

Warwick Weekly—November 23, 2008

Weekly Planner November 23-29, 2008

23 (Sun)	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 3:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Worship Sunday School Worship Children's Pageant Lunch and Rehearsal Laudamus Te Ringers Youth Choir Youth Leave for Thanksgiving Banquet at Bethany UMC Alcoholics Anonymous Children's Fellowship Turkey Party Discipleship Class: Prayer and the Spiritual Life Alcoholics Anonymous
24 (Mon)	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Scouts Praise Choir Praise and Chancel Choir
25 (Tue)	9:30 am-2:30 pm 6:00-7:15 pm 7:30 pm	Craft Workshop Soup and Salad Supper Thanksgiving Service
26 (Wed)		
27 (Thu)		Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
28 (Fri)		Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed
	6:00 pm	Yoga Class
29 (Sat)	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Youth are Sponsoring Parents' Day Out Childcare



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10:00 am Brief Worship service in the sanctuary
10:30 am Decorating of the classrooms
12:00 noon Lunch

8:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

We offer a joyful greeting to all who have come to worship our Creator. May we be open to the Holy Spirit and receive all the benefits of God's grace today.

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) Jane Shaffer, Beth Murray, Mary Ann Hoye

Greeters: (8:30) Donna Cox and Tracy Cox
(11:00) Bill and Helen Brady

Junior Church Today: (8:30) Judy Wilson
(11:00) David Ellis

Next Sunday: (8:30)
(11:00)

Prayer Thoughts

On this Lord's Day before we celebrate Thanksgiving, dear God, help us be totally sincere in our every expression of gratitude for your innumerable blessings.

New Baby

The rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of **Lily Anne LeFever** who was born on November 18 to **Jeremy and Jennifer LeFever**. Lily is also welcomed by big sister **Madeline**.

In Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian sympathy to **Bill Schregardus** on the death of his brother on Wednesday, November 19.

We also express our sympathy to **Donna Shafer** on the recent death of her grandmother.



We're up to nine folks willing to learn how to be bus drivers. If we can get one or two more, we can have a class right here. Please talk to Scott Thompson or Dave Munro if you are interested or even just curious. If you want to reserve the bus, the signup calendar is in the church office. You need an approved driver (with CDL) and funds to replenish the gas.

This coming week is our Thanksgiving service on Tuesday night preceded by a soup and salad supper. Just show up with a bunch of gratitude and enjoy the fellowship and worship. If you are college age or your college students are home for Thanksgiving, come to the third annual Thanksgiving Eve Gathering sponsored by the Young Adult Koinonia. They will start at 10 p.m. on Wednesday evening to "put first things first" as they prepare for Thanksgiving.

The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were impressive on the altar last Sunday. Thanks to Norma MacLuskie for coordinating this event every year. This is a wonderful ministry and I'm glad that we take part in it. Relatives of ours take their teenagers to one of Franklin Graham's distribution centers every summer to check and repack shoe boxes.

As Advent approaches so does PORT – our hosting of the homeless. Please be attentive to the requests from Outreach and Witness for donations to assist in this vital ministry. As I walked to my car the morning I wrote this, my thoughts were with all the folks who did not have a warm place to sleep the night before!

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

Thanksgiving Fellowship and Worship: Tuesday, November 25

6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Soup and Salad Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Open to all. Bring the entire family. Free will offering to cover costs.

Prepared by the Children's Council.

7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship in the sanctuary

Pastor Steve's Sermon: Healing and Wholeness

Lectionary Readings for Thanksgiving: Deuteronomy 8:7–18; Psalm 65;

2 Corinthians 9:6–15; Luke 17:11–19

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, from now until December 8, 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 soap, shampoo, etc., that will be taken to LINK for them to distribute. 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 or dry food items to support DUCO.** Questions? Contact Gerry or Gloria Minge by email mingee@cox.net.

Youth Stuff

Today—Special Youth Bells & Choir Rehearsal Times: Bells at 3:00 p.m., Choir at 3:30 p.m.

Special UMYF-District Thanksgiving Feast and Youth Service,

> Great food, band, special speaker!

> Cost \$3.00 (UMYF pays the other half)

> Bus will leave at 4:30 p.m. for Bethany UMC in Hampton; return by 9:00 p.m.

****No High School Bible Study Wednesday**

Saturday—Parent's Day Out Service Project, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at church

> Up to 7 hours of **Free Babysitting** while you shop—or run errands—or work on the house, or whatever!!

> As a service to our congregation, the youth are providing free childcare at church.

- Lunch and activities will be provided.

- Adult chaperones will be present.

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

> Special program... Led by our UMYF officers!!

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, January 11
- **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 \$250 (Winterplace Ski Resort, WV)

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.

Children's Christmas Pageant

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

Rehearsals: Today 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 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.

Text for Anthems

(8:30) Jesus Is My Lord!

Jesus is my Lord; I will find my faith in Him for I know His love will live within me every day.
Jesus is my Lord; I will put my trust in Him for I know His light will shine to help me find my way.
And I'll walk with Him ever beside me, talk with Him, ask Him to guide me. He will always keep me in His care.

Jesus is my Lord; I will give my life to Him for I know I'll follow Him and serve Him, and I'll say
Jesus is my Lord! He will always keep me in His care.

Jesus is my Lord; I will give my life to Him for I know I'll follow Him and serve Him, and I'll say
Jesus is my Lord! He's my Lord!

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(11:00) Jesus, You Alone Are King

Gentle Savior, King of Glory humbled once on earth to dwell; By the love of God's outpouring
You became Emmanuel.

Lifted hearts and soaring voices send up praise on spirit wings to that realm where love rejoices
for each faithful heart that sings, "Jesus, You alone are King."

Tho' You were to God an equal, still You lived as child and man; as a shepherd to Your people,
as a sacrificial lamb.

Could Your eyes foresee the torment that the days ahead would bring? Could Your heart
foretell that the days ahead would bring?

Could Your heart foretell the glory of the day the world would sing, "Jesus, You alone are King."
Joyful now we join in praises to our God's anointed One; Glory to our Lord and Savior, Great
Messiah, perfect Son.

What we speak in faith believing to the world in faith we'll bring till each heart shall come
receiving, "Jesus, You alone are King." Alleluia! Jesus, You alone are King.

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Thank You

Joyce and I would like to thank the church family for all the prayers and visits from Steve and Carole. Thanks for the cuddly critter, Carole. Thanks for the flowers too. Joyce is on the mend from surgery again. We would just like to thank all of you. **Mel and Joyce Rhoads**

Turkey Party

There will be a turkey party for children **grades 1 through 5** today at 5:45 p.m.

Come and enjoy . . .

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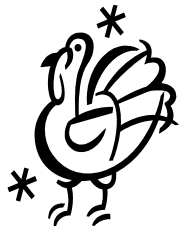
turkey crafts,

turkey games,

turkey story

lots of turkey fun.

To register or to help, see Ms. Gerry.





Holiday Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

**Saturday, December 6
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Many people have agreed to bake cookies for the Cookie Walk—the United Methodist Women thank you!! If you have not been called, but would be willing to contribute 6 dozen or more homemade cookies, please sign up on the forms in the Adult Sunday School Classes and posted outside the church office. Remember that there will be a very nice selection of gifts and decorations thanks to all of the creative people who are making things for the Craft Sale. Your contributions are always appreciated.

Again this year, a Silent Auction will have very special items on display and bids will be accepted all day. Contact Sandy Marcuson or Lynnah Mancil for more information.

Be sure to pass the word about the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale! Please take a flyer from the UMW's bulletin board to post at work, in a place of business, or to share with neighbors and friends.

Just a reminder: If you are making cookies or craft items, we need them on Friday, the day before the Cookie Walk/Craft Sale (December 5). People will be in the Fellowship Hall to receive them on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. so we can have everything set up and priced by Saturday!

All proceeds from the sale of cookies and crafts will benefit missions and projects supported by all of Warwick Memorial's United Methodist Women.

Christmas Party

**Sunday
December 14**

The Trinity Class would like to issue an invitation to anyone who would like to join them for their annual Christmas Party. It will be held at Steve and John's Steak and Seafood on Jefferson Avenue at 5:30 p.m. Menu includes choice of small steak, marinated chicken breast, London broil, fried flounder, or chicken parmigiana. Potato, salad, beverage, dessert, tax and tip are included—all for just \$15.35 per person. We will also be playing the exchange a gift game if you wish to participate. For questions or sign up, please contact Debbie Keafer.



Christmas Tree Sales

The Boy Scouts need assistance with this year's Christmas Tree sales. As United Methodist Men of Warwick Memorial, your help is needed in this worthy fundraiser of the Boy Scouts.

All are welcome and encouraged to sign up. The sign-up sheet is located on the UMM Bulletin Board located on the wall just outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Daniel Serda, UMM President



Nativity Breakfast

**Saturday, December 13
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

This event is for **children ages 3 and 4 and their parents.** There will be a pancake breakfast, nativity story and crafts. Come dressed as your favorite nativity character and have your picture taken at the manger—or use one of our costumes. Every child **must** be accompanied by an adult. Make reservations by calling the church office or email Ms.Gerry at Msgerry1@verizon.net.

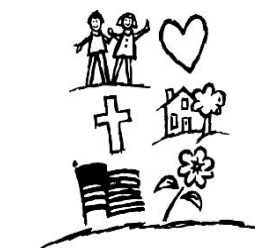
Thank You from ...

Kairos - Thanks to all who supported the Kairos #14 at the Greenville Correctional Center (GRCC) this past October.

Friends...As an outside volunteer, each of you in one way or another touched the hearts of these men by praying, by financially supporting, by hand writing numerous notes of encouragement, and/or by taking part in baking over 150 dozen cookies. The men were overwhelmed that people whom they have never met thought and cared about them. Love can dissolve stone walls and it melted the walls around many hearts this past weekend. It was the closest thing to a miracle that I've ever experienced as I watched men enter spiritually dead then move to a place of expressing genuine feelings of unconditional love on the last day of the retreat...saying that they had gained self respect, respect for others, and had also received hope and a purpose for their lives. As a result, thirty-eight souls were wither introduced and/or chose to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior!

May the Lord bless you as you have blessed the "least of these!" (Matthew 25:37-40). I'd be glad to ship anyone interested an electronic copy of the K-14 newsletter (jsloc@verizon.net) that summarized the event highpoints and a pix of the group. Again, thanks so much for your support of this important ministry. **Jay Slocum**

Operation Christmas Child - Thank you for your support of the shoebox ministry. I delivered 88 filled shoeboxes this year. The thanks goes to all of you as the children who receive these boxes will hear about the love God has for them. Thanks so much. **Norma MacLuskie**



Count your Blessings

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

— author unknown