

Weekly Planner, December 12-18, 2004

Sun 12	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 noon	Homemade Soup Bar Honduras Fundraiser
	1:30-4:00 p.m.	Youth Reindeer Hunt
	4:45 p.m.	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir
	5:30 p.m.	Church Wide Christmas Caroling
	5:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	UMYF
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
Mon 13	9:00 a.m.	Senior Breakfast Club
	9:00 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	9:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	12:00 noon	"Prepare the Way"
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Worship Team Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	Jesus in the Gospels Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Junior Girl Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Praise Choir
Tue 14	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in the World
	1:30 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in the World
	4:15 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 1
	6:00 p.m.	United Methodist Men
	7:00-8:15 p.m.	Small Group Bible Study - "While You Wait"
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Middle School Bible Study at Mingees
	7:30-9:00 p.m.	High School Bible Study at the church
	7:30 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers
Wed 15	9:00 a.m.	TOPS
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	Mothers Nurturing Mothers
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	4:15 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	4:45 p.m.	Junior Choir
	5:15 p.m.	Church Dinner
	5:25 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	
Thu 16	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	3:30 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World
	4:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 2
	6:30 p.m.	Singles Group
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Tutoring at Aqueduct
7:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting	
Fri 17	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Partners
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	10:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00 p.m.	Pack 6 Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall
Sat 18	8:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Warwick Weekly—December 12, 2004

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 145:3). Welcome to everyone! With our hearts, minds and spirits focused upon God, let us eagerly join in praising the Lord.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS are available for use during the worship service. Please see an usher to obtain one.

Prayer Chain: If you have a person in need of prayer, call **Elsie Mitchell** or the church office (877-2270) and your request will receive prompt addition to a prayer chain. You may also contact **Jim Rogers** or email him at 68eagle@cox.net to be placed on the electronic prayer chain.

Serving Today

Greeters: 8:30 - Jim Rogers and Leah Lively

11:00 - Bill and Samantha Fries

Ushers: 8:30 -

11:00 - Gene Osborne, Dave Munro, Steve Crossett, Warner Williams

Junior Church Workers Today: 8:30-Sharon Ellis

11:00-Sharon Ellis

Next Sunday: 8:30-Ken and Lisa Bradley

11:00-Linda Brooks

Prayer Thoughts

*"O Lord, how shall I greet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight.
O kindle, Lord, most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly, all that my please You best.
— Paul Gerhardt*

New Baby

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of **Landon Christopher** to **Amy Schregardus**. Proud grandparents are **Bill and Sherry Schregardus**.

Servant Leaders of the Month: Mary Harrison, and Brad and Ann-Marie Comer

If you have not taken the time to thank our Servant Leaders of the month for all they do for our church family, please do so in person, by phone or email, or by mail.



Sanctuary - December 15th "Gotta Have It!"

'Tis the season to be spending! This service will examine our tendency to buy and buy – and not even stop to ask why! We will reflect on our cultural materialism and consumerism, and pause and ask "Why?" Why do we buy so much? Is this what God really wants us to do? Are we being good stewards of what God gives us?

Church-Wide Caroling

Tonight's the night! Church-wide caroling . . . meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. We will journey to Hoopes Road and Pear Ridge to spread the Good News of the Season. We will return to the church after caroling for hot chocolate and cookies.



Prepare the Way!

Our third "***Prepare the Way***" service will be this **Wednesday, December 15 at noon** in the sanctuary. We will spend about 30-45 minutes worshipping, celebrating Holy Communion and preparing our lives for the coming of Christ. Join us!

Closing of the "White Building"

The white building will be closed effective Monday, December 13, 2004, and no one may enter unless a request is approved by the Building Committee chair Jim Corliss or his designated representative Bob Warthan.

Boy Scout items will be stored in rooms in our main building. The storage will not interfere with present use of the rooms.

This is the first physical evidence of the many steps our church will be taking to build an addition to our main building and add parking spaces.

Thanks for continuing your support. **Jim Corliss, Chair of the Building Committee**

Attention United Methodist Men

The **United Methodist Men** will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.** to fill goodie bags for the residents at Riverside Convalescent Center. *Bring lots of cookies!* At 7:00 p.m. we will meet with the residents at the convalescent center to pass out goodie bags and to sing Christmas carols led by Gary Lively and Lane Rogers. This should be a fun night.

Flower Chart for 2005

The **new flower chart for 2005** is on the bulletin board. If you would like to provide flowers to recognize a specific event, honor a special person or to remember a loved one, please sign your name on the chart. **Important:** please indicate whether you will pick up the flowers or have them delivered to shut-ins. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

Youth Stuff

Today - "Reindeer Hunt" - 1:30-4:00 pm. Scavenger Hunt? Road Rally? Brain Teaser? How about *ALL THE ABOVE!* Memorize your favorite carols, dust off your thinking caps and get ready for one of our most fun team sports of the year! You'll go places in Newport News you never knew existed!! We need parents to drive vans/large cars for the teams...if yours can help, have them contact Kori Carpenter.

Regular UMYF (Snack supper starts at 5:45 p.m., program ends at 7:30).

Don't forget to get in deposits for the Ski Trip (\$50). We're opening it up to the other district churches and to friends, co-workers, etc...so reserve your place early. Contact Gloria Minge to get in your deposit or for more info.

☺ **Tuesday - Bible Studies** - Middle School, 7:00-8:30 pm at the Mingees - "Pictures of God II"

High School at the church - Girls study 7:00-8:30 pm with Lauren in the Youth Room—"Nothin' But Christ"

Guys study 7:30-9:00 pm with Dick in the 7th/8th grade classroom - "Changing the World in 6 Easy Steps"

Next Sunday - Caroling for Shut-ins & UMYF Christmas Party, 3:00-9:30 p.m.

Get your best Santa hat and go caroling with us to church shut-ins and nursing homes! Twinkie hits the road in his holiday best at 3:00 pm and we carol until around 6:30. Then we have our Youth Group Christmas Party at the Church afterwards (starting at about 8:30 until 9:30). See signup sheets on the Youth Bulletin Board. For more info, call Dick At Lee.

Upcoming Stuff... Watch Youth Bulletin Board for more info and signup sheets:

- NYE2 Adventure Night - Thursday, 12/30, 8:00 pm - 2:00 am.
- Ski Trip to Seven Springs PA - Sat/Sun 1/15-16. See fliers and sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board.
- Acquire the Fire Youth Rally—Fri/Sat 1/28-29 in Richmond.

Attention Interested Confirmands!

The journey begins **next Sunday, December 19th at noon!** If you are interested in being a part of this year's confirmation class, come to the Youth Room at noon (after the 11:00 service) for an important informational meeting. Lunch will be served. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.



Congratulations, Adam!

Adam Meredith-Ployd submitted an essay for a contest sponsored by the Institute of Christian Jewish Studies. Out of 3,600 essays, Adam's essay was chosen #1 with a prize of \$25,000. What an accomplishment for him! Adam is in his second year of seminary at Emory University in Atlanta.

Thank You

SPECIAL THANKS to Carol Hollingsworth and her crew for an excellent Christmas pageant last Sunday!

Virginia Advocate

December Local Missions Project

During December, the Local Missions Committee will be collecting school supplies for a local elementary school. Choose stars from the decorated Christmas tree by the church school wing and place items chosen in the box provided. Items needed include: **markers, glue, pencils, loose leaf paper, crayons, three-ring notebooks, spiral notebooks.** Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

Christmas Alternative Giving

Give a Christmas gift to a benevolence in lieu of or in addition to a traditional gift to a friend or family member. Monetary gifts received will be sent directly to the benevolence. Someone will be in the library **after each worship service today and next Sunday.** Cards will be available to be sent to let your loved one know of your gift. The names of those who give and the names of those remembered will be listed in the bulletin on December 26. You can choose from the following: **DUCO, Honduras Medical Mission, Menchville House, Peninsula Care and Pregnancy Center, Russia Mission or Youth Mission.**

Honduras Medical Mission Fund Raiser Today!

Homemade Soup Bar following the 11:00 service (chicken noodle, broccoli and cheese, vegetable beef, Moroccan chicken, and ham & bean. Grilled cheese sandwiches, drinks and desserts will also be available. Donations only.



Singles News

Thursday Night Together (TNT) - every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share in the pot luck and \$1 to cover paper goods and drinks. Varied programs.

12/16 "Fishbowl". Bring your questions and let's have some fun discussion.

12/23 "Discussion Group" - Keeping "Christ" in CHRISTmas!

12/30 "Discussion Group" - New Year's Resolutions.

Nursery Staff Person Needed

Our church is recruiting for a substitute Nursery Staff employee. This paid position is needed to backup the current staff for Sunday and/or weekday evening activities. Applicants are required to be 21 years old and fulfill the requirements of the child protection training. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in this position, please contact Tom Cochrane.



The Boy Scouts of Troop Six will be selling Christmas trees through December 23rd. Please come out and support us at Buy Rite Furniture (471 Denbigh Boulevard)

Text for Anthems

Come, Emmanuel, Come

All of the world is awaiting a king, anxiously seeking the joy He will bring.
Soon He will be with us; God's love revealed to us. Come, Emmanuel, come.
We must believe that the moment is near; faithfully knowing He soon will appear.
Cast every doubt away; let us prepare the way. Come, Emmanuel, come.
Soon angels will sing; earth and heaven will ring. Soon, soon He will come.
The world will know God's Son. Out of the darkness will come a great light
radiantly guiding us on through the night.
Then we will welcome Him; we will rejoice in Him. Come, Emmanuel, come.
Soon heaven will shine; God will send us a sign. Soon, soon we will see how great
God's love can be.
Now let us watch and prepare for the King, Now let us watch for Him, humbly awaiting
the joy He will bring.
Let us believe in Him, open our hearts to Him. Come, Emmanuel, come.

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Advent Alleluia

Who are these like stars appearing, these, who now before us stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing. Who are all this glorious band? "Alleluia, alleluia."
Hear the music their voices proclaim, "Alleluia, alleluia."
He is coming, Messiah by name."
Who are these of dazzling brightness, these in God's own truth arrayed,
Clad in robes of purest whiteness, robes whose luster never will fade?
"Alleluia, alleluia." Hear the music their voices proclaim. "Alleluia, alleluia."
He is coming, Messiah by name."
These are angels come before Him: tiny Baby sent to earth.
Hark, the angels who adore Him, telling of Messiah's birth. "Alleluia, alleluia."
Hear the music their voices proclaim. "Alleluia, alleluia."
He is coming, Messiah by name."
Who are these like stars appearing? Now Messiah's birth is nearing. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Cradle Hymn

Hush! My dear, lie still and slumber, holy angels guard your bed!
Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on your head.
Hush! My dear, lie still and slumber, holy angels guard your bed!
Heavenly blessing without number gently falling on your head.
Soft and easy is your cradle, coarse and hard your Savior lay,
When his birthplace was a stable and his softest bed was hay.
May you live to know and fear him, trust and love him all your days;
Then go dwell forever near him, see his face and sing his praise! And sing his praise!

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