

Warwick Weekly for March 15-21, 2009

15 (Sun)	8:30am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	1:00-2:30 pm	Puppet Practice
	2:30-4:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	4:30 pm	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:00 pm	Youth Choir
	5:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	5:45 pm	Children's Fellowship
	6:00 pm	Discipleship Class
6:00 pm	PORT	
8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	
16 (Mon)	9:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00 pm	PORT
	6:30 pm	Scouts
	7:30 pm	Praise Choir
17 (Tue)	9:30 am	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
	9:30 am-2:30 pm	Craft Workshop
	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 pm	PORT
	7:00 pm	Worship Committee
	7:30 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
18 (Wed)	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
	5:45 pm	Way of the Child
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	
19 (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	Church Council
	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
20 (Fri)	9:30 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	4:00 pm	Youth leave for Beach Retreat
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class in Celebration Center
21 (Sat)	Youth Beach Retreat	
	9:00-10:30 am	Special Olympics
	9:30 am-12:00 noon	ECMS Open House
	8:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

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Worship should be a time of joy. Therefore, we joyously welcome all who have come to praise God.

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) Scott Thompson, Mel Taylor, Barry Barley
(11:00) Janice Fritz, Cathy Haskell, Sina Hoffer, Debbie Stall

Greeters: (8:30) Betty Palmer and Elsie Bevins
(11:00) Frances Topping

Junior Church Today: (8:30) Erika Rhoads
(11:00) Belle Wood

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

Prayer Thoughts

May our faith be fully ignited in your presence, Lord, beginning now.

Today's Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by the **Tom Bradshaw Family** to the glory of God and in memory of **Joan Bradshaw**, wife and mother, whose birthday would have been today.

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to **Celeste DeVault** on the death of her husband, Ken on Monday, March 9.



Thanks to everyone who is helping out with PORT, especially the folks who filled needed spots last Wednesday because a partner church had to cancel. I am continually impressed with how many of you come forward when the call goes out.

Watch the Warwick Weekly for announcements concerning upcoming events taking place in the Celebration Center. As much as possible, please support these activities with your presence. Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

No Communion

We will not celebrate the Holy Communion on Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday. The reason for this, in part, is to emphasize the Holy Communion celebrated on Holy Thursday, April 9, during Holy Week. Holy Thursday is the time to remember Jesus' Last Supper, and we want to keep the focus on that day.

The Lenten Wreath

As you know, during Advent, we have an Advent Wreath so we can light the candles leading up to the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Christ. In a sense, we reverse the process during Lent as we get closer to the day Christ died, Good Friday. Our Lenten Wreath has six candles and each week of Lent we extinguish one more as we approach Holy Week and Good Friday. On Palm Sunday, the sixth Sunday of Lent, for example, all six candles will be extinguished. Allow the Lenten Wreath and the ceremony of extinguishing candles to help guide you in your prayers of confession. Let us all ask ourselves what we do (or leave undone) that helps crucify our Lord.

Conference on the Black Family
March 18-20 at Hampton University

Free and open to the public. See the poster and brochure on the bulletin board just outside the church office.

Making Gifts from IRA's

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 provides for the direct transfer of funds from a Traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charitable organization (including churches) for persons 70 1/2 or older up to \$100,000 without having to pay federal income taxes on that withdrawal. Contact your IRA trustee or custodian for more specifics. The funds must go directly from the custodian or trustee to the charitable organization. The trustee or custodian will provide the required special letter of transmittal. Warwick Memorial will provide the required acknowledgement letter upon receipt of such a gift. This recently new law provides a tax free way to support either the operating budget or the building fund at Warwick Memorial.

Save the Date!!
Saturday, April 18 - 7:00 p.m.
Celebration Center



This year promises to be the best ever. Local musicians will present a "musical potpourri" of gospel, country, pop, and "a little bit rock n roll" plus some surprises. Watch for more information. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit our mission programs. See you there!

Youth Stuff

Today—No Regular UMYF (Leaders are wrapping up preps for the Beach Retreat)

Today—Tuesday March 17th

Nightly help for PORT Homeless Shelter at our church (3 youth helping with guest Check-ins 5:30-7:30 each night)

Wednesday—*No Bible Study this Wednesday*****

Friday—Beach Retreat!!! Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to load up and depart for Sandbridge in Virginia Beach

Next Sunday—Beach Retreat Group Returns (about 3:00 p.m.)

*****No Regular UMYF*****

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

- 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: April 5th
 - **Summer Mission Trips** - Are you hearing God challenge you to do MORE with your faith? Here's how you can!
 - > High School: Northern Cheyenne Workcamp, Ashland, Montana, July 12-18 (8 youth, 2 adults)
 - > Middle School: Jeremiah Project in Winchester, Virginia, July 26 - August 1 (10 youth, 2 adults)
- We need adults (male and female) to go on these trips as chaperones/leaders. If you're interested, sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board and be watching for more info!

Thank You

I would like to thank Dick At Lee and the youth for coming to my house and cleaning my yard. They did a great job and it looks so much better. I am ever so grateful to the wonderful young people at Warwick Memorial. **Mary Dudley**

Green Church Suggestion for March

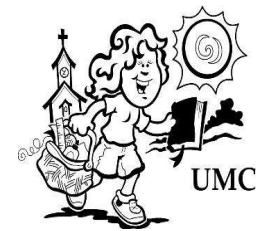
Did you know that you can preserve the lovely trees that are beginning to bud at this time of year, and at the same time you can avoid much of the annoying junk mail your household receives? Registering at the following websites can eliminate up to 80-90% of the unwanted advertizing that comes to your address.

https://www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference

<http://www.catalogchoice.org/dashboard>

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.



Engraved Bricks

Last year the Celebration Campaign Follow-up Committee offered the congregation the opportunity to donate personalized engraved bricks which will be installed in the walkway that leads to the Celebration Center. We now have the minimum number of orders(25) to send to the engraver. We hope to have them installed before Mother's Day. If you would like to honor someone and have not yet placed an order, please do so by March 31. The cost of \$150 covers shipping, engraving, installation and a gift to the Celebration Center that will be used to help reduce the mortgage. Forms are in the Narthex. If you have any questions please call Kathy Young.

Greeters and Ushers to Gather

All ushers and greeters, and anyone interested in serving as an usher and/or greeter, are requested to attend an evening gathering on **Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. We will review the current practices and offer some new ideas for Ushers and Greeters to practice. Dessert and refreshments will be served.

The Lenten-Easter season always attracts new people or people who worship irregularly. Of course, we want people to want to return to worship with us. The whole congregation and our worship experience must be inviting and welcoming. Everyone has an important role to play.

Our Greeters and Ushers are a vital part of our ministry team, because they are the "front line" of our congregation in welcoming newcomers with warmth, hospitality and appropriate information (for example, where is child care? where are the restrooms? what time is Sunday School?).

I look forward to the Gathering for Greeters and Ushers on April 1st and I hope to see you there. Thanks.
Jim Corliss, Worship Committee Chair

Text for Anthems

(8:30) The Rose of Calvary

I love the rose of Calvary: God's gift of hope, God's gift of grace. In love He clings to sorrow's tree, and softly weeps at its embrace.

I love the Rose of Calvary. His petals crushed by hate and scorn, still His fragrance fills the night and, for our sin, He bears the thorn.

Calvary's Rose, in His life God's mercy flows. By His death our garden grows; O the love of Calvary's Rose.

Come to the hill where Jesus died. Come rest beneath the rugged tree, for in its shadow grows a flower: the blessed Rose of Calvary. I love the Rose of Calvary.

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(11:00) Lord, You Were Rich

Lord, You were rich beyond all splendor, and yet, for love's sake, You became so poor; Leaving Your throne in glad surrender, sapphire-paved courts for a stable floor.

Lord, You were rich beyond all splendor, and yet, for love's sake; for my sake, You became so poor.

You are our God beyond all praising and yet, for love's sake, You became a man; Stooping so low, but sinners raising upward to heaven; God's eternal plan.

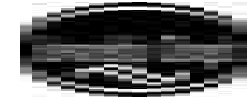
You are our God beyond all praising and yet, for love's sake, for my sake, You became so a man.

Lord, You are love beyond all telling, our Savior and King. Lord, we worship You. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, forgive our sins, make us pure and true.

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Part of stewardship is using wisely the funds you contribute and the equipment and facilities we have. We do a reasonably good job in protecting and maintaining our buildings and property. Many of you helped last month during the indoor workday and the efforts can be seen everywhere. You'll have another stewardship chance when the Trustees will have another workday on March 28th. Watch for the signup sheets and give some of your time.

We are good stewards also when we offer programs and invite the community. Examples are: Page and the Early Childhood Music School; Christine Griggs and the Yoga class; Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts; PORT. Thanks to all who have contributed time to this vital ministry. Do you have ideas on inviting the community in?
Dave Munro, Stewardship Chair

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 C 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

Ms. Gerry is leading a **Bible Stories 101 class**. 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.

Craft Workshop

The crafters group of the United Methodist Women will meet this **Tuesday (17th) from 9:30-2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. We invite anyone who may have an interest in arts and crafts to join us as we prepare for our annual Cook Walk/Craft Sale to be held on December 5 this year. If you are interested in staying for lunch, bring a light luncheon item to share.

We have a new craft that uses plastic shopping bags. We specifically need **colored bags (blue, green, bright yellow)**. Dollar General has yellow. We also need **empty honey bear plastic bottles with lids, Christmas mugs, 8 ounce mason type jelly jars, and any size macramé beads or wooden beads or balls**.

Remember, when you start spring cleaning, think of us before you throw anything away. We'll gladly accept your donations.

Questions: call Billie Quigley or Marsha Six.

Church-wide Potluck and Missions Presentation

Saturday, March 28

6:00-7:00 p.m. Potluck and Fellowship Time

7:00-7:45 p.m. Mission Presentation

Please join us. Belinda Gaskins will present information about her visit to Judy Matheny in West Virginia and Steve and Diantha Hodges in Tennessee and the mission work they are doing. Our church has sponsored these missionaries for several years.



Note to Parents: Children are warmly welcome at the potluck and presentation. Nursery will be available for infants through 4 year olds. We ask that you feed your children prior to taking them to the nursery as we want to avoid having plates of food in the nursery. We hope that having the option of using the nursery will accommodate your needs.

Yum! Yum!!

It's still a bit chilly so mark you calendars for **Soup Sunday**, March 29, following the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall. Join the 2009 Honduras Medical Mission Team and enjoy good soup, crackers, bread, desserts and drinks. There will be three soups to choose from: potato corn chowder, broccoli cheddar and vegetable. Most of all come and enjoy good fellowship and meet your team who will be going to Honduras in July. They not only go, they take you with them. Donations will be accepted to help fund the trip. See you on Sunday, March 29.



Brunswick Stew "To Go" is Back!!

Belinda Gaskins is raising money to go to Sudan on a mission trip with a team of individuals from the Virginia Conference from April 22 through May 5. This is a "Fact Finding Team" where they will build relationships with the Sudanese and make the initial plans to build a school. The school will also be used as a community center when they are not having school.



You can help Belinda with her trip by ordering a quart (or several quarts) of **Brunswick Stew for \$10 per quart**. Don't forget your friends... They would enjoy some Brunswick Stew, too! Please place your order on the signup sheets in the church office or adult Sunday School classes so we will have plenty of stew. Payment is due when you pick up your order. **The stew will be available on March 22 from 9:45—12:30**. Thanks to Sina Hoffer, we are using the same recipe that we have previously enjoyed. **Your support for this mission trip is sincerely appreciated!**

Care Net Resource Center Events

- ⇒ **Abortion Recovery Care**, an 8 week post abortion support group and Bible study that will begin April 2, 6-8 p.m. and continue every Thursday through May 21. Contact Angie at anagiecarenetnn@aol.com to register and for more information. Join us and experience freedom at last.
- ⇒ **Walk for Life on May 2** at Sandy Bottom Nature Park. We are looking for liaisons from each church who would be willing to take information back to the church body in support of this life affirming ministry. Please call Robin to see how you can be involved!

***Early Childhood Musik School
of
Warwick Memorial UMC***

For brochure
and program
details call
Page Williams
at 877-2270



**Saturday,
March 21, 2009
9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Special Demo Classes
10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

***EXCITING MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASSES
FOR NEWBORNS THROUGH 9 YEARS OLD***

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| Family Music for Babies | ages newborn—18 months
(with an adult) |
| Family Music for Toddlers | ages 18 months—3 years
(with an adult) |
| The Cycle of Seasons | ages 3 1/2 years—young 4's
(with an adult) |
| Music Makers: At Home in the World | ages 4 years—6 years |
| Music Makers: Around the World | ages 5 years—7 years |
| Music Makers: At the Keyboard | ages 6 years—9 years |