

Weekly Planner for December 7—13, 2008

7 (Sun)	10:00 am	Worship
	2:30 pm	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
8 (Mon)	9:00 am	Senior Breakfast
	9:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Babies
	10:45 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	6:00-8:00 pm	Upward Basketball
	6:30 pm	Scouts
9 (Tue)	7:30 pm	Praise Choir
	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 pm	United Methodist Men
	6:00-8:00 pm	Upward Basketball
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Koinonia/Bible Study
10 (Wed)	7:30 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	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
	5:00 pm-7:00 am	PORT
	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
11 (Thu)	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	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
	5:00 pm-7:00 am	PORT
	7:00 pm	Children/Family Council
12 (Fri)	7:00 pm	Barbara Liddick Circle
	7:00 pm	Youth/Adult Leadership Training
	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
	9:30 am	ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers
	5:00 pm-7:00 am	PORT
13 (Sat)	6:00 pm	Yoga Class in Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:30 am	Special Olympics
	9:30-11:30 am	Nativity Breakfast
	11:00 am-2:00 pm	Upward Basketball Games
	5:00 pm-7:00 am	PORT
	5:00 pm	Aldersgate Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall
8:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	

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As we gather to worship on this second Sunday of Advent, know that you are each sincerely welcomed.

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: Lamar Williams, Jim Hackett, Paul Ramsey

Greeters: Clara Reid and Ann Woodward
Bob and Trish Williams

Junior Church Today: No Junior Church today

Next Sunday: (8:30) Jennifer and Jeremy LeFever
(11:00) Rella Farris

Prayer Thoughts

*Dear Lord, let peace abound in each of us gathered here.
Prevent us from resisting the benefits of your grace.
You alone can provide our greater needs.*

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the **family of Nellie Hall** who died on Sunday, November 30.

Thank You

Judy Matheny, our missionary in West Virginia, sends a big thank you for your donations of clothing, baby and kitchen items. Your donations will help many people in McDowell County, West Virginia. God bless you, as He uses you to bless others! **Belinda Gaskins**

To the Congregation: My sincere thanks to all of you for the lovely altar flowers that were delivered to my home. I truly enjoyed them. Also, I thank the lady who delivered them. She was so gracious. I also wish to thank Carole for her many visits and lovely notes. **Hester Dymond**



Thank You to Bob and Joyce Sawyer for the green tree in the Celebration Center gathering area and to **John and Lynnah Mancil** for the white tree on the platform in the Celebration Center. Both trees filled a big need.

The church was full of Christmas music this week as the UMW prepared for the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. What better way to prepare for Christmas than to gather in fellowship to do work that will raise funds to help spread His word. The cookie baking made the place smell good too!

This week we begin our seven days of being the host site for PORT. I'm grateful and impressed that all our volunteer slots were filled without any arm twisting. Once again this congregation has been impressive in stepping up even in the midst of a busy season. I guess that spirit has rubbed off on our Scout Troop too. The boys from Troop 6 have asked to be allowed to prepare and serve the evening meal on our night running the shelter, December 15th. Thanks to all the folks from the congregation who signed up to help with the evening meal. Feel free to come and enjoy some time with "our" Scouts. Or, if you prefer, I'll just roll you over to our spring night.

Finally, thank you to all the people who helped with cookie walk set up and take down, getting ready for the one service today and, as always, to the AVL Ministry Team for making the service and children's pageant happen. Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

2008 Expenses and Contributions

January 5, 2009 is the deadline for all 2008 expenses. Any expense received after this date will go against 2009 accounts. This action allows adequate time for the 2008 books to be closed properly.

Any contributions to be counted on the **2008 giving must be received or postmarked no later than December 31**. Any contributions received or postmarked after December 31 will be counted on the 2009 giving.

Socks For Our PORT Guests



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. Place them in the bin located in the Celebration Center gathering area. Thanks for helping us bless others! Witness and Outreach Committees

Attention Farm Fresh Shoppers!

When you are doing your holiday shopping at Farm Fresh, don't forget to save your receipts. Through their **123-4 (formerly ABC's) program**, schools and places of worship have the opportunity to earn free educational equipment by simply saving Farm Fresh receipts. Warwick Memorial is registered with this program and is collecting grocery receipts. Place your receipts in the collection container in the narthex. This is an easy way to help our church.

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 information or call either Paul Evans or Larry Bevins.

Treat Yourself to Yoga Classes

One more Yoga class will be held in 2008: **Friday December 12 from 6-7 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Classes will resume January 4. Please contact Christine with any questions.

Youth Stuff

Today—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.)
- **Wednesday—Begin PORT Homeless Shelter Help**, Wed-Tue Dec 10-16 (except Sunday), need 2-3 youth each night to help with check-ins and dinner set-ups. Sign-up sheet on Youth Bulletin Board. **A great service project for High School Community Service requirements!**
- **High School Bible Study**, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (study begins at 7:30)
- **Thursday—Adult Leadership Training** at the At Lee's—7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday—Youth helping with Sunday Service setup**—6:00 p.m. (Leader: Jon Claus)
- **Next Sunday—Christmas Caroling for Shut-ins**, leaving church at 3:00 p.m.
UMYF Christmas Party, (6-9 p.m.—right after caroling) at the Holt's
 - > New this year: white elephant gift exchange! Bring something you really don't want, wrapped nicely...& watch the fun!

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
- **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



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

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.

Special Thanks!

We would like to thank **Ed Haverly** and **Jerry Haynes** for faithfully putting the Chrismon Tree up each year. Also, a special thanks to the **Koinonia Group** for placing the Chrismons on the tree this year. We realized we are starting a new tradition by having different groups decorating our tree each year — last year it was the **Chancel Choir**. **Steve Bevins** shared with Linda that he remembered making some of the Chrismons on the tree but I won't say how long ago. We hope you have noticed that the wreaths have been refurbished. This was done by one special lady who wishes to remain anonymous. May you have a joyous season worshipping your Savior!

Linda McLawhorn and Ann-Marie Comer

Virginia Advocate

Children's Christmas Workshop

Saturday, December 20

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

For children ages 5 through 5th grade

Crafts ❁ Bible Stories Lunch ❁ Games

❁ Birthday Party for Jesus ❁

There is no cost but please make reservations by calling the church office or via email to Ms. Gerry at MsGerry1@verizon.net.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
*Jesus!***

**Christmas
Party**

**Sunday
December 14**

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.



**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 Cookie Walk and Craft Sale a big success! Proceeds from the sale of cookies, crafts and silent auction items will make it possible for the UMW 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 craft tables after the service today where many handcrafted items are still available for purchase.

The Surprising Christmas Pageant

Prologue

Narrator 1 Patricia Ployd
Narrator 2 Keith Robinson

Act One

Cast

Narrator Rod Turner
Angel Raven Dodson
Mary Emily McAndrew
Joseph Mason Girvin
Census Taker Sarah Muir
Desk Clerk Haleigh McLean

Scene One

Angel proclaims Mary's participation in the coming of the Messiah.

Scene Two

Mary approaches Joseph with the news.

Scene Three

Angel visits Joseph.

Scene Four

Joseph reassures Mary. Census Taker visits Joseph and Mary.

Scene Five

Joseph at the front desk with the Desk Clerk.

Act Two

Cast

Narrator Rod Turner
Ringo Zach Ellis
Tex Christopher Plessinger
Gabby Daniel Thorson
Angel Gabby Plessinger
Shepherd 1 Miguel Campos
Angel Chorus Beth Ellis, Chloe Hulbert, Kaitlynn Jennings,
Adriana Koertner, Ella Legreid, Joná McLean,
Madison Plessinger, Macey Robertson, Ari Witmer-Bosley

Scene One

Shepherds entertain themselves while watching the sheep.

Scene Two

Angel visits the shepherds.
Away in the Manger
Shepherds & Angel Choir

Act Three

Cast

Attendant Jordan Jones
Einstein Nanci Stanley
Newton Madison Monnoyer
Hawking Faith McLean
Herod Luke McAndrew
Narrator Rod Turner

Scene One

Wise People visit Herod.

Scene Two

Herod tests the Wise People and the
Wise People journey to find the newborn king.

Epilogue and Finale

All cast

Once in Royal David's City

Special thanks to our directors: Christi Girvin, Nicole Hulbert,
Belinda Gaskins, Dina McAndrew,
Crystal Skaggs

Special thanks also to our Audio Visual/Lighting Crew:
Paul Cummings, Joyce Bennett,
Henry Bennett, Brad Comer,
Temple Moorehead