

Weekly Planner for November 16-22, 2008

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| 16 (Sun) | 8:30 am | Worship |
| | 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| | 9:45 am | Discipleship Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life |
| | 11:00 am | Worship |
| | 2:30 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | 4:30 pm | Laudamus Te Ringers |
| | 5:00 pm | Youth Choir |
| | 5:30 pm | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| | 5:45 pm | UMYF |
| | 5:45 pm | Children's Fellowship |
| | 8:00 pm | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| 17 (Mon) | 9:45 am | ECMS: Family Music for Babies |
| | 10:00 am-12:00 noon | UMW District Planning |
| | 10:45 am | ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers |
| | 6:00-8:00 pm | Upward Basketball |
| | 6:30 pm | Scouts |
| | 7:30 pm | Praise Choir |
| 18 (Tue) | 9:30 am-2:30 pm | Craft Workshop |
| | 9:30 am | ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World |
| | 1:30 pm | ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World |
| | 3:45 pm | ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1 |
| | 5:00 pm | ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 1 |
| | 6:00-8:00 pm | Upward Basketball |
| | 6:30 pm | Young Adult Koinonia/Bible Study |
| | 6:45 pm | UMW Executive Board Meeting |
| | 7:30 pm | Gloria Dei Ringers |
| 19 (Wed) | 9:00 am | TOPS |
| | 9:30 am | ECMS: Cycle of Seasons |
| | 10:30 am | Mothers Nurturing Mothers |
| | 10:45 am | ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers |
| | 4:15 pm | Cherub Choir |
| | 4:45 pm | Junior Choir |
| | 5:25 pm | Jubilate Ringers |
| | 6:00 pm | Way of the Child |
| | 6:30 pm | Discipleship Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life |
| | 7:00 pm | High School Bible Study |
| | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir |
| 20 (Thu) | 9:30 am | Sewing Group |
| | 9:30 am | ECMS: Cycle of Seasons |
| | 10:45 am | ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers |
| | 3:45 pm | ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World |
| | 5:00 pm | ECMS: Music Makers: Keyboard Year 2 |
| | 7:00 pm | Church Council |
| | 8:00 pm | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| 21 (Fri) | 9:30 am | ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers |
| | 6:00 pm | Yoga Class |
| 22 (Sat) | 11:00 am-2:00 pm | Upward Basketball Games |
| | 8:30 pm | Alcoholics Anonymous |

Warwick Weekly—November 16, 2008

With genuine joy, we welcome all of you here today. Please join us as we seek God's guidance in our lives.

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)
(11:00) Janice Fritz, Cathy Haskell, Sina Hofer, Debbie Stall

Greeters: (8:30) Kent and Betty Palmer
(11:00) Pat and Leta Shannon

Junior Church Today: (8:30) Erika Rhoads
(11:00) John and Ellen Guthrie

Next Sunday: (8:30) Judy Wilson
(11:00) David Ellis

Prayer Thoughts

May we genuinely invite you, dear Lord, to enter our hearts so we may know we've been in your presence. Amen.

Flowers for Today

The flowers on the altar are given by **Keith and Gwen Hansen** to the glory of God and in honor of their **grandson Nathan's 21st birthday**.

New Babies

One of the roses on the altar is in celebration of the birth of **Ethan James Ellis** on Thursday, November 6. Proud parents are **David and Sharon Ellis**. He is also welcomed by big brother Zachary and big sister Beth.

The other rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of **Jacob Cutshaw Cailles** on Tuesday, November 11. Jacob is the son of **Kim Dillon-Cailles and Rev. Joe Cailles**, pastor of Urbanna UMC. Proud grandparents are **Lew and Jane Dillon**.



Advent is coming and I know my calendar is filling up. Before you fill yours up with other events, please take a look at the church calendar and make your presence felt at some of our activities. Upward and Special Olympics will be starting their games on Saturday mornings. We're having a soup dinner and Thanksgiving Service on November 25th. The youth are providing child care on November 29th. That same day will be the day we decorate the church – we'll also have a lunch for all the willing workers. The Cookie Walk and Craft Sale is coming up on December 6th. The children are rehearsing for their Christmas pageant at our combined 10:00 a.m. service on December 7th. We'll be hosting PORT from December 10th through the morning of December 17th. Gerry Turner has a children's workshop scheduled for December 20th. There are lots of opportunities to pitch in and we always can use an extra pair of hands.

Speaking of PORT, LINK is in need of clothing, that is, sweaters/sweat pants/jeans/jackets warm ones of all sizes for men and women. Think winter and think large, very large! The clothing is going fast! Please take the clothing to LINK on Warwick Blvd. in Hilton.

If you haven't noticed, we finally got the landscape cloth and rock down around the air conditioning units outside the Celebration Center. Thanks to Jim Corliss.

Jim has also volunteered to expand our recycling effort by taking care of cardboard. If you will collapse the cartons and put them by the inside of the big 'garage' door in the back of the Celebration Center, he will take the cardboard to one of the local firehouses for recycling.

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

The Real Meaning of Christmas

In an age where Christmas has been so materialized to the point where some of us would like to bury our heads in the sand and re-surface sometime in January, we have an opportunity to put the real meaning of Christmas back into our hearts by showing a stranger how much God loves him/her. Warwick Memorial is hosting PORT December 10 through 17. As a means of outreach, please consider donating white socks (men/women sizes) to welcome our guests on December 10. We will also collect toiletries such as small containers of soak, shampoo, etc., that will be taken to LINK for them to distribute. We will be collecting the socks and toiletries through December 8. Please place them in the bin located in the Celebration Center gathering area. Thanks for helping us bless others! Local Missions, Witness and Outreach Committees

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

First Things First

Thanksgiving Eve Gathering-Sponsored by the Warwick Memorial Young Adult Koinonia
Join us for our third annual "**First Things First**" Thanksgiving Eve celebration beginning at **10:00 p.m.**, Wednesday, **November 26** in the Celebration Center. You can catch up on how everyone is doing with their careers and studies but "**First Things First**" we will celebrate the beginning of this Thanksgiving at midnight with an opportunity to gather and give thanks. Make sure you let your friends know and plan to be there. **Bring canned food or dry food items to support DUCO.** If you have any questions, please call Gerry or Gloria Mingee at mingee@cox.net.

Toys for Iraq

Ella Legreid, whose Dad recently came home from Iraq, and all the Kindergarten Sunday School class invite you to join us in collecting **new toys** (*please no war type toys*) for the children of Iraq. Our collection will start November 30th and continue through December. Please bring your toys to the Christmas tree in the children's wing. Thanks in advance for your help and generosity.

Youth Stuff

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

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

• **Next Sunday—District Thanksgiving Feast and Youth Service**, Sun, November 23, \$2.00 at Bethany UMC (Hampton)

Upcoming Stuff...Check the Youth Bulletin Board for more info and signup sheets.

• **Sunday Potato Bars**—to help raise funds for our mission trips: December 21

• **Parent's Day Out Service Project**, Sat, November 29th at church

• **Conference High School Fall Retreat**, Fri-Sun, December 5-7, \$50, at Camp Eagle Eyrie, (Lynchburg, VA)

• **New Year's Eve-Eve Lock-in**, Tuesday, December 30 at church

• **Acquire the Fire Youth Rally**, Friday-Saturday, January 30-31 (Richmond)

• **Ski Trip** (For Youth/Family/Friends), Saturday-Sunday, February 14-15, Cost: Approximately \$200 (Winterplace Ski Resort, WV)

Text for Anthem

Hear My Cry, O God

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer. Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.

From the end of the earth, I call to Thee, when my heart is faint.

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.

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Fe y Esperanza

Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope. Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope.

We have faith in God who loves us and in Jesus, God's son.

And we hope that our world will someday live as one.

Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope. Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope.

God has given us many blessings and gifts to share with our brothers and our sisters in the world everywhere.

Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope. Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope.

We have faith in God who loves us and in Jesus, God's son.

And we hope that our world will someday live as one.

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Children's Christmas Pageant

The Surprising Christmas Pageant will be presented on December 7 at the 10:00 am service.

Rehearsals: November 23 12:00—2:30 pm (cast members will be served pizza before rehearsal)

December 6 4:00—6:00 p.m.

If your child would like to participate, contact Christi Girvin or Ms. Gerry at the church office or email: Msgerry1@verizon.net.

United Methodist Children's Fellowship

United Methodist Children's Fellowship is for children grades 1-5 and meets every Sunday from 5:45—7:30 p.m. We begin with a light supper followed with a program. Our unit is called "Come, Follow Me!" - a program for teaching the gospel to children.

November 16: The Young Worshiper's Toolbox

November 23: No Meeting

November 30: No Meeting

December 7: Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

December 14: Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

December 21: No Meeting

December 28: No Meeting

From the Finance Committee

Congress renewed legislation in October 2008 to allow individuals 70 1/2 years or older to make tax-free contributions from their Traditional or Roth IRS directly to qualified charitable organizations for 2008. The maximum allowed by an individual for 2008 is \$100,000. Please check with your tax advisor if you think you qualify and wish to make a contribution to Warwick Memorial UMC. If you wish to make a contribution by this methods, please contact Nolan Reid.

Earth-friendly Tips for Thanksgiving and Fall

LED lights are a great choice for the upcoming holidays. They last as much as 133 times longer than string lights and cost 80% less to use. They are also safer around children since they do not create heat. LED lights are available in holiday designs for both indoors and outdoors. At HolidayLeds.com you can purchase a variety of LED Christmas lights, but you can also recycle your old string lights.

Remember that fall is a great time to start composting. The following web site contains great tips for composting leaves and other items: http://www.suite101.com/blog/cottage_garden/recycle_autumn_leaves.

Treat Yourself to Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are held on **Friday evenings from 6–7 pm** in the Celebration Center. Christine Griggs is a certified yoga instructor and is offering these classes free of charge to anyone who is interested. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a towel and a yoga mat (TJ Maxx has some good quality mats for only \$12.99). Please contact Christine with any questions.

Attention Farm Fresh Shoppers!

Those of you who shop at Farm Fresh may be aware of their **123-4 (formerly ABC's) program** where schools and places of worship have the opportunity to earn free educational equipment by simply saving their Farm Fresh receipts. Warwick Memorial is registered with this program and we will be collecting grocery receipts. Look for the collection container in the narthex and start bringing in your **receipts for items purchased September 1, 2008 and after**. The program runs through May, 2009. Donna will be collecting these receipts, processing them and sending them to Farm Fresh throughout the year. This is an easy way to help our church.

Christmas in Middleburg, VA - December 10th

Tour historic **Oatlands Plantation** decorated for Christmas; have lunch at **Red Fox Inn** and shop in the **unique shops**—all for \$85.00. Call Norma McCartney.

Teacher Needed

The Christian Education Department is looking for a teacher or team teachers for the **3 and 4 year old Sunday School class**. We have a growing class and need committed teachers. Please stop by the Sunday School office for more information or call either Paul Evans or Larry Bevins.

Boy Scouts to Rake Leaves

Boy Scouts from Troop 6 at WMUMC will rake leaves for homeowners this year as a fundraiser. The scouts have sold Christmas trees, had car washes, held a bowling tournament, and sold refreshments at William & Mary football games to raise funds for summer camp, other camping trips and equipment purchases. Most of the money raised goes into the boy's accounts to pay their expenses. When you are ready to schedule a leaf raking for your home, call Jim Taylor. You may donate what you want for the work done.

Thank You

Thank you to our church family for the many cards, prayers, phone calls and visits to the funeral home during the recent loss of Mark's father. It is very comforting to know that you are thought about during a difficult time like this. It meant a lot to us.

Mark, Debbie, Amanda and Matthew Keafer

Your prayers, thoughts and cards gave us great comfort during Jimmie's brief illness of fighting esophageal cancer for 6 months and upon his death. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He turned 50 on October 6 and died on October 10.

Jim and Betty Brennan, Kathleen Balding (sister)

I appreciate all the cards and words expressed in the death of my brother, Meredith Clarke, age 86. He was a member of Warwick Memorial Church when they met in the "White Building". This church has grown and continues to grow. May God continue to bless this church and it's ministries.

Ann Woodward

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that I received recently. Thanks also to the nice lady who delivered them. It is so nice to be thought of and I hope to see you soon in church.

Edie Knight

Thank you to my church family for the cards, calls, prayers, and visits during my recent surgeries and hospital stay. Thanks also to Donna Jones for providing the altar flowers that I received. They are beautiful and I'm still enjoying them.

Janie Rogers

Holiday Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

The **United Methodist Women of Warwick Memorial** will have their annual Holiday Cookie Walk and Craft Sale on **Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the Celebration Center. **Choose from a huge variety of cookies for just \$4.00 per pound!**

As in past years, the United Methodist Women will call on all members and friends of Warwick Memorial to help bake homemade Christmas cookies. As the news of this even spreads, more cookies are needed!! When someone from UMW calls you to ask for your help, please say "yes" - all the proceeds from the sale will support specific UMW missions..

Shop for wonderful gifts and decorations! Many people have been busy making handcrafted items for the Craft Sale. This year it will be the biggest and best selection ever! A Silent Auction will offer special items to go home with the highest bidder. Your purchases will support UMW projects. Weekly workshops are on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. for those who would like to share a craft or work with others. Come join us for creativity and fellowship!

Questions: **Call Marsha Six or Billie Quigley**

Turkey Party

There will be a turkey party for children **grades 1 through 5** on **Sunday, November 23 at 5:45 p.m.** Come and enjoy . . .

**turkey subs,
turkey crafts,
turkey games,
turkey story
lots of turkey fun.**

To register, call the church office or email: Msgerry1@verizon.net. Also contact Ms. Gerry if you would like to help.

