

Weekly Planner for January 1-7, 2006

Sun 1	10:00 a.m.	Worship (No Sunday School)
Mon 2	Church Office Closed	
	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
	7:00 p.m.	Mary Freeman Circle at the home of Barbara Amaker
	7:30 p.m.	Praise Choir
Tue 3	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in the World
	10:00 a.m.	Dana Tyson Circle
	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
	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 4	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
	5:25 p.m.	Jubilate Ringers
	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 5	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Partners
	9:30 a.m.	Sewing Group
	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Cycle of Seasons
	10:00 a.m.	Ardelle Lett Circle
	10:45 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	3:34 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World
	5:00 p.m.	ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard Year 2
	7:00 p.m.	Barbara Liddick Circle
Fri 6	9:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	10:30 a.m.	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
Sat 7	8:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

Warwick Weekly—January 1, 2006

On this glorious New Year's Day, let us unite our hearts and spirits in the joyous worship of God and in loving outreach to one another. A warm welcome to all!

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: Nolan and Clara Reid

Ushers: Lamar Williams, Jim Hackett, Paul Ramsey, Harry Russell

Junior Church Workers Today: Trish Ployd

Next Sunday: (8:30) Lori Robertson; (11:00) Sharon Ellis

Prayer Thoughts

God, as we begin this wonderful New Year, may our vow be to serve You with fresh diligence. Amen.

In Sympathy

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Ann Woodward** on the death of her twin brother on December 24.

We also extend our sympathy to **Doris Comer** on the death of her brother-in-law John E. Zigler on December 21 in Harrisonburg.

Please note: The January/February copies of The Upper Room devotional books are available in the narthex. Donations may be left in the metal box.

Flower chart: Don't forget to sign up if you want to provide flowers for the altar in 2006.



N - O - T - E

The City returned our site plan again. This time the changes are to add another fire hydrant, gather some calculations and make some editorial changes to the drawings. The architect planned to return the drawings to the city the week of December 19th. We hope to hear the FINAL approval shortly after the New Year! Please pray for the process and the folks laboring on your behalf on the Building Committee.

Holy Communion Next Sunday

We will celebrate the Holy Communion next Sunday at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. We will also make use of the Wesley Renewal or Rededication service: it is a meaningful service with powerful words of rededication to the Christian faith.

Holy Communion at Warwick Forest

Next Sunday, Pastor Steve will serve **Holy Communion at Warwick Forest at 2:00 p.m.** in Burton Hall. Anyone interested in helping serve the communion, helping to lead singing, or just being along for the service, should meet Pastor Steve at the church at 1:30 p.m. **Pastor Steve particularly needs a piano player and a song leader.**

Greeters Needed for the 8:30 a.m. service in 2006

If you would like to be a greeter one Sunday a month for the 8:30 a.m. worship service in 2006, contact Donna Cox.

Local Missions Projects

In January the local mission team will be collecting items for the **Peninsula Rescue Mission**. Please mark your donation "Peninsula Rescue Mission" and place it in the plastic bin marked "Local Mission" in the library. Thank you for being Christ's hands as we help the hurting, poor and hungry. Items needed include: **laundry powder, dish detergent, all purpose cleaner** (like Pine-Sol), **Soft Scrub, paper towels, napkins, tissue, styrofoam cups** (12 and 20 oz), **styrofoam plates** (9 inch), **deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste** (all personal hygiene items should be travel size).

Financial Wellness Seminars

The new series of classes dealing with Financial Wellness continues on **January 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** The topic is **Jesus, Money and Christian Tithing**. Other remaining classes include *How Money Works for Kids*, *Financial Strategies for Today's Woman*, and more. The classes apply Biblical wisdom and practical financial insights to the use of money, a topic Jesus frequently addressed. Each class is independent, so attend as many as you can. Every member and friend of WMUMC is invited and encouraged to bring family and friends.

Youth News

Today - **NO UMYF - Happy New Year!**

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

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

Next Sunday - Regular UMYF beginning at 5:45 p.m.

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

- Ski Trip to Massanutten, VA - January 14

Circle News

The **Mary Freeman Circle** will meet on Monday, **January 2, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Barbara Amaker.

The **Dana Tyson Circle** will meet on **January 3**, in the Aldersgate classroom at **10:00 a.m.**

The **Barbara Liddick Circle** will meet on Thursday, **January 5, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Dorothy Scott-Wrenn.

Thank you!

Thanks to Page Williams and Carole Stockberger for their visits and bringing the "cuddly critters" to us. Also thanks to Dick At Lee, Kathy and Steve Crossett for bringing the 27 singers to our home. We certainly did enjoy the Christmas carols.

Jean and Charles Williams

Light in the Darkness

We who claim to be children of God live in a far too violent world. Terrorism, war, random killing and sins too horrible to describe appear all too frequently in the daily news. As Christians what can we do?

In another dark time, just before the outbreak of World War II, King George VI of England went on the radio to offer a Christmas message of encouragement for his people. As part of his remarks, he read a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins entitled "God Knows."

Here's a portion of the poem:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!"

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone east.

We may not always be able to dispel the threatening darkness, but we can walk through it with God for as long as it lasts. Let us remember these words from the popular hymn:

This is my Father's world.

O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet. ("This is My Father's World" by Maltbie D. Babcock)