

Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church

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"First Green Church in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church"

Ministers

All members of Warwick Memorial

WMUMC Staff

Page Williams-Director of Music Ministry; *Susan Brendle*-Music Assistant

Gerry Turner-Director of Children and Family Ministries; *John Ericson*-Minister of Pastoral Care

Megan Saucier-Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministries; *Dave Munro*-Coordinator of Ministries

Donna Jones-Administrative Assistant; *Henry Daggs*-Custodian

Partners in Pastoral Counseling: Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center-873-2273

Rev. William G. Davidson, Pastor

Rev. Jessica D. Squires, Associate Pastor

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY.....	8:30 a.m.-168; 11:00 a.m.-165
Total Worship Attendance	333
Sunday School Attendance	178
TOTAL 2009 OPERATING BUDGET	\$670,591.00
Less Funds in Hand	
2008 Carryover	\$67,000.00
2009 Checkbook	\$15,191.00
Required new income	\$588,000.00
Needed in Operating Budget Year to Date	\$
Support to Operating Budget Year to Date	\$
Support to Operating Budget Last Week.....	\$
<u>Amount Needed Each Week for Operating Budget</u>	<u>\$11,310.00</u>
Available Balance in Building Fund	\$
(Excludes \$30,653.55) representing loan balance)	
Support to Building Fund Year to Date	\$
Support to Building Fund Last Week.....	\$
Amount needed by December 9 for mortgage payment	\$18,837.07
Amount received Month to Date	\$
Permanent Financing	\$

Open hearts, open minds, open doors!

Warwick Weekly—November 29, 2009

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Churches and Christian families now begin to celebrate the birth of Christ, whom God sent to earth for our salvation.

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

Junior Church Today: (8:30) Al Dorner
(11:00) Gerry Turner

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

Acolytes Next Sunday: (10:00) Peyton and Madison Monnoyer

Prayer Thoughts

On this first Sunday of Advent, grant us the burning desire to grow as close as possible to you as we prepare for our Savior's birth.

Two Important Notes

- The decision was made at Church Council on November 19, that the Operating Budget books will be closed on 12-31-2009. All contributions and bills must be submitted by that date.**
- Beginning December 1, please turn in all information for the bulletin by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. This allows the staff to look at a rough draft of the bulletin at their 1:15 staff meeting on Wednesdays. Thanks!**

*****Please take note: next Sunday, December 6, we will be having a "blood pressure check" during the coffee/fellowship time between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. prior to the worship service.**

Prayer Concerns:

Care Facility: Butch DePremio, Kitty DeWees, Lois Eason, Paul Green, Ruby Lusby, Evelyn McKay, Darley Storey

Hospital: Zylphia Godwin—Mary Immaculate


Home: Elton Bennett, Larry Bevins, Randy Brennan, Bill and Joan Brockett, Kristi Buckman, Celeste DeVault, Hester Dymond, Beth Ellis, Zylphia Godwin, Bill Hanlon, Jim Hofler, Shaun and Sue Kelley, Beverly Mayeaux, Del Miller, Jerry Murray, Elaine Phillips, Harry Rountree, Jean Scott, Ruth Snipes

Other:

Deployed Military: Tim Claus, Christopher Davidson, Joe Mungin, Terry Simonton

Relationship Missionary: All of our missionaries

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

 Bonnie James and I will be calling to fill in the empty slots on our PORT volunteer calendar so please help where you can. If you saw the articles in the Daily Press last month you know the need is growing.

The response to the Financial Stewardship Campaign last weekend was gratifying. As I write this I don't know what the numbers are but it seemed to me that we had a better response than in past years. If you did not turn in your estimate of giving for 2010 please consider doing so. While the Good Lord always seems to ensure that our vital programs are supported, the Finance Committee and Church Council sure like to see some numbers when we make our decisions.

There will be a number of opportunities to make your presence felt in the coming weeks. This week we need to set up the Celebration Center (CC) for the Emergent Worship Experience on Wednesday evening. Thursday we need to make the chairs go away and set up tables for the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. Besides the tables in the CC we need to move tables from the Fellowship Hall and some of the classrooms. Friday the UMW needs all the help they can get putting out the items for the craft sale and pricing them. Saturday, after the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale we need to set up chairs for the combined worship service and children's pageant on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Be sure to come for the coffee hour beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sunday afternoon we need to reconfigure the room for PORT. Don't be surprised if I call on you for help.

Finally, I hope you are as thankful as I am this Thanksgiving weekend.

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

Emergent Worship Experience

December 2, 6:00 p.m. in the Celebration Center

Come as you are on December 2nd to the Celebration Center to experience an alternative worship service. This event is not the kick-off to a third worship service, but an opportunity for the congregation to experience Emergent Worship. Emergent worship includes elements that are expressive, faithful to tradition, and attentive to local context. Music in this service will include traditional and contemporary components. Come out and experience Emergent Worship.

Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all who participated in the "shoebox ministry" this year. As a result of your generosity our church contributed a total of **88 boxes to Operation Christmas Child**. May God bless you for sharing the love of Christ with so many children around the world.

Dorothy Scott-Wrenn

Youth News

➤ **Today—No UMYF**

➤ **Wednesday**—Bible Study, 7:30-9pm

➤ **Next Sunday, December 6—Junior High Only night** at the Bradley's house at 810 N. Lismore Court. Please drop off and pick up your youth at the Bradley's.

➤ **December 13—Potato Bar Fundraiser**

- Please check the bulletin board for sign-up sheets to lead devotions at Upward Basketball. Youth help is needed, so please sign up as soon as possible.

- Mark your calendars—January 16th—Youth Council planning meeting, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Young Adult Koinonia

◆ Young Adult Bible Study, Tuesday night, 7:00 pm at Panera by CNU. Bring a friend!

Facilities Manager Needed

With the retirement of Coordinator of Ministries Dave Munro, December 31, 2009, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee announces a staff opening for **Facilities Manager** to coordinate building use schedule, purchasing of required supplies, and financial management; perform minor maintenance, serve as PORT Site Coordinator; and oversee janitorial staff during a 20 hour work week. Job description is available in the church office. Candidates are invited to submit resume and three references with letter of intent and salary requirements to Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church, ATTN: Facilities Manager Search Committee, 38 Hoopes Road, Newport News, VA 23602. Position available December 1, 2009.

Children's Christmas Pageant

It's time to start preparing for our children's Christmas pageant. We are presenting **The Very Important Christmas Pageant** by Dennis Hartin, the story of the birth of Christ told with humor, mystery and awe. All children are invited to participate. There are speaking and non-speaking parts. There is one more rehearsal: **dress rehearsal Saturday, December 5 between 3:00 and 4:00 pm** (following the Cookie Walk). The pageant will be presented during the combined worship service on **Sunday, December 6 at 10:00 am** in the Celebration Center. If your child would like to participate, contact Ms. Gerry at msgerryturner@aol.com.

God's Promises Puppet Ministry

God's Promises Puppet Ministry will be practicing on **Sunday, December 6, 13 and 20 at 2:00 p.m.** Any interested folks are welcome to join us and be part of this ministry. We will be practicing to perform during the **Family Christmas Eve Service**. Any questions, please call Linda Carrithers.

Needs of Lay Leadership

The Lay Leadership Committee is in need of the following: **Church Council Secretary, Membership Care Coordinators, English Language Learning Center Chair, and Habitat for Humanity Chair**. If you feel lead to serve in any of these opportunities, please contact the Church Office or Ann Barley.

Cuddly Critters are Back

The Nurturing Committee will again be collecting **NEW** "little critters" for the sick and shut-ins of our church family. While out shopping, pick up a small stuffed animal and put it in the large box outside the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks!

