

Warwick Weekly—January 3, 2010

What a joy it is to start this new year with all of you. May we rededicate our lives for service to 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) Dave Loudermilk, Bill Schregardus, Matt Thompson
(11:00) Lamar Williams, Jim Hackett, Paul Ramsey

Greeters: (8:30) Clara Reid and Ann Woodward
(11:00)

Junior Church Today: (8:30) Lori Robertson
(11:00) Melissa Jones

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

Acolytes for Next Sunday: (8:30)
(11:00) Nick Bella

Prayer Thoughts

*Gracious Lord, just as you've brought us to the threshold of this new year,
guide us as we journey through each day. Amen.*

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to **Joan Brockett and family** on the death of her husband Bill on Tuesday, December 29.

Flowers for Today

The flowers on the altar today are given by **Dolores Halberg** to the glory of God and in memory of her husband **John Halberg**.

The flowers in the narthex are given by **Revs. Bill and Cheryl Davidson** to the glory of God and in celebration of their **35th anniversary on January 4**.

Pastor Jessie's Travels

Pastor Jessie is on vacation today. She will be in the office tomorrow, January 4th and will be gone January 5-8 to the Congress on Evangelism in New Orleans, LA.

H1N1 Vaccinations

The Health Department will be giving **H1N1 vaccinations** (both shots and nasal spray) at the Garden of Children on **January 5 from 4:00—7:00 p.m.**

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and expressions of concern as I am dealing with cancer and whatever treatment it may require. I especially want to thank my church family for the Walmart gift card. God is good and will take care of me in every way. **Jan Mason**

Peninsula District Training

The Peninsula District will be offering a training event for church leaders on **Saturday, January 9, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, at Chestnut Memorial UMC** (1024 Harpersville Road, Newport News). More than officer training, this event begins with an emphasis on spiritual leadership — the basis of our service to God and to the church. Then, with a focus on how leaders work together to do the work of the church, individual workshops will feature specific leadership roles in the church: Radical Hospitality; Passionate Worship; Intentional Faith Development (including Prayer Ministry; Adult and Small Group Ministry; Youth Ministry; Children's Ministry; and Lay Leaders); Risk-Taking Mission and Service; and Extravagant Generosity (including Treasurers and Finance; Stewardship; and Trustees).

Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcomed. Register by calling or emailing the Peninsula District Office (pendist@earthlink.net). Childcare will be available. There is no fee for this training event.

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!

Bread Ministry Need

We need someone to **bake bread** that is given to our visitors. If you are interested in baking bread just **one week a month**, please contact Jim Taylor.

Circle News

The **Mary Freeman Circle** will meet on **Monday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of **Joan Darling, 270 Archer's Meade, Williamsburg.**

Prayer Concerns for January 3, 2010

We pray for those who have recently lost loved ones:

- We pray for the family of Bill Brockett who passed away on December 29th
- We pray for the family of Darley Storey. Darley passed away on December 17th
- Sharon Ellis' brother-in-law Eric, whose father passed away December 20th

We pray for those in the hospital or a care facility:

- Janie Rogers at the Gardens of Warwick Forest
- Elsie Bevin's sister, Virginia Cunningham at Mary Immaculate
- Zylphia Godwin (Dean Townsend's mother) at the Garden's of Warwick Forest
- Charles and Ginny Masters at St. Francis
- Tom Grogg (Regina Burkhammer's brother), in the hospital in Alabama
- Bonnie, nanny of Andrea Legried
- Tucker Armstrong (Molly and Bob Warthan's cousin)
- Russell Rowe (Bob Ritenour's brother's wife's grandson) at Johns Hopkins Hospital

We pray for those who are home:

- Del Miller (Bell Wood's mother)
- Debbie Wilkins and Isaac Wilkins (Chris Wilkins' step mom and nephew)
- Jan Mason
- Phyllis Arbogast
- Parker Comer
- David Adkins
- Baby Carter Mingee
- Pauline Pope (Beth Cumming's mother)

Other Concerns: Pray for Karen Belding and family. Karen has been missing since December 5. Karen's mother, Elaine Belding was a member of Warwick Memorial.

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

Relationship Missionary: Steve and Diantha Hodges, Kyles Ford, TN

January 2010

<p>1 (Fri) New Year's Day Church Office Closed</p> <p>2 (Sat) 8:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>3 (Sun) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Building Finance Committee 4:00 pm Finance Committee 5:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>4 (Mon) 9:45 am ECMS: Family Music for Babies 10:45 am ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers 6:00 pm Upward Basketball 6:00 pm Scouts Pack 6 6:30 pm Scouts Troop 6 7:00 pm Mary Freeman Circle 7:00 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee 7:30 pm Praise Choir</p> <p>5 (Tue) 10:30 am Dana Tyson Circle 1:30 pm ECMS: Music Makers: At Home in World 3:45 pm ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard 2 5:00 pm ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard 1 6:00 pm Upward Basketball 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study-Panera by CNU 7:30 pm Gloria Dei Ringers 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Spanish)</p> <p>6 (Wed) 9:00 am TOPS 9:30 am ECMS: Cycle of Seasons 10:30 am Elizabeth Overby Circle 10:45 am ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers 4:15 pm Cherub Choir 4:45 pm Junior Choir 5:25 pm Jubilate Ringers 7:30 pm Youth Bible Study at Warthan's 7:30 pm Miriam Gruber Circle 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>7 (Thu) 9:30 am Sewing Group 9:30 am ECMS: Cycle of Seasons 10:00 am Ardelle Lett Circle 10:45 am ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers 3:45 pm ECMS: Music Makers: Around the World 5:00 pm ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard 3 6:00 pm Outreach Committee 6:30 pm Barb Liddick Circle in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm District UMW Planning Meeting 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>8 (Fri)</p> <p>9 (Sat) 9:00-10:00 am Special Olympics 11:00 am Upward Basketball Games 6:00-8:00 pm Super Saturday 8:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>	<p>10 (Sun) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 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</p> <p>11 (Mon) 9:00 am Breakfast Club 9:45 am ECMS: Family Music for Babies 10:45 am ECMS: Family Music for Toddlers 6:00 pm Upward Basketball 6:00 pm Scouts Pack 6 6:30 pm Scouts Troop 6 7:30 pm Praise Choir</p> <p>12 (Tue) 1:30 pm ECMS: Music Makers: At Home World 3:45 pm ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard 2 5:00 pm ECMS: Music Makers: At Keyboard 1 6:00 pm Upward Basketball 6:30 pm United Methodist Men 6:30 pm Witness Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study- Panera by CNU 7:30 pm Gloria Dei Ringers 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Spanish)</p> <p>13 (Wed) 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 5:25 pm Jubilate Ringers 7:30 pm Youth Bible Study at Warthan's 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>14 (Thu) 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: At Keyboard 3 7:00 pm Children's Council 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>15 (Fri) 6:00 pm Yoga Class</p> <p>16 (Sat) 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New Bible Study

Beginning in January, the **Covenant Class** will begin a new Bible study entitled **Parables from the Backside**. This study examines well-known parables in the New Testament from a different perspective than our usual studies. We will look at the parable from the perspective of a minor or unsympathetic character. For example, we will look at the story of the Good Samaritan from the perspective of the victim and how he felt being helped by the man from Samaria. Through his eyes we can learn about humility. We will examine these parables from the context of the time and the place in which they were written. We leave plenty of time for discussion so the class can hear from a variety of perspectives. The class is taught using multimedia powerpoint displays which allows us to see pictures, movies, and maps relating to the study. If you are looking for a Sunday School class, please come and join us. We meet in the Celebration Center.

Hoop Shoot Contest

As part of our Upward Ministry, we will be teaming with the Elks Club to offer the community a **Hoop Shoot Contest** on **Saturday January 9** at 2:00 p.m. in the Celebration Center. The contest is for all children, boys and girls ages 8-13 with the age being determined as of April 1, 2010. There is no charge to participate. Boys and girls will be divided into three age groups: 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. If things are done the same way as last year, the top three scorers in each category of each age group will receive a nice trophy and all participants will receive a T-shirt. Please come out and join us. Bring your friends.

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. **January is DOUBLE POINTS month.**



Text for Anthem

A Covenant Prayer

Lord, make me what you will, I put myself into your hands.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering,
Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you.
Lord, make me what you will. I will no longer be my own.
Let me be full, let me be empty,
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
Lord, I freely and with a willing heart, give it all to you,
To your pleasure and disposal, Lord.
Make me what you will.

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Thoughts for the New Year

Cultivating Good Habits

Entering a new year is a good time to inventory our habits — the bad ones as well as the good. Greek philosopher Aristotle once opined on this subject: “Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts. We become temperate by doing temperate acts. We become brave by doing brave acts.”

Just so, we will become faithful lovers of God by seriously worshiping and faithfully following the Christian way of life. Attending corporate worship, learning more about Christianity, doing good deeds for others and participating in fellowship events are all good habits. They enhance your life and bring joy to people around you.

A Statement of Faith

A half century ago, Milward Simpson was the governor of Wyoming. He was a Christian who trusted God without question. He and his wife often shared this statement of faith:

The light of God surrounds us,

The love of God enfolds us,

The power of God protects us,

And the presence of God watches over us;

Wherever we are, God is.

Governor Simpson once told of flying in an airplane that developed engine trouble. Instead of giving in to fear, he and his wife held hands and together recited the words they tried to live by. The plane landed safely.

Having a positive statement of faith can be helpful in many situations. Why not create one for yourself and your family — or use the prayerful statement the Simpsons recited.