

Weekly Planner for December 13-19, 2009

13 (Sun)	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 12:00 noon 1:00-4:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 5:45 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Worship Sunday School Worship Potato Bar Fundraiser Building Finance God's Promises Puppet Ministry Practice Laudamus Te Ringers Youth Choir Alcoholics Anonymous UMYF Children's Fellowship PORT Alcoholics Anonymous
14 (Mon)	9:00 am 9:45 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Breakfast Club ECMS: Family Music for Babies ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers Scouts Pack 6 Scouts Troop 6 PORT Praise Choir
15 (Tue)	10:30 am-2:00 pm 1:30 pm 3:45 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	UMW General Meeting and Salad Luncheon ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in the World ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard, Year 2 ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard, Year 1 PORT Young Adult Bible Study at Panera by CNU Gloria Dei Ringers Alcoholics Anonymous (Spanish speaking)
16 (Wed)	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 4:15 pm 4:45 pm 5:25 pm 7:00-8:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	TOPS ECMS: Cycle of Seasons Mothers Nurturing Mothers ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers Cherub Choir Junior Choir Jubilate Ringers Upward Hospitality Team Meeting Youth Bible Study at Warthan's Chancel Choir
17 (Thu)	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 3:45 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Sewing Group ECMS: Cycle of Seasons ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World ECMS: Music Makers: At the Keyboard, Year 3 Trustee Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous
18 (Fri)	6:00 pm	Yoga Class in Celebration Center
19 (Sat)	9:00 am 10:00 am—4:00 pm 8:30 pm	Special Olympics Children's Christmas Workshop Alcoholics Anonymous

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Our goal on this third Sunday of Advent is to have fellowship with our living Lord and with one another. Let our hands be extended to our fellow worshipers.

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) Dave Loudermilk, Mel Taylor, Barry Barley
(11:00) Gene Osborne, Dave Munro, Warner Williams

Greeters: (8:30) Leah Lively and Josie Mitchell
(11:00) Don and Fae Conner

Junior Church Today: (8:30) John and Ellen Guthrie
(11:00) Rella Girvin

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

Acolytes Next Sunday: (8:30) Chanté Lance
(11:00) Tamiko Acuna

Prayer Thoughts

Open us to your loving Spirit, dear God, so we'll know with certainty that we have been spiritually uplifted.

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!**

Prayer Concerns:

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

Hospital: Janie Rogers—Mary Immaculate

Home: Larry Bevins, Bill Brockett, Kristi Buckman, Butch DePremio, Celeste DeVault, Hester Dymond, Beth Ellis, Jim Hofler, Shaun and Sue Kelley, Beverly Mayeaux, Del Miller, Jerry Murray, Elaine Phillips, Jean Scott, Ruth Snipes

Other:

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

Relationship Missionary: Judy Matheny—McDowell County Ministries, Gary, WV

Lectinary Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18



Let me begin by thanking all the people who made the last two weeks possible. Best I can tell the time in the Celebration Center went something like this: set up for Upward, put that away and set up for the Emergent Worship Service on Wednesday, put all the chairs and other things away, move all the tables in the church and all the crafts to the CC, put all the tables back and set up for the Children's Pageant and Communion on Sunday, put all that away and set up for Upward on Monday. Then again on Tuesday we put that away and set up for PORT to begin on Wednesday. Let me know of anything you noticed during this busy time that we could use to improve our service to the community and one another.

Speaking of PORT, we are halfway through our week housing the homeless. Our partner churches are: Christ UMC, Kirkwood Presbyterian, Orcutt Baptist, St. Mary's Chapter of the Eastern Star, St. Luke's UMC and Williamsburg Presbyterian. Thanks to them and all of you who have given so freely of your time as well as gifts of clothing and toiletries. Indeed as we give to the least of these we give to Christ. Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

Staff-Parish Relations Announcement

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Rich Martin of Newport News has accepted the staff position of Facilities Manager. Former owner/operator of Nice Martin Contracting, Rich comes to our church staff with extensive experience in managing the maintenance, repair, and operation of facilities as well as contractor relationships. He is President and Founder of The Lamb House, Inc., a non-profit organization that serves the less fortunate in the community. He is also the Music Director for "The Side Door," the alterative worship service of Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Poquoson. We welcome Rich to his service to our church in this part time position (20 hours per week).

Today's Special Offering

The special offering for United Methodist Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home) is our annual opportunity to support this ministry of the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church providing a network of services from nine locations. UMFS helps 3,000 children and families annually, including adoption, foster care, and in-service treatment for youth.



Youth News

- **Today—Potato Bar Fundraiser**
UMYF is tonight — 5:45—7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday—Bible Study**, 7:30-9pm at the Warthan's. Join us and bring a friend!
- **Next Sunday, December 20—Christmas Caroling and Party**—Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. for caroling. Parents should pick up their youth at 8:00 p.m. at the Warthan's (74 Dillwyn Drive). Please call Shannon for more information on bringing food.
- **No youth activities on December 23rd, 27th or 30th.**

Young Adult Koinonia

- ◆ Lunch today at the potato bar in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Young Adult Bible Study, Tuesday night, 7:00 pm at Panera by CNU. Bring a friend!

God's Promises Puppet Ministry

God's Promises Puppet Ministry will be practicing on **Sunday, December 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.

Cookie Walk/Craft Sale Update and Thank You

The United Methodist Women thank the church family for your wonderful support of the annual Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. Several hundred people came to shop and our total proceeds are just a few dollars short of \$9,000. We couldn't have such a successful event without the help of so many:

- * Before, during and after the sale, well over 100 people gave of their time and energy
- * Our crafters worked all year creating the handmade items for sale
- * 120 baked cookies
- * Many contributed money for ingredients for others to bake

The donations to the Silent Auction were extraordinary. Because of your generosity, the UMW is able to give more to missions within the church, the community and beyond.

Stop by the 1st grade classroom next to the Sunday School office today for our "Last Chance Sale" after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services where remaining handcrafted items are on display for purchase.





Farm Fresh 123-4 Community Program

Thanks to feedback from customers, Farm Fresh has reintroduced the verification stub at the bottom of the receipt with the eligible amount already calculated. Instead of bringing in the entire receipt, **all you have to do is cut off the bottom where it says “CUT HERE” and bring in that part.** That way you can keep your grocery receipt. Thanks for continuing your support.

UMW Birthday Lunch and General Meeting

All women are invited to a **BirthDay Party on Tuesday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m.** Child care will be provided. This is a salad BirthDay Lunch and general meeting to celebrate the **140th BirthDay of the UMW.** Yes, we'll have appropriate decorations and fun! We'll share our own UMW beginnings on Mulberry Island. If you have photos, items or memories to share, please do so. Donna Jones will provide dining music and lead us in singing Christmas songs — another opportunity to get in the mood for the Biggest BirthDay of All!



Offering Envelopes for 2010

The boxed **offering envelope sets for 2010** are on tables in the hallway by the Choir Room. Please look for the **box with your name on it and pick them up as soon as possible.** Thanks!

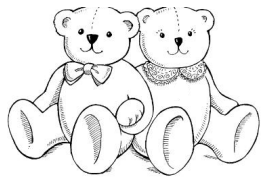
Green Church Announcement

Would you like to send your Christmas cards free this year? You can save money and save a tree by using online cards for everyone on your email list! The following sites allow you to send a wide selection of their Christmas cards with no charge:

<http://www.dayspring.com/ecards/>

<http://cards.heartlight.org/index.cgi>

http://www.123greetings.com/events/christmas/merry_christmas/



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!

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all of you who went the extra mile to help make our church beautiful for the Advent Season. This year our Chrismon Tree was decorated by the Covenant Class. We wish you all new excitement as we experience together the arrival of the Christ Child.

The Altar Guild Committee