

## Weekly Planner for June 14-20, 2009

14 Sun)	8:30am	Worship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 noon	Reception for Pastor Steve and Barbara
	Annual Conference	Begins
	5:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	5:45 pm	Children's Fellowship
	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
15 (Mon)	Annual Conference	
	6:30 pm	Scouts
	7:15 pm	Praise Choir
	7:45 pm	Praise and Chancel Choirs
	8:30 pm	Chancel Choir
16 (Tue)	Annual Conference	
	9:30 am-2:30 pm	Craft Workshop
17(Wed)	9:00 am	TOPS
	10:30 am	Mothers Nurturing Mothers
	Annual Conference	ends at noon
	6:00 pm	Celebration Center reserved for use of congregation
18 (Thu)	9:30 am	Sewing Group
	7:00 pm	Church Council
	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
19 (Fri)	6:00 pm	Yoga Class
	7:00 pm	Youth End of Year Rock-Climbing Lock-in
20 (Sat)	8:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous



**Thanks to our webmaster, you can now register your children for Vacation Bible School online. Go to [http://www.wmumc.org/vbs\\_reg\\_form.shtml](http://www.wmumc.org/vbs_reg_form.shtml)**

## Warwick Weekly—June 14, 2009

**We appreciate each worshiper who has come to praise our Lord. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit's presence and be filled with love for one another. Welcome, friends!**

**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) Gene Osborne, Dave Munro, Warner Williams

Greeters: (8:30) Leah Lively and Josie Mitchell  
(11:00) Paul and Stella Ramsey

Junior Church Today: (8:30) John and Ellen Guthrie  
(11:00) Rella Farris

Junior Church Next Sunday: (8:30) Ken and Lisa Bradley  
(11:00) Linda Brooks

Acolytes Next Sunday: (8:30) Chanté Lance  
(11:00) Jesse Call

### **Prayer Thoughts**

*Help us remember, loving Creator, that abundant life comes as a gift from you. Thank you sincerely.*

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given by **Nathan and Amanda (Keafer) Jones** to the glory of God and in celebration of their June 13 marriage.

### **New Baby**

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the June 2 birth of **Travis Tyler Southall** to **Marjorie and Ricky Southall**. **Travis** joins big sister **Kasey**. Grandparents are **Roger and Carol Lett** and **Dorothy Lett**. Great-grandfather is **Ed Lett**.

COORDINATOR



OF  
MINISTRIES

Attention coffee makers: The free trade decaf coffee should arrive by this weekend. Once we use up the store bought coffee, please shift to the fair trade grounds. For the brewers in the Celebration Center gathering area you'll find the bags of decaf and regular plus pillow packs in plastic shoe boxes in the cabinet below the brewers. For the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall, you'll find the same set up in the top right hand cabinet in the vestibule for the pantry. Bulk supplies of dry creamer, sugar, pink, yellow and blue sweeteners are found in the same spots except you may need to look in the top left hand cabinet in the vestibule too.

We're getting busy in the Celebration Center this summer – check out the web site for details. We're having more receptions (both departing and arriving staff) and also getting into wedding receptions too! If you think you have a need for the Celebration Center, please talk to me soon. With a fall drama presentation and Upward Basketball, the calendar is filling up fast for September and October.

I was under the weather last Tuesday but I'm told the joint meeting of the United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men was a good time. Maybe this ought to be an annual get together? What do you think?  
Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

**Farewell Reception**  
***Pastor Steve and Barbara Plymale***  
***June 14, 2009***

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is having a **farewell reception for Pastor Steve and Barbara today immediately following the 11:00 am worship service.** There will be finger foods and light refreshments to enjoy as we express our appreciation to Pastor Steve and Barbara for their faithful service to Warwick Memorial during the past six years. This will be Pastor Steve's last Sunday to preach at Warwick Memorial so we encourage everyone to make a special effort to attend this event.

**Thank You**

**To Our Church Family:** Your prayers, praise, gifts and presence surrounded us during our official welcome. With love in our hearts "we thank you!" **Pastor Steve and Ms. Belinda:** Seven (7) Thumbs Up! **The Confirmation Class of 2009: Hannah Bradley, Jesse Call, Dillan Dodson, Katie Evans, Dylan Girvin, Chanté Lance, Lynsey Mancil**

We would like to thank all the 150 rain soaked folks who came to our first contemporary Christian concert. The concert was the first time for our youth band lead by Hannah Cooper to perform. What a great job they did! Thank you to our Honduras team for providing refreshments at intermission. They made \$219! A special thanks goes out to **Dave Munro, Brad Comer, Christi Girvin, Marsha Six, Hannah Cooper, Temple Moorehead, Matt Thompson, and all those people behind the scenes** who made this concert a success. Also, we are so thankful and blessed that Gail Scullion and the entire group from Wellspring UMC would share their powerful music ministry with our church family. More to come! **Jim & Beth Cumming**

To all the friends who have sent cards, called, prayed, visited and brought food — thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have been overwhelmed with kindness. I thank God to belong to such a caring church family. **Mary Harrison**

**Youth Stuff**

**Today - Farewell reception for Pastor Steve** in the Celebration Center after the 11:00 service

**Friday - Rock Climbing Lock-in.** For only \$35 you get training, all night climbing and food—plus a really Fun hang-out night at Peak Experiences in Richmond—BUT you have to sign up!! Bring your friends And other youth group members—we have to pay for a minimum of 16. PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING or tell Jon Claus or Keith Robinson.

**Thanks!!** From Dick for the fun farewell at UMYF last Sunday! The gifts, the stories, the Blues Brothers and Kathy's Kafe Poetry; the music (heck, who knew Jack could sing...and play at the same time—now The proof's on YouTube!). It's been an incredible blessing to be in this ministry with all of you! Keep God in the mix; don't be conformed to this world—and keep asking God: "Why me?" (and expecting an answer!)

**Congratulations!!** To all our graduating High School Seniors: Kassaundra Carpenter; Hannah Cooper; Josh (TB) Evans; Chris Howerton; Rebecca Evans; Jenny Lewis; Collin Proctor; and Kristen Thompson.

**NEWS...**

- We shaved Jon's beard!! The Youth raised **over \$900** for World Vision through the 30 Hour Famine Fundraiser... so last Sunday night they got to shave Jon Claus' beard off. Photos coming soon! Thanks everyone (especially Jon)! If you still have money, please turn it in!

- **Interim Youth Director: Keith Robinson** will be filling in as Interim Youth Director from mid-June until our new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is hired. He'll be coming up to speed on the job over the next weeks so please introduce yourself and make him welcome!

- **Christian Concerts at Busch Gardens in June.** Check <http://www.gloryatthegardens.com/gatgw.html> for information on these great concerts coming up in June-included in the price of park admission. The youth are going as a group on June 28th but you might want to catch some of the others with your family or friends: June 14: **Third Day, Needtobreathe, Revived**; June 21: **Newsboys, DecemberRadio, KJ-52, sevenglory**; June 28: **Toby Mac, Mandisa, Brandon Heath.** All shows start at 4:00 p.m. at Festhaus Park.

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

- **Farewell reception for Dick At Lee** (stepping down as Youth Pastor): In the Celebration Center, Sunday, June 28 after the 11:00 service

- **Christian Concert, Sunday, June 28th: Busch Gardens "Glory at the Gardens"** with Toby Mac, Brandon Heath, Mandisa

- **Know someone who needs to be FLOCKED??** Get ready for our Flamingo Flocking missions fundraiser beginning soon!!

- **Graduating Youth Group Seniors** - We're still looking for a date (or dates) for the "Block Party" (where you decorate one of the cinder blocks on the Youth Room wall) and Graduating Senior's Dinner that will work for the most people. Get with me and let me know what dates work for you!

- **Watch for weekly youth "Hang-Out Nights" throughout the summer...**a time just to get together, hang out, and have fun at the church with your friends!

**Text for Anthem**  
**An Expression of Gratitude**

I thank my God. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. Always with joy in every prayer for you. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. In every prayer with joy. I thank my God. I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel from the very first day until now. I thank my God for you. And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion at the day of Christ. And this I pray that your love may abound more and more. Abound in knowledge, in judgment, that you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God. That you may be pure and blameless, filled with the fruits of righteousness which comes through Christ Jesus. I thank my God.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. Always with joy in every prayer for you. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. In every prayer with joy; I thank my God!

# Warwick Memorial UMC Pray Day!

Saturday, June 27, 2009

7am – 7pm

The sanctuary will be open from 7am – 7pm for you to spend some quiet time praying for our pastors.

We will specifically be praying for:

- Steve and Barbara Plymale in their new assignment
- Bill Davidson as our Pastor
- Jessie Squires as our Associate Pastor
- Cheryl Davidson (Bill's wife) as Pastor of Central UMC, Hampton

You'll have an opportunity to write words of encouragement on cards that will be provided.

These cards will be prayed over and delivered to the pastors.

As a blessed congregation, let's follow the words of Paul in Colossians 4:2-3:

*"Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful, and pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ..."*

If you have questions, please contact Gerry or Gloria Mingee  
mingee@cox.net

Yes, I would like to support Pray Day!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ (one hour block between 7a-7p)

At church \_\_\_\_\_ At home \_\_\_\_\_

Please place in the offering plate.

## RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Dick Atlee, Director of Youth Ministries

June 28, 2009

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is planning a retirement reception for Dick Atlee, Director of Youth Ministries. The reception will be held in the Celebration Center on Sunday, June 28, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. The entire church family is invited to this event to express our appreciation to Dick for his faithful service to Warwick Memorial. **Dick has served as Youth Director for 15 of the past nineteen years.**

Additionally, we want to give everyone the opportunity to express his or her appreciation by contributing to a farewell gift. In order to do this, please make all checks out to Warwick Memorial UMC and annotate on the "memo" line "Dick Atlee's farewell." This will help insure that gifts are properly identified. **Please have all checks turned in by June 25.**

## KICK OFF SUMMER RIGHT

Casual Sunday

June 28, 2009

We are inviting you to kick off the summer by participating in a "**casual attire day**" on Sunday, June 28. Yes, guys are invited to leave the suits and ties at home (although not required if that's what you prefer to wear) and women are encouraged to wear business casual attire as well.

**4 HIS GLORY**, Warwick's Men's Quartet, will be singing at both services that day. Keith Robinson will be bringing the message. Come share in the singing and praise with an "Old Fashion" worship flare.

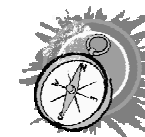
## A LOOK AHEAD

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 19**. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is planning a **WELCOME reception** for our new pastors on this date. **Pastor Bill Davidson and Pastor Jessie Squires** will begin their duties on July 1 and we want to give everyone an opportunity to get to know them and make them feel welcome. The reception will be held in the Celebration Center immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. The entire church family is invited.



## Camp Edge Vacation Bible School

### 2009 List for Snacks



Please leave donations in the box in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

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| 75 big sugar cookies                          | 2 16 ounce containers of sour cream        |
| 3 jars marshmallow cream                      | 3 boxes of Cheerios (plain)                |
| 3 large bags of M & M's (plain)               | 1 large Sam's Club box of Goldfish         |
| 4 large bags of nacho chips                   | 4 boxes of graham crackers                 |
| 2 large jars of mild salsa                    | 2 bags of chocolate chips                  |
| 4 16 ounce bags of grated mild cheddar cheese | 2 large containers of regular lemonade mix |

# A LITANY OF FAREWELL

**June 14, 2009**

Leader: A congregation is constantly in the process of change. Loved ones come to the end of their lives; new lives are born and baptized into the faith community. Individuals and families come and go throughout our life together. It is important for us to recognize and mark well these times of passage, these endings and beginnings. Today we bid farewell and Godspeed to the Rev. Steve Plymale, "Pastor Steve," who has served us as our Senior Pastor for the past six years. His ministry among us has now drawn to a close.

*Pastor Steve: I thank you, my brothers and sisters at Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church, both members and friends of the congregation, for the love, kindness, and support you have shown me and Barbara these past years. I thank you for welcoming me and Barbara into the church family and accepting me as your spiritual leader. I recall with joy the many things we have been able to accomplish together, and with sadness the things we were not able to do. I ask your understanding and your forgiveness for the mistakes I have made and for the times I may have let you down.*

**Congregation: We receive with thankfulness the ministry you have offered us in the time we have shared. We accept that you now leave us to minister elsewhere, trusting that God leads you and goes with you on that journey. Your presence among us will not be forgotten. We are grateful for the time you have been with us and ask your forgiveness for our own shortcomings and our sometimes flagging faith.**

Leader: Do you, the members and friends of Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church, now offer Pastor Steve the assurance that you will always count him as your friend, but you will now turn to new pastoral leadership for your spiritual needs and direction?

**Congregation: We do, with the help of God.**

Leader: Do you, Pastor Steve, release Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church from your care, and allow the new pastor to serve the needs of this congregation and become its new spiritual leader?

*Pastor Steve: I do, with the help of God.*

Leader: Do all of you, pastor and congregation alike, offer your prayers of encouragement for the continued ministry here at Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church?

**All: We do, with the help of God.**

*Pastor Steve: Now, as a sign of my departure and in anticipation of Bill Davidson's arrival, I pass on to you a chalice and plate that I have used from time to time to serve this congregation at the Lord's Table. Please present these to your new pastor so that he may continue the responsibility and tradition of pastoral leadership in this United Methodist congregation that began long before I arrived.*

Leader: On behalf of the congregation of Warwick United Methodist Church, I receive these symbols of your servant leadership and promise to entrust them into our new pastor's care. Let us pray.

**All: O God of all creation, whose love for all is trustworthy and true, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. During our time together we have experienced laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we carry these cherished memories with us in new directions until that time when we are completely one with you and with one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Leader: Go now, Pastor Steve, with our blessing, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Christ Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen!**

Leader: Let us stand together and sing our affirmation of the ties of Christian love and fellowship that bind us together now and forever more, the ties that cannot be broken.