



Holiday Cookie Walk and Craft Sale

Saturday, December 6

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Many people have agreed to bake copies 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.

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We greet one and all in the name of Jesus Christ. On this first Sunday of Advent, may we all prepare spiritually for Christ's birth. The light shines in the darkness!

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) Youth ushers
(11:00) Youth ushers

Greeters: (8:30)
(11:00) Jerry and Karin Mullins

Junior Church Today: (8:30)
(11:00)

Next Sunday: (10:00) Andrea Legreid and Christi Girvin

Prayer Thoughts

O God, on this first Sunday of Advent, help us prepare for the celebration of your Incarnation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We come humbly into your loving presence.

Thank You!

I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers and lovely cards I received during the recent loss of my grandmother. You will never know how much you all have touched my heart. God bless you all. **Donna Shafer**

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 signup, 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



I was thinking last Sunday that one of the things I am most grateful for and seldom express is the freedom to worship. It was here in the Commonwealth of Virginia that the great debate about religion took place. Jefferson was on the one hand vigorously opposing any connection between the Commonwealth and any one religion. Patrick Henry on the other hand was pushing for the Episcopal Church being the religion of the Commonwealth. Out of this rose the concept of separation of church and state. Now government can't tell us how to worship or how not to worship. A great blessing I, for one, forget to be grateful for at this time of year.

I've got an 'oops' to report. I forgot to clear Jim Corliss' idea about recycling cardboard with Tina Sherwood, our recycling coordinator. Please continue to just put your flattened cardboard boxes by one of the recycling stations and Tina will take care of it. Sorry!

Thinking of Thanksgiving also makes me think of all the people who make this church run. Donna Jones in the Office; Henry Daggs keeping the 'old' part of the church clean; the workers from Rock Solid Janitorial who keep the 'new' part clean; Tina and Ken Sherwood who toil to make our recycling effort work; the Trustees who keep the building and grounds looking nice; all the folks who step up to make our many ministries work; Marsha Six and Billie Quigley and their year long work to make the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale such a great event; the Education Department folks and teachers who make Sunday School happen for the rest of us; and, of course, God for sacrificing His son for my salvation. 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, 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

Circle News

The **Mary Freeman Circle** will meet on **Monday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Barbara Amaker, 307 Kanawah Run, Yorktown, for a covered dish dinner. We will also be having a gift exchange.

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. 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.

Youth Stuff

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

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

Wednesday—High School Bible Study, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (study begins at 7:30) at the At Lee's house: 85 Springdale Drive in the Beechmont area

• **Friday-Sunday—Conference High School Fall Retreat Departs for Eagle Eyrie**, 1:00 p.m. from the church

Next Sunday—High School retreat group returns, approximately 4:00 p.m. at the church
Regular UMYF (Snack supper starts at 5:45 p.m., program ends at 7:30 p.m.)

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
- **PORT Homeless Shelter Help**, Wed-Tue Dec 10-16 (except Sunday), three youth each night Will help with check-ins at our Celebration Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m. each night.
- **Christmas Caroling for Shut-ins**, Sunday December 14, leaving church at 3:00 p.m.
- **UMYF Christmas Party**, Sunday December 14 (6-9 p.m.—right after caroling) at the Holt's, 92 Dillwyn Drive
 - > New this year: white elephant gift exchange! Bring something you really don't want, Wrapped nicely...& watch the fun!
- **New Year's Eve-Eve Lock-in**, Tuesday, December 30 at church
- **Acquire the Fire Youth Rally**, Friday-Saturday, January 30-31; Cost \$60 (includes Registration + all meals)
- **Ski Trip** (For Youth/Family/Friends), Saturday-Sunday, February 14-15, Cost: \$250 (Winterplace Ski Resort, WV) **Details & Sign-up sheet are now on the youth bulletin board**

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.

December 7: Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

December 14: Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

December 21: No Meeting

December 28: No Meeting



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](mailto:Ms.Gerry@Msgerry1@verizon.net).

