

## Weekly Planner for March 22-28, 2009

22 (Sun)	8:30am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm 5:30 pm 5:45 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Worship Sunday School Brunswick Stew "To Go" Missions Fundraiser Worship Youth Beach Retreat Group Returns Alcoholics Anonymous Children's Fellowship Discipleship Class Alcoholics Anonymous
23 (Mon)	9:45 am 10:45 am 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm 7:30 pm	ECMS: Family Music for Babies ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers Scouts Puppet Practice Praise Choir
24 (Tue)	9:30 am 1:30 pm 3:45 pm 5:00 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 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 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	TOPS ECMS: Cycle of Seasons Mothers Nurturing Mothers ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers Cherub Choir Junior Choir Jubilate Ringers Way of the Child High School Bible Study Chancel Choir
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 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 6:00 pm 8:30 pm	Spring Work Day Missions Potluck Alcoholics Anonymous

## Warwick Weekly—March 22, 2009

**“A cheerful heart is a good medicine,” wrote the author of Proverbs 17:22. Be filled with cheerfulness. We welcome you in the name of Christ.**

**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) Scott Thompson, Mel Taylor, Barry Barley  
(11:00) Jane Shaffer, Joan Call, Beth Murray, Mary Ann Hoye

Greeters: (8:30) Donna Cox and Tracy Cox  
(11:00) Mike and Heather DePremio

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

Junior Church Next Sunday: (8:30) Al Dorner  
(11:00) Gerry Turner

Acolytes Next Sunday: (8:30) Darrell Wood  
(11:00) Madison Monnoyer, Payton Monnoyer

### Prayer Thoughts

*Heavenly Creator, make us ready now to be completely open to your mighty Word.*

### Today's Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by **Ruth McGhee** to the glory of God and in memory of her husband Stuart's birthday today.

The flowers in the narthex are given by **Hester Dymond** to the glory of God and in memory of her husband Bob's 81st birthday.

### In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to **Donna Shafer** on the death of her step-father, Tom Kordish, on Saturday, March 14.



Well, PORT is over again. Thanks to everyone who helped staff the facility, especially the folks who stepped up and took an overnight shift! You should have seen the smiles on the faces and heard the 'thank you's' when we had dry socks available on those really rainy nights. Thanks to all who contributed socks and the Witness Committee who sorted them and set up the whole collection effort. And a big thanks to the **Scouts and leaders from Troop 6** who once again prepared the Monday night meal. And, of course, we couldn't have done without the kitchen coordinators – **Leta and Pat Shannon**.

Our partner churches for the past week were: **Christ UMC, Colossian Baptist, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Unity Fellowship, and Wesley Grove Church of Christ**. Besides help from Boy Scout Troop 6, we were also helped out by some folks from **St Jerome's Catholic Church** to fill in the night a church had to drop out. On Monday night, 32 students from the **Woodside High School National Honor Society** volunteered and we were able to serve our guests dinner at the table instead of a buffet line. On Saturday night the Unity Fellowship was helped out by the teachers from **Riverside Elementary School**.

During our week we served over 500 people. Our lowest night was 80 and the highest was 105. Starting this year, families with young children are placed in a hotel immediately. This week we helped out one woman with an infant daughter – one of the happiest kids I've ever seen – and a mother with two toddlers, a boy and a girl. If you have not have had the opportunity to feel the joy of helping out at PORT please consider volunteering this fall when we next host PORT.

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.

### Visit a Mosque

The Confirmation Class will be visiting a Mosque on Sunday, 29 March. We will leave the church at 2:30 pm SHARP! Parents and Mentors and invited to attend. Be aware of the fact that we will need to remove our shoes before entering the Mosque. We need a "head count," so our Muslim friends can prepare some refreshments for us and be ready for the number of people we bring. On or before Wednesday, March 25, please inform Belinda or Steve or the church office (Donna) if you plan on attending and of the number in your party.

### Youth Stuff

**Today—Beach Retreat Group Returns** (about 3:00 p.m.) **\*\*\*No Regular UMYF\*\*\***  
**Wednesday—High School Bible Study**, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (study begins at 7:30) at the At Lee's (85 Springdale Drive in Beechmont)

**Next Sunday—Special UMYF: Youth Led Program!** (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.

- Know someone who needs to be FLOCKED?? Get ready for our Flamingo Flocking Missions fundraiser beginning March 28th!!
  - **Office Work Day**, Saturday, April 4th (1:00-3:00 p.m.)
  - **Sunday Potato Bars** - to help raise funds for our mission trips: April 5th
  - **Easter "Sonrise" Service**, Sunday, April 12, 6:30 a.m.
  - **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!

### Spring Work Day - Saturday, March 28

The Trustees have set Saturday, March 28, for members of WMUMC to help fix-up, clean up, and beautify our church. We will concentrate on the grounds and some inside work on the church building. The plan is to **start at 8 a.m. and finish up by 3 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. Please come for as many hours as you can! It is so important to take care of God's House.

### Green Church Suggestion for March

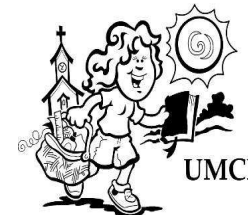
Did you know that you can preserve the lovely trees that are beginning to bud at this time of year, and at the same time you can avoid much of the annoying junk mail your household receives? Registering at the following websites can eliminate up to 80-90% of the unwanted advertizing that comes to your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

[https://www.directmail.com/directory/mail\\_preference](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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and I hope to see you there. Thanks.  
Jim Corliss, Worship Committee Chair

### LINK Receives Grant

LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc., is pleased to announce that the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization has awarded LINK \$25,000 for a pilot program in hospice care under its Reaching Out grant program. The grant is funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs and is designed to increase access to hospice and palliative care service for rural and homeless veterans. LINK is now in the process of recruiting volunteers to be trained to assist in the care of homeless and rural veterans under LINK's program. For further information, please contact Ms. Joyce O'Brien, Program Manager, at linkhospice@gmail.com.

### Text for Anthem The Prayer

We pray You'll be our eyes, and watch as where we go, and teach us to be wise in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer when we lose our way.

Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace to a place where we'll be safe.

We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts as darkness falls each night, remind us Where You are. Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day.

Lead us to a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead us, Lord, lead us in Your righteousness; make Your way plain for us to see.

We pray we'll find Your light, and hold it in our hearts as darkness falls each night, remind us where You are.

Let this be our prayer, just like every child needs to find a place, guide us with Your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe. Lead us, Lord.

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### Plastic Eggs and Candy Needed

Easter is just around the corner and we are expecting lots of children to attend our Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 11. If you would like to help by donating **plastic eggs** or **Easter candy (individually wrapped — no nuts)**, please bring your items to the church library **no later than April 7**. Thanks! **Ms. Gerry**

### 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.

### 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!

### **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.



Easter lily form

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](mailto: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!