

**Weekly Planner for
December 28-January 3, 2008**

Warwick Weekly—December 28, 2008

26 (Sun) 8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Today: 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.

5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

29 (Mon)

30 (Tue) 9:00 p.m. Youth New Year's Eve Eve Lock In

31 (Wed) **Church Office closes at noon**

1 (Thu) **New Years Day — Church Office Closed**

2 (Fri) **New Years Holiday — Church Office Closed**

Make yoga part of your New Year's resolutions.

Join us for classes **every Friday from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** in the Celebration Center. Just bring a yoga mat (we have some if you don't have one) and a towel. If you have any questions, contact Christine Griggs (certified yoga instructor) at chrishgr@verizon.net. Classes resume January 2nd.

3 (Sat) 8:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

On this Sunday after Christmas, it's with continuing joy that we gather to praise Almighty God. With warmth and happiness, we welcome all to the house of God.

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, Joan Call, Beth Murray, Mary Ann Hoyer

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

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

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

Prayer Thoughts

On this first Sunday after Christmas, remind us that the Christ child can live in us if we surrender constantly to Him.

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!

Walking a Sacred Path:
**Experience the Labyrinth, a time-honored,
Christian spiritual tool designed to help disciples
“journey to their spiritual center.”**

A portable Labyrinth will be set-up in our **Celebration Center** on **Sunday, January 4, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.** At 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 on the hour, a brief (10-15 minute) introduction/orientation will be offered. Individuals walk the Labyrinth independently, silently and at their own pace, but many may be walking the sacred path at the same time. Feel free to walk the path at any time while it is open. Please note that the Celebration Center will close at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Youth Stuff

Today—*No UMYF***** (Next regular UMYF: Sunday, January 4th)

Tuesday—New Year's Eve-Eve Lock-in, 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday—(No High School Bible Study until January 7th)

Next Sunday—*No UMYF***** (Next regular UMYF: Sunday, January 4th)

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

- **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**

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.

Circle News

The **Ardelle Lett Circle** will meet on **Thursday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Wesleyan Classroom.

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.