

Weekly Planner for December 4-10, 2005

Sun 4	8:30 a.m.	Worship - Children's Christmas Pageant
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Children's Christmas Pageant
	3:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth return from retreat
	4:45 p.m.	Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir
	5:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	UMYF for Middle School Only
8:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	
Mon 5	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
	6:30 p.m.	Mary Freeman Circle
	7:30 p.m.	Praise Choir
Tue 6	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in the World
	9:30 a.m.	Dana Tyson Circle
	10:00 a.m.	UMW General Meeting and Salad Luncheon
	1:30 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in the World
	3:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 1
	5:00 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 1
	5:30 p.m.	Witness Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Middle School Bible Study at Mingee's	
7:30 p.m.	Gloria Dei Ringers	
Wed 7	9:00 a.m.	TOPS
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Overby Circle
	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.	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	High School Bible Study at At Lee's
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	
7:30 p.m.	Miriam Gruber Circle	
Thu 8	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Partners
	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	3:45 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World
	5:00 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 2
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Fri 9	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	10:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
Sat 10	8:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Warwick Weekly—December 4, 2005

On this day when we prepare ourselves to welcome the King of Glory, we are pleased to welcome all who have come to join in joyous worship.

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 **Audrey Martinez** or **Elsie Mitchell** or the church office (877-2270) and your request will receive prompt addition to a prayer chain. If you would like to join the **electronic prayer** chain and receive 4 or 5 prayer requests a week or place a prayer request on the chain, contact Jim Rogers at **68eagle@cox.net**.

Serving Today

Greeters: 8:30 - Nolan and Clara Reid

11:00 - John and Christine Griggs

Ushers: 8:30 -

11:00 - Lamar Williams, Jim Hackett, Paul Ramsey, Harry Russell

Junior Church Workers Today: 8:30 -

11:00 - Marisol and Mariel Liceaga

Next Sunday: 8:30 -

11:00 - Sharon Ellis

Prayer Thoughts

We dare to present ourselves just as we are, O God. Please receive us and guide us into paths of righteousness. Amen.

New Baby

The rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of **Summer Tala McGraw** to **Shelly (Cumming) and Jason McGraw** on November 11. Proud grandparents are **Jim and Beth Cumming**.

In Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Gary Holsomback** and **Frances Jorvor** on the death of their mother, **Irene Holsomback**, on November 23.

Please note: There are extra copies of the Advent brochures in the narthex for you to give to friends and neighbors to invite them to our services.



Sanctuary in December!

Dinner begins at 5:15 and worship is at 6:30.

Childcare is provided.

December 7: The gift of salvation: what does Genesis have to do with Christmas?

December 14: The gift of remembering

December 21: A service of light and healing

From United Methodist Family Services

Our children depend upon the December Offering to continue receiving quality services. With your generous support, we can do the following and more:

- ❖ *Provide a chaplain to encourage spirituality in the lives of the children and families we serve throughout the state*
- ❖ *Give children in our residential program the education and life skills necessary to be productive citizens*
- ❖ *Enable families who love children to become foster parents and adoptive parents.*

You will find in your church bulletin on December 18 an offering envelop for you to support our United Methodist Family Services.

Mission Teams to Guatemala Needed

Highland Support Project (an advance special of the UMC) will be sending teams to help rebuild Guatemala after the hurricane and mudslide.

- **Construction Teams:** They will be sending construction teams to Guatemala in January, February and March, leaving on the second Saturday of the month and returning on the third Saturday. We will be building homes for 56 families who lost their homes.
- **Stove Building and Reforestation Teams:** For over ten years Highland Support Project has been taking teams to the Guatemalan highlands to build stoves and plant trees. This important work will continue, working directly with women's circles. No special skills needed. If your church would like to form a team (10 or more people), or if an individual would like to join an existing team, please contact us for more information at info@highlandsupportproject.org.

Items Needed for Clean-up

The Peninsula District is collecting flood buckets, school kits, bow garden rakes, D handle or square point shovels, sponge mops with wringers, empty 22 oz. poly spray bottles with trigger handles. ***Please note that we do not need health kits.*** Please bring items to the church **on or before Sunday, December 11.**

Youth News

Today-Junior High only UMYF (Snack supper starts at 5:45 pm, program ends at 7:30 pm)

Tuesday-Middle School Bible Study - 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Mingee's

Wednesday-High School Bible Study - 7:00-9:00 p.m. at At Lee's

Next Sunday-Caroling for Shut-ins (3-6pm) and UMYF Christmas Party (6-9 pm at church)

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

- Church-wide Caroling (5:30 pm) - December 18 - instead of UMYF

Volunteers Needed for Children's "Christmas Workshop"

Lots of workers are needed for the children's "**Christmas Workshop**" on **Saturday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** If you would like to help with this exciting fun-filled day, contact Gerry.

Circle News

The **Mary Freeman Circle** will meet on **Monday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.** for a covered dish dinner and gift exchange at the home of Lynnah Mancil.

Hey, What's Happening?

For the most up-to-date information about our **Celebration Center**, go to our website (www.wmumc.org) or to the bulletin board in the hallway close to the Sunday School office.

United Methodist Day at the Virginia General Assembly

Our annual UM Day at the General Assembly will be on Thursday, January 26, 2006. The day begins at Ginter Park UMC at 7:15 am with registration and Bishop's Charlene Kammerer's remarks at 7:45. Buses transport participants to the Capitol for meetings with legislators till 11:45. Buses take everyone back to Ginter Park UMC for lunch. From 1:45 till 3:00 pm the group will hear from informed speakers about current legislative issues. One piece of important legislation has to do with our Advocacy for Children – it is the bill Darley Storey got introduced before the legislature last year. There will be car-pooling from Newport News – contact Pastor Steve or Darley Storey for more information.

Thank You

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3 That says it all. A sincere thanks to my church family for your nurture and love during my surgery and recuperation! Gratefully, **Maria Cory**

Care and Share Sunday

Today is **Care and Share Sunday** for DUCO. We appreciate all of your pantry contributions and because of the overwhelming seasonal response, we are now equipped to share with our neighbors in need. Other items that DUCO could use are *prayer, an hour of service, a financial gift, small toys/stuffed animals/educational items for our Happ-i-Paks, devotional booklets, children's coats, diapers, household paper and laundry products.* Many thanks for sharing your harvest with those in need!

Small Group Bible Study

On Sunday, **January 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, we will begin a 7-week Bible study titled “**Confronting the Controversies**”. This is a Cokesbury study regarding the Biblical perspectives on tough issues facing the church and the community. The cost for the book is \$10. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church office. The seven sessions include:

The Separation of Church and State
Creation and Evolution in Public Schools
The Death Penalty
Euthanasia

Prayer in Public Schools
Abortion
Homosexuality

Virginia Advocate

The Virginia Advocate is our monthly Virginia United Methodist Magazine. It is a resource to:

- ❖ Local church stories of faith and discipleship
- ❖ Practical ideas for ministry
- ❖ Training events for all ages
- ❖ Mission reports and opportunities
- ❖ News relevant for the people called United Methodist

Subscribe now for 2006. Subscription forms are on the bulletin board in the church office (\$15 for one year; \$25 for two years; and \$36 for three years). If you have questions, contact Debbie Keafer.

Text for Anthem

Watch Now

Watch now, for you know not when He comes.
Watch now for the gift of God's own Son.
Watch now, for you know not when He comes,
And you do not want to be sleeping, no, you do not want to be sleeping.
Watch now, for you know not when He comes.
Watch now for the gift of God's own Son.
Watch now, for you know not when He comes,
And you do not want to be sleeping, no, you do not want to be sleeping.
Will He come at midnight, will He come at dawn?
Will He come in daylight while the sun shines on?
Will He come at eventide, when the moon is bright, or when stars shine at night?
The Lord who watches over Israel does not slumber, neither does He sleep.
Watch now, for you know not when He comes.
Watch now for the gift of God's own son.
Watch now, for you know not when He comes,
And you do not want to be sleeping, no, you do not want to be sleeping.
Watch now, for you know not when He comes.

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Christmas Alternative Giving

Give a gift to a benevolence in lieu of or in addition to a traditional gift to a friend or family member or in their memory. A Christmas card will be offered for you to give to the friend or family member being honored. The names of those in whose honor or memory a gift was made will appear in the bulletin for Sunday 12/25/05. Monetary gifts received will be sent directly to the benevolence. Someone will be in the library after each worship service on December today, the 11th and 18th to accept your gift. You can choose from the following benevolences offering services free of charge. For a description of their ministry see the December/January newsletter.

Denbigh United Christian Outreach **Menchville House**
Peninsula Care and Pregnancy Center **Heifer Project**
Honduras Medical Mission **Stavropol UMC in Russia Outreach Program**

Local Missions Projects

December: During the month of December, the Local Missions Committee will be collecting **school supplies** for a local elementary school. Choose stars from the decorated Christmas tree by the Sunday 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.

Cookie Walk/Craft Sale

The United Methodist Women thank the Warwick Memorial church family for your wonderful support of the annual Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. You baked thousands of cookies and created hundreds of handmade gifts and decorations to be sold —then shopped enthusiastically! Because of your generosity, the UMW will be able to be more generous in giving to various missions.

P.S. Still need a gift or two? Stop by the 1st grade classroom next to the Sunday School office for our “Second-Chance Sale” after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, December 4, where remaining handcrafted items will be on display for purchase.

Cuddly Critters Travel to Far Away Places

Our “Cuddly Critters” have been a big hit. We’ve received many comments and thank you notes. **Angela Caballero** picked up a “critter” when she was here and packed it in her husband’s suitcase when he went to **Iraq**.

The **Griggs Family** wrote the following: “We wanted you to know that our Cuddly Critters are being true members of Warwick Memorial by spreading their mission of love and compassion all over the world. One critter traveled to **England** to bring comfort to our friends who just lost their 26-year-old son in a motorcycle accident. Another one went to **France** to a lady who has breast cancer. A third one brought great joy to our 31-year-old brother-in-law in **Atlanta** who has terminal cancer. He sleeps with it every night. Thanks again to those of you who thought of this wonderful ministry. It is bringing more comfort than you can imagine.”

Please consider bringing a couple of new cuddly critters and place them in the box in the hall — we would like to continue this caring ministry. Thanks so much! Kay Fries

2005 Christmas Pageant Cast

Mary	Mariel Liceaga
Joseph	Matt Thompson
Gabriel	Kristen Proctor
Lead Angel	Chante Lance
Herod	Mel Hofler
King's Attendant	Dylan Girvin
Magi	Loreal Lance Trevor Carrithers Joey Slavin
Angels	Katie Evans Miyoko Carpenter Taylor Earley Lauren Martinez Gabriel Plessinger Hannah Joyce Danielle Slavin
Shepherds	P. J. Mitchell Mason Girvin Matthew Campbell Christopher Plessinger Tyler Heitman Jonathan Martinez Parker Comer Zach Ellis

A big thanks to all the adults who helped with the pageant.
Carole Hollingsworth, director

Poinsettias and Christmas Giving - 2005

You may place a poinsettia in the sanctuary and/or give a gift to the United Methodist Family Services or WMUMC Organ Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one. Poinsettias will be placed on the altar **Sunday, December 18 and Christmas Sunday**. The cost is **\$7.00** per poinsettia. Gifts to Family Services or Organ Fund can be in any amount. Please make checks payable to Warwick Memorial and mark your check either poinsettia, Family Services or Organ Fund. Poinsettia orders and money must be turned in **TODAY**. Poinsettias not picked up after the service on Christmas Day will be delivered to shut-ins. **Place your order form and payment in the offering plate.**

Poinsettias Given By	In Memory of	In Honor of
Family Services Given By		
Organ Fund Given By		

****NOTE: Do you plan to pick up your poinsettia after the service on Christmas?**

Yes

No, please deliver to a shut-in.