach Retreat at Sandbridge, VA, Friday-Sunday, March 20-22.
- Know someone who needs to be FLOCKED?? Get ready for our Flamingo Flocking Missions fundraiser beginning March 28th!!
- Sunday Potato Bars - to help raise funds for our mission trips: March 8, April 5th

****Teachers Needed****

The Christian Education Department is looking for a teacher or team teachers for the **3 and 4 year old Sunday School class**. We have a growing class and need committed teachers.

They are also in need of volunteers to teach the **Senior High Sunday School class** and a position available for an **adult teacher** as well. Please stop by the Sunday School office for more information or call either Paul Evans or Larry Bevins.

Keep Those Farm Fresh Receipts Coming In!

We have submitted **\$22,158.44** worth of receipts that were collected September through December 2008. Through this program, we have the opportunity to earn free educational equipment by simply saving our grocery receipts. Warwick Memorial is registered with this program and is collecting Farm Fresh receipts dated **September 2, 2008 through May 31, 2009**. Place your receipts in the collection container in the narthex. This is an easy way to help our church. Thanks for what you have already done!!

United Methodist Children's Fellowship



Did you know that we have 10-15 children here **every Sunday evening from 5:45-7:30** for **United Methodist Children's Fellowship**? We meet for faith, fun, food and fellowship. We start each evening with a snack supper and fellowship, then have a time for study and fun. This is a great ministry for our children and we have many opportunities for you to be involved. First of all, we could use people to prepare our meals (hot dogs, chicken strips, etc.) If you would be willing to prepare a **meal**, contact Marjorie Wilkins for all the details. It really is simple, but it would be such a huge help. Right now we are learning to cross stitch and could use a few more hands to help teach. This is not a long-term commitment, but the results will be. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall on Sunday evenings and see what is going on with our children's ministry and how you might be able to help.

Honduras Medical Mission Team At Your Service!!

Do you ever wish you could wave a magic wand and your home would be clean and tidy? Do you need help cleaning out your attic or garage? What about organizing that dreaded closet? Don't you wish you had someone to come in and give your house a good "spring cleaning"? How about those dreaded windows? **We are here to help!** Members of the 2009 Honduras team are willing and able to come to your home and come to the rescue. Whether you need just one closet organized or the entire house cleaned, give us a call and we will make it happen. Please **contact M.G. Funk** to arrange a time convenient to your schedule. Donations will be accepted for services to help fund the 2009 Medical Mission Trip to Honduras. Email: mahlon.g.funk@erac.com.



UMW 2009 Annual Awards

Congratulations to **Dave and Barbara Amaker, Henry Bennett** and **Kay Fries** for being recognized by the United Methodist Women for all they do — much of it behind the scenes — to make this church, its ministries and missions happen. Congratulations to **Darley Storey** for her recognition for years of service as our Social Action Chair.

Barbara Amaker is active in choir, active as one of our drama leading ladies and active in her circle. She is very hospitable and often opens her home for small group activities.

Dave Amaker also sings in the choir when he is not working, and has stepped into the leadership role of our drama ministry. Dave touched all of our lives with his portrayal of Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount. He also is co-chair of our Celebration Campaign Follow-up Committee. He and Barbara gave us the short term loan needed to purchase our new bus.

Henry Bennett, if he is in town, is also seen in the choir loft. He is chair of our Endowment Committee and is the long term memory for our Finance Committee. What you may not know is that Henry is often found somewhere on the campus taking care of things like weeds and repairs that keep the building and grounds looking nice.

Kay Fries, or *Grandma Kay*, is also active in her circle and has been the chair of our Nurture Committee for years. When something needs doing, we can rely on Kay helping to get it done.

Darley Storey is our conscience. She has single handedly caused us to face many issues that effect modern society. She is our Social Action Chair Emeritus!

Port Sock Collection

As a means of outreach for our PORT guests from March 11 – 18, please consider donating white socks for the men and women, sizes 9 – 11. We still have two Sundays (March 1 and 8) to collect before PORT begins. We hope you can help.

When these clean, white socks are given to our guests, we see a variety of responses such as big smiles, hearty thanks, and God Bless You! In each pair of socks we place a card that Donna provides for us that says:

“Welcome, Friends! May these socks warm your feet as these words from Isaiah 40:31 bring inspiration to your soul. ‘But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.’”

What a great way of showing Christ's love as we hand our guests a clean pair of socks and a scripture to minister to their souls. If you can provide a pair of socks, please place them in a bin marked "PORT Donations" located in the Celebration Center gathering area. Thanks for helping us bless others!

~Local Missions, Witness & Outreach Committees

“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25

Trustees At Work!!

The Trustees are having an **inside work day on Saturday, February 28**, tentatively scheduled from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. They need your help in “spring cleaning” the church and getting everything in tip-top shape for the Easter season. Look for **sign-up sheets** in the Sunday School classes today.

Bus Driver Information

First let me thank all who have shown interest in obtaining a CDL to drive the new bus. When my original note went out, I had been given some incorrect information from the church we bought the bus from. We cannot get a group training class. Everyone interested has to get their learners permit on their own. We can, however, set up a testing day where the lady can do about 6 tests in a day. This will make it easier because we can take the bus to the road test location in Hampton and use it all day long.

The study guide can be picked up at any DMV location or can be downloaded online as a PDF file. You can also read it online. You must pass the general knowledge portion and also the Class B portion. Further information can be obtained by calling DMV and talking to Ms. Greer at 343-0366. Please keep me informed as each person begins the process so I can keep track of your progress. Thanks! **Scott Thompson, Trustees Chairman**

New Adult Sunday School Class

Bible Stories 101 led by Ms. Gerry will be offered for adults starting **Sunday, March 1**. This is a class for those who feel that they need to brush up on basic Bible stories. It will be a multi-sensory class and is not for anyone looking for deep theological discussions. We will begin with Adam and Eve and continue with **Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, King David, Solomon and the prophets**. Contact Ms. Gerry at msgerryturner@aol.com for additional information or just show up at 9:45 a.m. on March 1.

Refugee Ministry Opportunity

Help adult refugees learn English by **volunteering in the church computer lab**. No previous computer experience is necessary since training is provided and the Rosetta Stone program is very easy to learn. You can pick your own hours—during the week or the weekend, day or evening. There is a signup sheet on the Outreach bulletin board by the door to the choir room. For more information, **contact Carlos Liceaga** at carlosliceaga@cox.net.

Heart Health

Mary Immaculate Hospital Heart Health Center offers **free** Risk Assessment Heart Health Screenings on the **second Tuesday of every month**. Screenings include: blood pressure measurements, EKG, non-fasting blood work, carotid artery ultrasound and abdominal aorta aneurysm checks. There is a small fee for osteoporosis and mammograms. For more information, call 886-6700. **The next screening will be March 10**. There are a few heart health information packets in the narthex for those of your who are interested.

CPR Saturdays 2009

This is part of Red Cross Month—Adult CPR/AED training. \$15 with advance registration, \$25 at the door. Advance registration is strongly recommended. To register, call 838-7320 or www.hrredcross.org. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Upward Enjoys a Second Season of Success

This Saturday the Celebration Center will not see or hear the buzz of excited children, basketballs bouncing or cheerleaders cheering. The second successful Upward season has come to a close.

Thanks to the devoted and skillful leadership of Upward Commissioner Jim Rogers and his amazing crew of dedicated workers coming from Warwick Memorial and our four partner churches, the incredible ministry of Upward was brought to Denbigh for it's children to experience and enjoy. The Upward trademark is: "Every child plays. Every child learns. Every Child Is A Winner." This theme is carried throughout the season and is evident by the quality of coaching where emphasis is on character and integrity instead of a "win at all costs" mentality. Just walking into the Celebration Center on a Saturday afternoon, you could see and feel the excitement and enthusiasm on the children's faces. Thank God for this good and wholesome environment and opportunity for our children!

The season ended last Tuesday night with the Upward Awards Program in the Celebration Center. Humorist guest speaker, Jeff Smith, from Salt and Light Ministries was terrific. The children (and adults) loved him. We sang songs, heard Bible stories, and heard the Gospel message for young and old to receive. Afterwards the children gathered with their coaches and teammates to share awards and treats. What a fantastic season it was!!

Here's a list of the team that made Upward Basketball a success:

Upward Prayer Team Commissioner: **Fred Townsend**
Upward Advertising Team Commissioner: **Bob Williams**
Upward Referee Team Commissioner: **Roger Brown**, Denbigh Church of Christ
Upward Scorekeeper Team Commissioner: **Jerry Mullins**
Upward Concessions Team Commissioners: **Shannon Warthan, Scott Thompson**
Upward Devotion Team Commissioner: **Tricia Ployd**
Upward Cheerleading Team Commissioner: **Belle Wood**

Partner churches: Denbigh Church of Christ, St. Jerome Catholic Church,
Denbigh Christian Church, and Denbigh Presbyterian Church

The Witness Committee

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20)

A Special Thank You to My Church Family at Warwick Memorial

Words cannot express my sincere appreciation for all the support I received from my church family during our recent Upward Basketball and Cheerleading Season. Upward requires lots and lots of volunteers and many of you stepped forward to help out. Some of you went beyond your comfort zone. Because of your efforts, we were able to reach almost 100 children on a weekly basis for 12 weeks to help them grow in their relation to Jesus Christ in addition to providing a fun place to play basketball and lead cheers. There were 13 families in our program who have no church home. We tried to spend extra time in building relationships with them. If nothing else, we planted some seeds of faith. Again, I thank each and every one of you for your support.

Jim Rogers

George Ghanem of Holy Land Ministry to be Here March 8

George Ghanem of Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative will be here at both services on March 8. This is a group of volunteers from Bethlehem who support the Christian families living in the Holy Land by visiting churches, providing information about the Christians in the Holy Land and selling their handmade olivewood and mother of pearl religious articles. The revenue is sent back to the families.

70% of the Christian community depends on tourism for their living. Due to the war conditions, clashes and the separation wall around Bethlehem, tourists are unable to come. It's very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and they are forced to flee their homeland. Last century the Christian populations in the Holy Land was 30% — today it is less than 2%. The ministry of the Cooperative is to help these Christian families survive and stay in their homeland.

The Cooperative is not asking for donations but your help by purchasing pieces of their beautiful crafts that will be available on March 8.



LENT BEGINS

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptation during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence.

Some Christians fast during Lent. This denial of bodily comforts can help encourage self-reflection about the need for Jesus' forgiveness.

Plan to attend the **Ash Wednesday Service** this **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** to help you reap the most benefit from this special season. If you have children, bring them to the special **Ash Wednesday Service for children at 5:45**. Both services will be in the sanctuary.