

Weekly Planner for August 16-22, 2009

16 (Sun)	8:30am 9:45 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm 8:00 pm	Worship Sunday School Worship Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous
17 (Mon)	Church office only until noon only 6:00-9:00 pm	Youth Gym-Jam in the Celebration Center
18 (Tue)	Church office open until noon only 9:30 am-2:30 pm	Craft Workshop
19 (Wed)	9:00 am 10:30 am 6:00-8:00 pm 6:00-9:00 pm	TOPS Mothers Nurturing Mothers Family Movie Night – free movies and popcorn! Alpha Training
20 (Thu)	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Sewing Group Children’s Council Church Council Alcoholics Anonymous
21 (Fri)	12:45 pm	Children’s Summer Creation Excursion
15 (Sat)	8:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous

Warwick Weekly—August 16, 2009

We welcome all of you who have come to worship with us today. May you find the warmth of Christian love and the presence of God in our midst.

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) Matt Keafer, Jerry Haynes, Jim Crittenden, Jimmy Dunn
(11:00) Janice Fritz, Cathy Haskell, Sina Hofler, Debbie Stall

Greeters: (8:30) Betty Palmer and Elsie Bevins
(11:00) Marsha Six and Judy Hackett

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

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

Acolytes Next Sunday: (8:30) Dillan Dodson
(11:00) Madison and Peyton Monnoyer

Prayer Thoughts

Loving God, you bring overwhelming joy. May we remember to express our gratitude to you for all your gifts.

Today’s Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by **Ralph and Doris Comer** to the glory of God and in honor of their **57th wedding anniversary**.

Please note: I will be gone for a few days vacation on August 13-14 and 17-18. The church office will only be open from 9:00-12:00 on those mornings. Thanks! Donna Jones



Drama Auditions

Drama Ministry to Present “Steel Magnolias”

The Living Word Drama Ministry is proud to announce that our fall play will be “**Steel Magnolias**”. This is our first attempt at a Broadway type show and we are ready to buckle down for some hard work to accomplish this ambitious production.

We plan to hold **auditions for the 6 female leads on August 28th and 29th at 7:00PM**. The rehearsal schedule will roughly consist of four nights a week until the **production on October 23 through 25th**. All are welcome to audition!

Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to create some positive buzz in your communities so that our attendance will be better than ever. The fall production is our main fundraiser and allows our ministry to continue throughout the year to reach others for Christ. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Prayer Concerns:

Care Facility: Kitty DeWees, Lois Eason, Paul Green, Marilyn Jackson, Ruby Lusby, Priscilla McCoig, Evelyn McKay, Darley Storey

Hospital:

Home: Elton Bennett, Vince and Marian Bonacci, Bill Brockett, Kristi Buckman, Jim Corliss, Paul Crawford, Celeste DeVault, Hester Dymond, Beth Ellis, Mary Harrison, Jim Hofler, Dot Johnson, Shaun Kelley, Tracy Lawrence, Paul Lowe, Tiffany Mason, Beverly Mayeaux, Judy McConnell, Del Miller, Jerry Murray, Faith Ogilvie, Elaine Phillips, Janie Rogers, Harry Rountree, Harry Russell, Jean Scott, Jean Williams, Ann Woodward

Other: Jerry Murray—death of his father; Jim Hofler—death of his mother

Deployed Military: Tim Claus, Christopher Davidson, Brent Legreid, Joe Mungin, Jack Nothstine

Relationship Missionary: Terry and Muriel Henderson, Puebla, Mexico

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

COORDINATOR



OF If you use something from a first aid kit, please let me know so I can keep the kits replenished.

It seems like folks are helping reprogram the air conditioning thermostats. Wanting to be comfortable while using the building is understandable but please help us be good stewards by resetting the thermostats to the existing program when you leave.

As September approaches we will be starting up 'regular' and new activities after the summer break. Please remember to schedule your use of the building on the master calendar in the church office. We need to know: **date, time, room, group using the room.** Remember also that you need to put the area back the way you found it (setting up or taking down tables and chairs, cleaning the area and taking out the trash).

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

"Inquiry Class" with Pastor Bill

The inquiry class is for those who are curious about the United Methodist Church or want to learn more about the Christian Faith. The classes will be taught by Rev. William G. Davidson on Sundays from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Library.

Schedule of topics:

September 13	"What is God Like?"
September 20	NO CLASS — Joint Worship Service and Covered Dish Meal
September 27	"The Bible: You Can Take It At Its Word" (1)
October 4	"The Bible: You Can Take It At Its Word" (2)
October 11	"What Time Is It? — The Christian Calendar"
October 18	"The Sacraments: Signs of God's Love"
October 25	"United Methodists: Connected and Called" (1)
November 1	"United Methodists: Connected and Called" (2)
November 8	Conclusion

Lay Leadership Committee

The Lay Leadership Committee would like to thank everyone who responded to Pastor Bill's letter. Those who did not respond will be hearing from the committee. **Ann Barley, Chair**



4 His Glory in Concert

If you haven't heard **4 His Glory**, the men's quartet from Warwick Memorial, you have an opportunity to hear them on **August 26** at Olivet Christian Church (just down the street at 14425 Old Courthouse Way). The **concert is at 7:00 p.m.** and will be preceded by an Ice Cream Social at 6:00 p.m. The congregation at Olivet invites you to join them and Christians from other churches for this evening of fellowship and music.

For further information, see any of the quartet members (Keith Robinson, Brad Kiehner, Dave Amaker, Roger Lett, Ryan Williams, Ken Jones) or see Donna in the church office.

Retirement Reception for Rev. Carole Stockberger

Sunday, August 30, 2009

Rev. Carole Stockberger has announced her retirement as the Minister of Pastoral Care, effective August 31. In appreciation for her years of service in this capacity, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is hosting a retirement reception for Pastor Carole immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on August 30. All are invited to attend this reception which will be held in the fellowship hall.

Also, we are receiving monetary gifts for Pastor Carole as a means of showing our appreciation to her. If you would like to participate by contributing to this gift, please turn your contribution in to the church office by Thursday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. Please annotate on the memo line of your check "Pastor Carole farewell" so that your contribution is properly credited.



Habitat for Humanity

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We have been offered the opportunity to work on a house being built in our area for one day in January. Anyone 16 years or older is invited. There will be a professional construction supervisor there to train and guide the volunteers. You can also help by providing lunch to the volunteers. Take this opportunity to invite others from outside the church! There is a sign up sheet on the Outreach bulletin board just outside of the choir room and there will be sign up sheets in the Sunday School classes. For questions contact Carlos Liceaga.

Financial and Estate Planning Brochures Available

The WMUMC Endowment Committee has the following brochures available to assist you with your financial and estate planning as it relates to the church:

1. Should I Include the Church in My Estate Planning?
2. A Christian Guide to Successful Estate Planning
3. Living Trusts - What Are They? Who Needs Them?
4. No Will? No Way!
5. Giving Is An Act Of Faith

These brochures are available upon request from:

Henry Bennett, jhbenn@cox.net

Dave Munro, Dmunro79@verizon.net

Donna Jones, warwick.memorial@juno.com

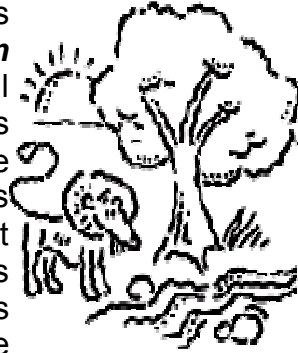


Free movies and popcorn!

Every Wednesday, through August 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m. we will be showing contemporary family movies in the Celebration Center. Bring all your family, friends and neighbors for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Children's Summer Creation Excursions

On Fridays, continuing through August 21, children ages 6-11 may participate in **Children's Summer Creation Excursions**. Each Friday children and their leaders will meet at the church at **12:45 p.m.** to experience God's creation, returning 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. depending on the activity. **Total cost for all activities is \$20** (scholarships available if needed — see Ms. Gerry) and may be paid at the beginning of the season or week to week. Enrollment is limited to 20 children (first come first served). If there is more interest we will try to make arrangements to include more children.



August 21

Church Fellowship Hall

This will be a fun wrap-up day to discuss all that we have learned. The children will work on craft activities and possibly a presentation for the congregation.



Remember hearing about **“extravagant generosity”**? It is one of the five practices that Robert Schnase believes defines being a Christian. He says, “Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations thrive because of the extraordinary sharing, willing sacrifice, and joyous giving of their members out of love for God and neighbor.” So how do you measure up? Is it true of prayer, presence and service as well as financial gifts?

Luncheon to Thank and Honor Military Spouses

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., August 29

In appreciation for dedication and sacrifice as supportive families for our men and women in uniform, military spouses from all branches of service are invited to Warwick Memorial's Celebration Center on Saturday, August 29, for lunch, entertainment, door prizes, and conversation.

A separate lunch, crafts, games and a puppet show are planned for their children ages 4 - 11 in the Fellowship Hall and childcare will be provided for infants to 3-year-olds. **Advance registration by August 25 is necessary.** Registration can be done online at www.wmumc.org or by calling the church office at 877-2270. Please pick up invitations in the narthex to give to any military spouses you may know.

The United Methodist Women need the support of the whole congregation for this important project. We would appreciate any offers to help with set up, serving, children's activities, nursery, dishes, or final cleanup. Please call Linda McLawhorn or June Munro if you can help. If you would like to make a contribution to assist with expenses, checks can be made out to WMUMW. We want this event to be successful!

The Alpha Course

An 11-Week Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith

The course is appealing to those who are searching and seeking answers to their spiritual needs. These individuals could be in the church for 30 years; not graced the church doors in 20, or age 20-80 and just need Biblical-based answers. Alpha gives us the tools to effectively reach out and answer questions.

Alpha

Anyone can come.

Learning and laughter.

Pasta (or other great food).

Helping one another. (Dinner is followed by large group presentation and small group discussion.)

Ask anything.

Alpha started in the 70's over in England and has spread throughout the world. Since its conception, more than eleven million people worldwide have now completed the Alpha course.

When: Starts **Wednesday, September 9** (Introductory Dinner) and continues each Wednesday until **November 18, 2009** with a **one-day program on Saturday, October 24**. Each session is from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Warwick Memorial UMC Celebration Center
38 Hoopes Road, Newport News, VA 23602
(757) 877-2270; warwick.memorial@juno.com

For more information call or Email:

Carlos Liceaga: carlosliceaga@cox.net

Gail Slocum: gailsloc77@verizon.net

Alpha website: www.alphausa.org

Signup sheets are available in the Sunday School classes and on the Outreach bulletin board.



Craft Workshop

The crafters group of the United Methodist Women will meet this **Tuesday (18th) from 9:30-2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. We invite anyone interested in arts and crafts to join us as we prepare for our annual Cookie 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 are collecting glass **baby food jars with lids, empty honey bear plastic bottles with lids, plastic colored shopping bags and any wooden or glass beads**. Questions: call Billie Quigley.

Interested in Puppet Ministry?

- * First United Methodist Church Newport News in Hilton will host a **Puppet Show by Rainbow Productions**, 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21. Free to all.
- * **Virginia Festival of Puppet Ministry and Creative Arts**, Saturday, August 22, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Lunch is included. This year will include: puppet making, puppetry, ballooning, magic, skit writing and much more. The Children's Ministry will help with the registration fee. If anyone is interested in attending the workshop, please call Linda Carrithers by August 18.

News about the Recycling Program

As indicated by the new signs on the recycling containers, plastic bottles and metal cans can now be deposited in the same bin. Cardboard and paper products (booklets, pamphlets, office paper, etc.) can also be deposited in the same bin.

We would like to enlist your help in **(1) flattening cardboard boxes** and **(2) removing tops from plastic bottles** since tops are not accepted by the city for recycling. Also, **only items generated by the church are being recycled**. We ask that you recycle newspapers through your home containers. Thank you for continuing to be good stewards of God's creation!

Local Mission: Epes Elementary School

In this economy, cutbacks, layoffs, and budgets cuts are forcing each of us to tighten our financial belts. And Epes Elementary School is no exception with decreases in funding in so many areas. Now that school will be opening soon, many of the families in the Epes School district are finding it a challenge just to provide the basic school supplies for their children.

Let's help our neighborhood school during this difficult time. Just pick up a few extra supplies and drop them in the bin labeled "Local Missions" located in the Celebration Center gathering area. We would like to collect the following items from **August 9 until September 6**.

Epes School Supplies Needed:

Masking Tape, Glue sticks, Push Pins, Construction Paper, Copy Paper, Highlighters (assorted 5 colors), Dry Erase Markers (assorted 12 colors), Vis-a-Vis Markers (assorted 4 colors), Small Pencil Sharpeners, Chalk, Kindergarten Pencils (large round — no erasers), Pencils, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pens

Thanks for your generosity!

Local Missions Committee

Child/Youth Protection Training

There will be a Child/Youth Protection Policy Training on Sunday, August 23 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate classroom. Our Child/Youth Protection Policy requires that all people who volunteer with children and youth must have this training and recommends that anyone who has previously had this training should renew it every 2 years. Child care will be provided. Please contact Pastor Jessie at pastorjessiesquires@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Children's Roundup
Saturday, September 26
11:00 am—1:30 pm

This event will include lunch followed by pony rides, Games and crafts. It will end with a puppet show in The Celebration Center from 1:00-1:30 p.m. Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss this!

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, visits and other acts of kindness during and following my recent surgery and recovery. I want to especially thank Pastor Carole Stockberger for transportation to and from the hospital and her ministry of presence with me. Also, I would like to thank Pastor Jessie for her hospital visit and Pastor Bill for his phone calls during this time. Lastly, I'd like to thank members of the Quartet, 4 HIS GLORY, for their calls, visits and even the food they brought during this time. It is wonderful to know that we have friends who care and are there for us when we are passing through times of need.

Youth News

August 17, 24, and 31—Gym-Jams: We have the Celebration Center reserved for Gym-Jams on these dates. The Center will be open from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm for fun and games. No sign up is necessary and this is open to all youth, Junior and Senior High. Come have fun and bring a friend with you!

The youth planning retreat initially scheduled for August 15 is being postponed until September 12. This is being done at the request of the youth leadership. This will give the new Youth/Young Adult Director an opportunity to participate in the planning for the next quarter. Youth officers: mark your calendars for September 12, 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

Youth—we need your help! The youth group has been asked to help serve and host the luncheon to Thank and Honor Military Spouses on August 29, from 11:30 am-2:00 pm. Previously I sent out an email making a request for help, but have not heard back from anyone yet. If you can help on this day (or even for just part of it) please let me (Keith Robinson) know so I can let the ones in charge of the luncheon know how much help to count on. Thanks in advance for your willingness to do this. We'll also be doing a poster that gives information about our youth program for those in attendance to review.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ◆ Denbigh Days are coming up and we want the youth to take an active role in this event. It is a great way to promote our church and have fun doing it. Look for more information about this in the near future.
- ◆ **UMYF will be starting back up in September!** We hope to have an awesome year and grow our numbers too. Be sure to make plans to be regular in attendance at UMYF. We are counting on **you** to make this year one of the best ever!

The Hamptons — Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous

Travel with the Breakfast Club on October 13-15 to enjoy a tour of **The Hamptons**. You will have breakfast in bed one morning plus visit many exciting places in the area including the Phipps Estate, Westbury Gardens, Shelter Island, Stony Brook Village and a Whaling Museum. The cost for the three day, two night trip is \$429.00. For more information or reservations, call Norma McCartney .