

Weekly Planner for December 9-15, 2007

9	Senior High Retreat at Eagle Eyrie
Sun	8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:45 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
	12:00 noon <i>Celebrate</i> (Celebration Center)
	4:30 p.m. Laudamus Te Ringers
	5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
	5:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
	5:45 p.m. UMYF
	5:45 p.m. UM Children's Fellowship
	8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
10	9:00 a.m. Senior Breakfast Club
Mon	9:45 a.m. ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 a.m. ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00-7:00 p.m. Upward Basketball
	6:30 p.m. Mary Freeman Circle
	6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
	7:30 p.m. Praise Choir
11	9:30 a.m. ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
Tue	10:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting/Salad Luncheon
	1:30 p.m. ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World
	3:45 p.m. ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1
	5:00 p.m. ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1
	6:00-8:00 p.m. Upward Basketball
	6:00 p.m. United Methodist Men
	6:30 p.m. Young Adult Koinonia/Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee
	7:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Ringers
12	9:00 a.m. TOPS
Wed	9:30 a.m. ECMS: Cycle of Seasons-Wind Dancers
	10:45 a.m. ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	10:30 a.m. Mothers Nurturing Mothers
	4:15 p.m. Cherub Choir
	4:45 p.m. Junior Choir
	5:25 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
	5:45 p.m. "Brown bag" meal/fellowship; Bible study begins 6:30
	6:15 p.m. Way of the Child
	7:00-9:00 p.m. High School Bible Study
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
13	9:30 a.m. ECMS: Cycle of Seasons-Wind Dancers
Thu	9:30 a.m. Sewing Group
	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: Keyboard Year 2
	5:00-7:00 p.m. Upward Cheerleading
	6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
	8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
14	9:30 a.m. ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
Fri	10:30 a.m. ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
15	9:00-11:00 a.m. Special Olympics
Sat	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Workshop
	11:00 a.m. Upward Basketball Games
	7:00 p.m. Christmas Party with Gary and Lane
	8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Warwick Weekly—December 9, 2007

We earnestly welcome all who have chosen to worship with us today. Please sign the pew pad registration sheet and introduce yourself to the pastor.

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 a 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 Jim Rogers at **68eagle@cox.net**.

Serving Today

Ushers: (8:30)
(11:00) Gene Osborne, Dave Munro, Warner Williams

Greeters: (8:30) Leah Lively and Jim Rogers
(11:00) Bill Fries and Samantha Fries

Junior Church Today (8:30) Jeremy and Jennifer LeFever
(11:00) Rella Farris

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

Prayer Thoughts

Lord, we remember that your prophet Isaiah looked for the day when "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:9). Prepare us to help make it happen.

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the family of former member of Warwick Memorial, **James Guckeyson**, who died on December 1.

Financial Commitments for 2008

As of December 1, 2007, we have received about 40 commitments fewer than we received for 2007. We believe this is simply a matter of people not turning in their commitment cards. ***If you have not completed and turned in your 2008 commitment to your church, please do so today. Thanks!***

*Celebration
Center
Chatter*

What a great Advent Service! If you missed the coming attraction for the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service you missed a treat. The 6:00 p.m. service will be in the Celebration Center and will feature our new Puppet Ministry. If you have ever wanted to be involved with puppets or have experience with puppets, please talk to Pastor Sonja or Gerry Turner.

We also added a clown ministry. I wasn't too sure what clowns could add to a worship service but I was impressed. There are lots of possibilities for using clowns to reach out to the community or bring joy to a shut-in or a child. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Gerry Turner.

Last weekend we had the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale in the Celebration Center for the first time. It was great! Plenty of cookies – the UMW baked over 1200 dozen! I even made a couple of dozen. The Craft Sale was full of neat gift items. Dick At Lee and I even found a wreath to decorate our office door.

Special Olympics basketball began yesterday and the first Upward Basketball games were played. It is a joy to see all these young people enjoying the use of our gym.

Recently there has been conflict over room use. The rooms that have heavy usage have schedules posted outside the door. The master calendar in the Church Office shows what is scheduled in each room. Please check the calendar and the room schedule before you assume that an empty room will be available at the time you need it.

Dave Munro, dmunro79@verizon.net

Save the Date

January 12, 2008, from 9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. is the **District-wide Training for Leadership Development**; i.e., training for lay people working in the local church. The training will be held at Williamsburg UMC for all congregational leaders. Brochures with registration forms are available in the church office.

Special Olympics Help Needed!

Basketball coaches are needed for **Special Olympics** which will begin on **December 8th** in the Celebration Center from **9:00—11:00 a.m.** Special Olympics is a new ministry at Warwick Memorial. If you are interested in helping, contact **Ann-Marie Comer at lv2knit@cox.net or 874-2051.**

Circle News

The **Mary Freeman Circle** will meet on **Monday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Cynthia Nothstine for a covered dish dinner. We will have a gift exchange. We will also be preparing a goody bag for our college student so please bring an item such as gum, popcorn, candy, etc., to include in that gift.

Advent Candles

We thank the **Living Word Drama Ministry** for the lighting of the Advent Candles. Today, Elizabeth was portrayed by **Barbara Amaker**, directed by **Trish Ployd**.

Senior Breakfast Club

The Senior Breakfast Club will meet on **Monday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.** We will have a Christmas carol sing-a-long with our administrative assistant, Donna Jones, at the piano. **Please bring a non-perishable food item for DUCO.** Join us for a delicious breakfast and good fellowship.

Youth Stuff

Today - High School Retreat Group Returns (around 5:00 p.m.)

Game Night @ UMYF!! (Snack Supper starts at 5:45 p.m., program ends at 7:30)

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

Next Sunday - Christmas Caroling for Shut-ins (3:00 p.m.) & UMYF Christmas Party (6:00 p.m.)

Updates & Upcoming Stuff...Check the Youth Bulletin Board for more info and Signup Sheets:

- **Mark Your Calendars:**

- **No UMYF December 23rd or 30th**

- **Dec. 28: End of 2007 Lock-In** at church (and maybe some other places!) Fri 9:00 p.m. until Sat 7:00 a.m.

The Ski Trip Is A Go! (For Youth and Adults)

Looks like we WILL be doing a ski trip on Saturday and Sunday of President's Day weekend (February 16 and 17). The plan right now is to go to Massanutten and stay overnight at a church nearby to cut costs. Keep an eye out for more info and costs on the Youth Bulletin Board or contact Dick At Lee by email at ratlee@cox.net. Due to last minute withdrawals and cancellations in previous years, only those willing to make a \$50 deposit up front will be considered for signup purposes.

Young Adult Koinonia (Ages 18-30)

- Dinner and devos in December will be held Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. We'll be meeting at the Mingee's house.
- Sunday School hour (9:45)—we're looking at Old Testament stories with new eyes! We would love to have you join us for any or all events. If you have questions, please contact either Gerry or Gloria Mingee.

If you haven't already done so,
please pick up your offering envelopes
for 2008. They are on tables in the
hallway by the Fellowship Hall.

Attention: Parents!

Because of safety issues and insurance demands, there should never be children or youth in the building without **direct supervision of a parent or other adult.** Thank you.

United Methodist Men

The Methodist Men’s Group is in need of all men of WMUMC to participate in the Men’s Group. We have an on-going need to serve others wherever we as men of God are needed. Also, by all men being a part of this exciting group, we can prove to the community and church that yes, there are men of God willing to work for Christ and that they do care. So join us as we take one step forward into the unknown for God’s purpose — whatever it may be.

The scheduled meetings for UMM group are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Point of contact is Daniel Serda (dserda@ncsc.dni.us) or Mike Oliver (Pastormikeoliver@msn.com).

Christmas Party: The Methodist Men’s Group will be sponsoring a Christmas Party with carol singing, entertainment, and handing out gifts to our senior citizens living at the Warwick Forest Assisted Living facility. This heart warming event is open to all church members. We will meet here at the church on December 11 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Fred Townsend.

Christmas Trees: The Methodist Men’s group is a major supporter of the Boy Scout. We are in need of volunteers to help with the Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale every Tuesday and Thursday from now until Christmas. Hope to see you there. For more information, contact Fred Townsend.

Cookie Walk/Craft Sale - Many Thanks!

The United Methodist Women want to thank everyone at Warwick Memorial who had a part in making the annual Cooke Walk and Craft Sale a big success! Proceeds of over **\$2,800 from the sale of cookies** and **over \$4,100** (which includes \$500 from the silent auction) **from crafts** will make it possible for the United Methodist Women to generously support many missions in need of our help and fund projects throughout the year.

P.S. Still need a gift or two? Stop by the 1st grade classroom next to the Sunday School office for our **“Last Chance Sale”** after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services today, where many handcrafted items are still available for purchase.

***UMW Salad Luncheon and General Meeting
Tuesday, December 11
10:00 a.m.***

Jay Slocum will speak about his serving on a **Kairos Prison Ministry Team** at the Greenville Correctional Center in Jarratt, VA. Jay witnessed God’s unconditional love with 42 residents and saw the awesome power of God’s healing and transforming grace. Our church baked cookies to send with Jay to share with inmates. He will show a short film and give some insight on his many experiences. Come to hear this inspiring program and leave feeling blessed to be a part of this ministry.

To make reservations for child care, call June Munro by this evening.

December Local Missions Project

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 church school wing and place items chosen in the box provided. Items needed include: **markers, glue, pencils, loose leaf paper, crayons, three-ring notebooks and spiral notebooks.**

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving. **Local Missions Committee**

**December 15 — 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
in the Celebration Center**

Make plans to attend this holiday event. Gary and Lane will be playing holiday favorites while we sing and dance and “party” together. There will be some surprises plus Santa plans to take time from his busy schedule to drop by and visit with “children of all ages”. Mark your calendar, bring family, friends and neighbors. Also bring a dessert to share. We will see you there!

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