

**Weekly Planner for
December 21-27, 2008**

Warwick Weekly—December 21, 2008

21 (Sun)	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 8:00 pm	Worship Sunday School Worship Potato Bar Fundraiser Laudamus Te Ringers Youth Choir Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous
22 (Mon)	7:30 pm	Praise Choir and Chancel Choir
23 (Tue)	7:30 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
24 (Wed)	Church Office closes at noon	

Christmas Eve Worship

6:00 p.m. Celebrate the Gift of Jesus
A child friendly, family friendly worship experience

8:30 p.m. Candles and Carols
A service of hope, peace, joy and love expressed through scripture, Christmas carols and anthems

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion
A quiet, reflective celebration of Holy Communion to celebrate the Lord's birth, concluding with dimmed lights while we hold candles and sing "Silent Night"

25 (Thu)	Christmas Day — Church Office Closed	
26 (Fri)	Christmas Holiday — Church Office Closed	
27 (Sat)	8:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous

Next Sunday: John Evans, Chair, has called a **special meeting of Church Council for Sunday, December 28 at 12:00 noon** (immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship). The one agenda item is to approve Kerry Blazek as our new church treasurer as of January 6, 2009.

Today is the fourth and final Sunday of Advent. We're pleased to have each of you're here. Please join us on Christmas Eve to celebrate our Savior's birth.

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 Hofler, Debbie Stall

Greeters: (8:30) Donna Cox and Tracy Cox
(11:00) Don and Fae Conner

Junior Church Today: (8:30) Ken and Lisa Bradley
(11:00) Linda Brooks

Junior Church Next Sunday: (8:30) Michael Davenport
(11:00) Kim Rodgers

Prayer Thoughts

As clay yields to a potter's hands, so may we yield our spirits to you, dear Lord.

Offering Envelopes

If you have not picked up your offering envelopes for 2009 please do so before you leave today. They are in the hallway near the choir room. Thanks!

January/February "Upper Room"

The January/February copies of the **Upper Room** devotional books are in the narthex. Please leave your contributions for these in the metal box. Thanks!



PORT is done! I know I was fulfilled by the experience even if I didn't get a lot of sleep each night. It seems a small price to pay to focus on giving at this special time of year. Thanks to everyone who helped out, especially Pat and Leta Shannon who spent lots of hours in the kitchen helping out our partner churches. Pat and Chip Rogers also jumped right on a problem with the ice maker and saved my sanity (or what's left of it). Our Scout Troop provided the dinner the night we were providing all the services of the shelter. The Troop considers itself part of Warwick Memorial and wants to do the meal each time we fully staff PORT. What a wonderful return for sponsoring this great group of young men!

Remember the Christmas Eve services – three different formats to meet your style of worship. In January will have Special Olympics and Upward basketball so the Celebration Center will be in use Monday and Tuesday evenings and Saturdays. Remember too that we'll have a potluck supper followed by a program by our quartet, **4 His Glory**, on the evening of January 24th. Stay tuned for more information here in the Warwick Weekly.

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.

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.

A Note from the Green Church Committee

If one of your New Year's resolutions involves "decluttering" your home, the web site of the national organization **freecycle.org** can enable you to accomplish your goal, while also helping others and reducing landfill use. Local Freecycle chapters in Newport News and Yorktown have home pages where you can post items you wish to give away. For money-saving opportunities, be sure to check out the wide variety of free items offered by other local members.

2009 Flower Chart

Thanks to **Henry and Joyce Bennett**, the new flower chart for 2009 is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up to provide altar flowers for any Sunday that is not already covered. We especially need to fill up the early months. The flower arrangements are still \$30.00. If you have any questions, call Donna in the church office.

Respite Care

Jean Lowe has done a wonderful job with the Respite Care ministry. We owe her a big "Thank You". She is unable to coordinate that ministry at this time and **Sandy Haynes** has agreed to help her for a while. If you need the services of the Respite Care ministry, call Sandy.

Youth Stuff

Today— Potato Bar Fundraiser 12:00-1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall—right after 11:00 service
*****No UMYF***** (Next regular UMYF: Sunday, January 4th)

Wednesday—(No High School Bible Study until January 7th)
Christmas Eve Services — 6:00, 8:30 and 11:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Stuff...Check the Youth Bulletin Board for more info and sign-up sheets.

- **New Year's Eve-Eve Lock-in**, Tuesday, December 30 at church
- **Sunday** —to help raise funds for our mission trips: January 11, February 8, March 8
- **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**

Thank You, Youth Group

Thanks so very much for the visits from **Carole** and the many prayers and cards from **everyone**. So many thanks to the **young people** of the church who came to sing such beautiful carols on my lawn. They were so wonderful. **Celeste DeVault**

Thank you to the **youth group** for coming and singing to me last Sunday. No one has ever done that for me before. It really lifted my spirits. Thanks also to **Juan Liceaga** for heading up the group. **Faith Ogilvie**

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.

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.

The Next Six Book Talks

Good News! The books for our book talks have been picked for the next six months. The books are listed in the order that we will discuss them.

January *Amish Grace—How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*

February *Who Stole My Church? - What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century*

March *A Perfect Love—Understanding John Wesley's A Plain Account of Christian Perfection*

April *William Wilberforce—A Biography*

May *Three Cups of Tea—One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time*

June *The Greatest Gift - The Courageous Life and Martyrdom of Sister Dorothy Stang*

We plan to meet the **second Tuesday** of each month here at the church. **Everyone is welcome!** Read the books and come join us.

Text for Anthems

Advent Wonder

Imagine the hand of Jehovah reaching to where we are, touching our pain and sorrow,
healing each wound and scar.

We dream of His blessed arrival, we long for His coming near;

Hope for the hopeless, strength for the weary, peace for those living in fear.

The wonder of a Savior that bids the heart to sing, the God of all creation sending
heaven's King.

In awe we bow in silence, waiting for His time in wonder of such love divine.

The eye of the Lord is upon us, the mercy of God sees our pain,

Like rain in a barren desert, He pours out His kindness again.

Envision the streams of His goodness, picture His rivers of grace,

Joy running over, abundantly flowing, fulfilled when we see His face.

The wonder of a Savior that bids the heart to sing, the God of all creation sending
heaven's King.

In awe we bow in silence, waiting for His time in wonder of such love divine.

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(11:00) Would You Bring a Song?

1. Would you bring a song to the holy child? Would you sing a song to the King?
Would you welcome Him as the angels did? Would your voice hosannas ring?
Can you see the crib and the shepherds there? Can you see the Child who is King?
Would you bring your love to the Christ Child; and your voice hosannas ring?
Singing Gloria Deo, glory to God on high! Sing Gloria Deo,
Peace to His people on earth.
2. Do you know the Child in the bed of hay? Is He truly a Babe and a King?
Was He born for you on that Christmas night? Was He born salvation to bring?
Do you love this Child in the manger bed? Could He be your God and your King?
Would you sing your song to the Christ Child; and your voice hosannas ring?
Singing Gloria Deo! Glory to God on high!
Sing gloria Deo! Peace to His people on earth.
Would you bring a song? Could you sing a song?
Would you bring a song to the King?

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Leave the cooking to us
today.

Come and enjoy a
loaded baked potato
and a scrumptious salad.



***in the Fellowship Hall
Serving begins at 12:00 noon***

Donations only!

**All monies go to support
the activities for our youth.**

Thanks for your support!

Poinsettias

Given by

Dave & Barbara Amaker
At Lee Family

Steve, Diane, Ian & Dallas Bevins
Hannah & Tucker Bradley
Tom Bradshaw Family
Linda Brooks
Mike & Debbie Clevenger
Paul & Nancy Cummings

Deborah DeGood
Hester, Bobby & Ronnie Dymond
Brenda Giles
Cathy Haskell & David
Betty Hill
Amanda Keafer & Nathan Jones
Shaun & Sue Kelley
Koertner Family
Dick & Pat Kilroy
Barb Liddick Circle
Norma MacLuskie
Ruth McGhee
Linda, Frank & Patrycja McLawhorn
Linda McLawhorn

Josie Mitchell & Family
Steve & Barbara Plymale
Lori Robinson & Mike Rammel
Jim & Virginia Taylor
Frances Topping
Bob & Molly Warthan
Page Williams & Susan Brendle
Judy, Kristi & Jay Wilson

Given by

Dick & Robin At Lee
Erin At Lee
Robin At Lee
Steve, Diane, Ian & Dallas Bevins
Hannah & Tucker Bradley

In Memory of

LeRoy & Quinnie Hill, Julius Amaker
Bill & Jo At Lee, Charles W. Krespach, Jr.,
Justin William At Lee
Gordon & Salome Lenox
Nannie, Poppie, Poppie & Granddaddy
Wife and mother Joan
George M. Brooks, Jr.
Katie, Ed, Maurice & Pearl
Delma & Bill Cummings, Pete, Katherine, Etta,
Jim

Patsy Bish, Elizabeth Hogue
Bob Dymond
David & Mildred Trent, Sandra Trent Millner
Jerry Haskell, Dorothy & Frank Hughes
David & Mildred Trent, Sandra Trent Millner
Grandpa Robert Keafer
John Canterbury, William Kelley, Sr.
Andrew & Genevieve Pasterko, Erik Koertner
Our parents
Kori Carpenter
John MacLuskie, Ted Hambleton
Stuart McGhee
Dail McLawhorn
Ben McCormick, Stuart McGhee, Amy Wright,
Luke Duffield, Don MacKay, Millie Osborne,
Jean Williams, Dot Johnson
Jerry Mitchell
Art & Naomi Rave
Cornelia & William White
Our parents
Jim Topping, Lisa Rudolph
Our granddaughter Camryn
Our mother Margaret Long
June & Maurice Akers

In Honor of

Youth Workers
Her amazing parents—Dick & Robin At Lee
Linda McLawhorn
Larry & Elsie Bevins
Mimi & Papaw Bennett

Mike & Debbie Clevenger
Brad Comer Family
Paul & Nancy Cummings
Jim & Sina Hofler

Donna Jones
Amanda Keafer & Nathan Jones
Koertner Family
Norma MacLuskie
Josie Mitchell

Steve & Barbara Plymale
Praise & Chancel Choirs
Billie Quigley
Lori Robinson & Mike Rammel
Lynn & Carole Stockberger
Jim & Virginia Taylor
Page and Lamar Williams

Given by

John Comer, Sr.
Betty Hill
Ed Lett
Norma MacLuskie
Ruth McGhee
Marguerite Proffitt
Anita Romer

Given by

Dave & Barbara Amaker
Henry & Joyce Bennett
Parker Comer
Edna Ellett

Lynn & Carole Stockberger
Page Williams
Trish & Bob Williams

Scott, Megan, Gracie, Elliot, Ryan & Ashley
John B. Comer, Sr.
Amy & Briana Murray
Our grandchildren Matthew, Kendra & Sammy
Pat & Leta Shannon
Betty Potter, Kay Fries, Kathy Young
Grandma Eleanor Keafer, Jerry & Sandy Haynes
Adam Koertner
Ruby Hambleton
Sheryl & Ian Branyon, Cindy & Alan Earley
& Family, Paul Mitchell & PJ
Lisa Henjes & family, Emily James & family
Susan Brendle, Page Williams
Harry Russell
Edna & George Rammel
Billie Quigley & Marsha Six
Our grandchildren
Linda McLawhorn

Organ Fund

In Memory of

Annette Comer
David & Mildred Trent, Sandra Trent Millner
Father, mother, wife
Ray Martin
Stuart McGhee
My mother
Husband & Parents

In Honor of

Page Williams and all who provide our music
Our children & grandchildren
Mary Ellen Cochrane, Darrell Wood
All of our wounded soldiers who give of
themselves for our freedom and our
love of God
Linda McLawhorn, Keith Robinson
All who provide music for our worship services
Parents Carolyn & Woodrow Smith, Ruby &
LeRoy Williams