

# Contact



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*Where ever you are on your journey, you are welcome here.*



## Holy Week Fire Vigil

**Thursday, March 29th, 7 PM  
through Sunday, April 1st, 7 AM**



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Come join us as we sit vigil around the fire, waiting and watching for Easter morning. It is a time of getting to know each other and grow together. We'll have plenty of camp chairs and roasting sticks for making tasty fire-roasted treats.

Check your email for a message from Nate Masters for a link to the sign up sheet! There are plenty of time slots still available. You can also text Nate or Rev. Sallye about signing up!

You don't need to sign up to participate, you are welcome to come and stay as long as you can!

Have a photo or news item you want to share in the next issue of the CONTACT?

Send your info to  
**wuccupdates@gmail.com**

**Due by  
April 25!**

## Upcoming Events

### April 1 **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary - 7 AM  
Sermon: Resurrection Faith - Rev. James  
Pancake Breakfast - 8 AM  
Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 AM  
Older Kids in WONDER-land - 10 AM  
**Cantata - 11 AM**  
Younger Kids in WONDER-land - 11 AM

April 5 Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM

April 8 Youth Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM  
Worship - 11 AM  
Thomas sees Jesus - Rev. Sallye  
Younger Kids in WONDER-land - 11 AM

April 12 Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM

April 15 Older Kids in WONDER-land - 10 AM  
Worship - 11 AM  
The Road to Emmaus - Rev. James  
Younger Kids in WONDER-land - 11 AM

April 17 Adult Supper Club - 6 PM

April 18 Book Club - 11 AM

April 19 Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM

April 22 Youth Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM  
Worship - 11 AM  
The Good Shepherd - Rev. Sallye  
Younger Kids in WONDER-land - 11 AM  
Congregational Meeting - Noonish

April 26 Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM

April 29



MESSY CHURCH!- 11 AM



# Mark Your Calendar

\* Gluten-Free Communion Bread is now being used to respect the health needs of many of our congregants.

## Easter Cantata

### “You Are the Christ”

On April 1, 2018, our Chancel Choir will present a cantata entitled “You Are the Christ” written by Lloyd Larson. The cantata will be performed during the regular 11 am morning service at Warwick United Church of Christ at 10 Matoaka Lane, Newport News, Va.

This year the Easter story will be told through the eyes of the disciple named Peter. Brash, bold, transparent, volatile are all characteristics used to describe Peter. Yet the special bond between Peter and Jesus is unquestioned. Jesus once asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” It was Peter who immediately replied: “You are the Christ”. This cantata provides an insightful look into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Mark your calendars! You surely do not want to miss this Easter cantata presented by the Warwick Chancel Choir entitled “You Are the Christ”. It is a moving and personal reflection of Jesus through the eyes of perhaps his most devoted follower, Peter.

*J. Rudolph Wilson, Jr.*  
Director of Music

## Congregational Meeting

**April 22** after the 11 AM service. The Strategic POP will be presenting the recommendation of a new church vision/mission (based off of your input in both the survey and discernment groups) and a recommendation of a revised Constitution (which will reflect the new mission/vision as well as the POP system as our governing body).

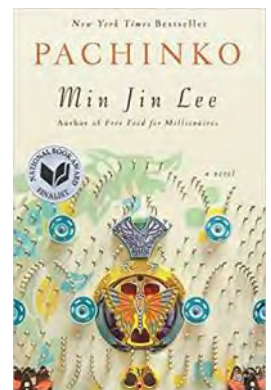
## Book Club

“*Pachinko* follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan.

So begins a sweeping saga of an exceptional family in exile from its homeland and caught in the indifferent arc of history. Through desperate struggles and hard-won triumphs, its members are bound together by deep roots as they face enduring questions of faith, family, and identity.”

I’m looking forward to seeing you for a discussion of *Pachinko* on Wednesday, **April 18, 11 AM**, at WUCC. Please park away from the side door as Meals on Wheels will be using that door to load.

Give me a call if you have questions or other suggestions. Happy Reading!  
*Brenda*



## Adult Supper Club



212 Arthur Way  
(757) 234-0099

**April 17th, 6 PM**

## Youth Choir



The Youth Choir will have practice on Sunday mornings,

**April 8th & 22nd**  
at 10 AM.

## Financial Update as of March 29, 2018

INCOME	
Total Expected Income - All Sources - 3 months	\$ 23,137
Received - Year to Date	\$ 31,330 *
	* Received 1 lump-sum annual contribution
Expected Offering Income - Pledged & Loose - 3 months	\$ 19,500
Received - Year to Date	\$ 29,176.16 (One annual pledge received)
EXPENSES	
Total Expected Expenses - 3 months	\$ 23,137
Spent - Year to Date	\$ 24,962
MISCELLANEOUS	
Amount sent to any outreach/mission work to date:	\$ 108 **
**Pass thru – what we get we send out – not part of dedicated funds. Includes UCC Special Offerings.	
<b>Boiler Grant: Only \$264 left to repay! We are seeking Council approval for an additional \$750 as a thank you gift!</b>	

## Church Security Reminders

- Please remember to use the front church door on Sundays after 11:00am; the parking lot entrance is locked during worship for everyone's security.
- Please note that current Virginia state law prohibits "any gun, pistol, bowie knife, dagger or other dangerous weapon, without good and sufficient reason, to a place of worship." The church council has affirmed that no guns are allowed on church property.





Warwick Family...

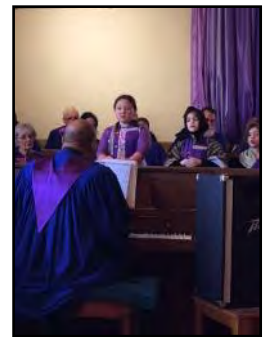
## Family Game Night March 24, 2018



## “I am God’s Beloved!”

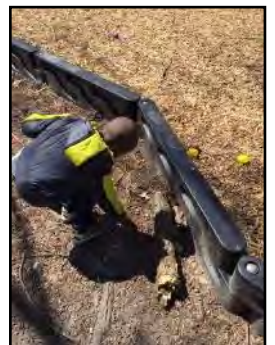


## Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

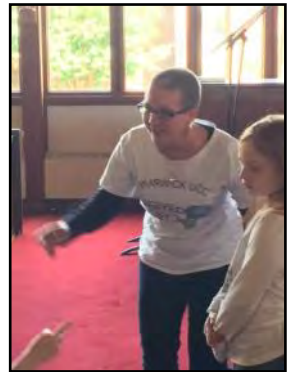




# Easter Egg Hunt 2018



# Simon Says



## Earth Day — April 22, 2018



### What is Earth Day, and what is it meant to accomplish?

A message from our president, Kathleen Rogers

Close to 48 years ago, on 22 April 1970, millions of people took to the streets to protest the negative impacts of 150 years of industrial development.

In the US and around the world, smog was becoming deadly and evidence was growing that pollution led to developmental delays in children. Biodiversity was in decline as a result of the heavy use of pesticides and other pollutants.

The global ecological awareness was growing, and the US Congress and President Nixon responded quickly. In July of the same year, they created the Environmental Protection Agency, and robust environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, among many.

### One billion people

Earth Day is now a global event each year, and we believe that more than 1 billion people in 192 countries now take part in what is the largest civic-focused day of action in the world.

It is a day of political action and civic participation. People march, sign petitions, meet with their elected officials, plant trees, clean up their towns and roads. Corporations and governments use it to make pledges and announce sustainability measures. Faith leaders, including Pope Francis, connect Earth Day with protecting God's greatest creations, humans, biodiversity and the planet that we all live on.

Earth Day Network, the organization that leads Earth Day worldwide, today announced that Earth Day 2018 will focus on mobilizing the world to End Plastic Pollution, including creating support for a global effort to eliminate single-use plastics along with global regulation for the disposal of plastics. EDN will educate millions of people about the health and other risks associated with the use and disposal of plastics, including pollution of our oceans, water, and wildlife, and about the growing body of evidence that decomposing plastics are creating serious global problems.

From poisoning and injuring marine life to the ubiquitous presence of plastics in our food to disrupting human hormones and causing major life-threatening diseases and early puberty, the exponential growth of plastics is threatening our planet's survival. EDN has built a multi-year campaign to **End Plastic Pollution**. Our goals include ending single-use plastics, promoting alternatives to fossil fuel-based materials, promoting 100 percent recycling of plastics, corporate and government accountability and changing human behavior concerning plastics.

EDN's End Plastic Pollution campaign includes four major components:

- Leading a grassroots movement to support the adoption of a global framework to regulate plastic pollution;
- Educating, mobilizing and activating citizens across the globe to demand that governments and corporations control and clean up plastic pollution;
- Educating people worldwide to take personal responsibility for plastic pollution by choosing to reject, reduce, reuse and recycle plastics, and
- Promoting local government regulatory and other efforts to tackle plastic pollution.

Earth Day Network will leverage the platform of Earth Day and the growing interest in the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day in 2020 as a catalyst for global action.

Learn more at: <https://www.earthday.org/earthday/>





## Lectionary Readings for April 2018

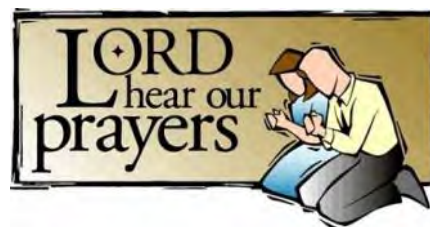
**April 1, 2018**  
*Easter Evening*  
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 114  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
Luke 24:13-49

**April 15, 2018**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

**April 29, 2018**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**April 8, 2018**  
*Second Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

**April 22, 2018**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18



## Prayer List (Names given verbally are spelled to the best of our ability)

Mickey Allen	Michelle Flores & Family	Father Dagobert Nooguera
Anderson Family	Stephanie Fraizer	Miguel O
Anthony	Hal & Marge Giesecking	Terry P
Mike Barnes	+ Gosser Family	Larry Paccone
Kelly Bennett	Barry Graham	Ted & Michelle Paccone
Geraldine Bolden	Pat Grant	Puerto Rico & USVI
Tristian Brown	Hall Family	+ Ryan Family
Trudy Burdge	+ Pikul/Harvey Family	+ Sample Family
Larry Burns	Dianne Howe	Jesse Saunders
Carter Family	Hurricane Victims	Nancy Simpson
+ Christensen Family	Sandra Ingari	Will Smith & Family
Tony Colden	Mike Kelpaul	Bob Snaz
Bonnie Cook	Cindy Kilgore	Jeffrey Spielberger
Costello Family	Ann Lange	+ Spielberger Family
Kevin Court	Donna Langston	Cynthia Thomas
Eleanor Darnell	Heidi & Mike Lord	+ Thomas Family
Martha Dunn & Family	Linda Lucas	Donal VonGryffin
Dvey Family	John Maclean	Don Wayman
Emerson Family	Linda Mann	Meredith White
Yvette Ferguson	Mrs. Martinez	+ Winter Family
Aubrey Fitzgerald	USS McCain	Rachel York
USS Fitzgerald & Family	John McInery	Students & Teachers
	Audrey Noble	

+ Pray for the families who have lost loved ones in the past year.