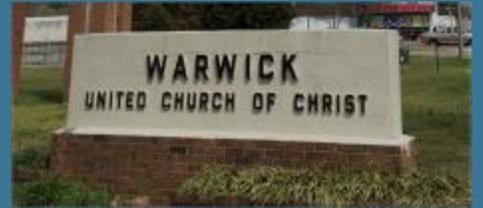


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Where ever you are on your journey, you are welcome here.



WARWICK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a progressive Christian Faith Community
committed to inspiring worship,
working for justice and creating community for
all God's Children.

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Have a photo or news item you want to share in
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Send your info to
wuccupdates@gmail.com

Due by June 25!

Upcoming Events

- June 3** Youth Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM
Communion* & Worship - 11 AM
 “Breaking the Sabbath” - Rev. James
Younger Kids in WONDER-land - 11 AM
Stewardship POP - 12:30 PM
- June 10** Older Kids in WONDER-land - 10 AM
Worship - 11 AM
 “Heart Attacks” - Rev. Sallye
Younger Kids in WONDER-land - 11 AM
- June 16** Fellowship Around the Fire - 5:30 PM
- June 17** **FATHER’S DAY**
Youth Choir Rehearsal - 10 AM
Worship - 11 AM
 “Condiments” - Rev. Sallye
Younger Kids in WONDER-land - 11 AM
- June 19** Adult Supper Club - 6 PM
- June 21** Southern Conference Annual Gathering - through June 23rd
- June 24** Older Kids in WONDER-land - 10 AM
Worship - 11 AM
 “Soul Love” - Rev. James
Younger Kids in WONDER-land - 11 AM
- June 28** MOVIE: Fiddler on the Roof - 7 PM



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

Summer Staffing Schedules



Rev. James is working his Drama Camp in Illinois and will be out of town June 10th & 17th.
Rev. Sallye is working Camp Selah and will be out of town June 24th, and the month of July.
Let’s remember our pastoral staff is very part time and be grateful God uses them in many ways.
You might put your schedule on the new erasable calendar in the hallway, so we can hold you in our prayers for safe travels.

The Warwick Chancel Choir will go on vacation from July 1st until September 1st.

The Youth Choir with Mr. Rudy will meet June 3rd and June 17th from 10 AM to 10:30 AM. There will be no Youth Choir rehearsals in July & August.

Adult Supper Club



Al Fresco Restaurant

Oyster Point Square
11710 Jefferson Avenue
757-873-0644

June 19th - 6 PM

Youth Choir



The Youth Choir will have practice with Mr. Rudy on Sunday mornings.

June 3rd and 17th
10 AM

Warwick Finances...

Financial Update as of May 31, 2018

INCOME	
Total Expected Income - All Sources - 5 months	\$ 38,562
Received - Year to Date	\$ 42,385
Expected Offering Income - Pledged & Loose - 5 months	\$ 32,500
Received - Year to Date	\$ 40,385
We received an annual pledge in Jan 2018. The above numbers are over-budget due to the advanced tith.	
EXPENSES	
Total Expected Expenses - 5 months	\$ 38,562
Spent - Year to Date	\$ 43,808
	\$5,246 OVER BUDGET
MISCELLANEOUS	
Amount sent to any outreach/mission work to date:	\$ 403 **
**Pass thru – what we get we send out – not part of dedicated funds. Includes UCC Special Offerings.	
 <p>BOILER GRANT: Paid Off! A/C REPAIR FUND: Fully funded thanks to \$1,250 in matching gifts!</p>	

JUNE - Fireside Fellowship



Join us on **June 16th** at the church for a revitalizing time of fellowship around the fire. The fire pit that was built for this year's fire vigil is still around and begging to have people sitting around it, roasting delicious food! Some come, sit, chat, and roast some mallows. We'll start the fire at 5:30 and hang as long as you want.

Contact Nate Masters for information: 540-455-5060
NateSMasters@gmail.com

JULY - The Gospel According to Broadway

This July Rev. James will be presenting a Summer Sermon Series titled The Gospel According to Broadway. The fun actually starts on Thursday, JUNE 28th with a showing of the movie "Fiddler on the Roof", to get us ready for the sermon on Sunday, July 1st! "Les Miserables", "Jesus Christ Superstar", and "Hamilton" will round out the series, all with Thursday night movies at 7 PM to go with the next Sunday's sermon.

We finish the month out with our annual Service in the Park on July 29th! See you there!

AUGUST - 3 Loves & MARS

3 Great Loves

Our denomination has called us to increase our intentionality in our loving. The **THREE GREAT LOVES** initiative invites us to **LOVE CREATION, LOVE CHILDREN** and **LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS** in this coming year.

We will begin with **LOVE CHILDREN** in August, focusing on some key spiritual characteristics that make us more able to **LOVE CHILDREN** using the standard lectionary texts.

<http://www.ucc.org/3greatloves>



Music, Art, Recreation, Storytelling

August we will also be hosting weekly **MARS Celebrations** where neighbors and church children will engage in **MUSIC, ART, RECREATION** and **STORYTELLING** each Sunday immediately following church.



We will need your help.

Coordinate Lunches ☺ Create Music

Collaborate on Art Activities

Coach us in some non-competitive
Recreational Activities

Celebrate with telling us your **CHILDHOOD STORY** . . .

JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

PLANNING Begins on **JUNE 10th** . . .

WHO WANTS TO HELP . . .

Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit!

Pure happiness is doing things for others just to see them smile. I may not be able to afford to buy any of these materials to produce this vision but I do have the ability to dream, design, sew and create this visual for my church family. I'm grateful for those of the church who put forth the funds, my friends who helped fold paper doves and climbed to heights to hang all that needed to be hung. Thank you for letting me see one little dream in my life come to fulfillment.

- Lynda G.



Going Green POP



Did you know a glass bottle can take a million years to decompose in a landfill? This is why recycling is so important, if you recycle, the bottle can be reused or repurposed.

As part of a service project for Girl Scouts I chose to help the church go green by providing recycling bins. There is a main recycling bin in the kitchen where cans and bottles can be recycled. There are two paper only bins located in the offices.

Drop off locations for our recyclables are located at Main St. Library, Newport News Park Fire Station, Oyster Point Fire Station, and the Hidenwood Fire Station.

By Emmelia M.



Stewardship POP



Do you feel called to cultivate a spirit of giving at Warwick UCC?

On Sunday, **June 3rd** at 12:30 PM - Stewardship POP will hold its initial meeting. Are you called to help Warwick UCC foster a spirit of generosity? Please join us as we consider issues like an annual pledge drive and planned giving campaign.

Please contact Pastor James at JASDarnellUCC@gmail.com or 202-560-3246.

THRIVE

Don't forget your donations!
Every little bit helps!



Performing Arts @ Camp Selah



2nd Annual Warwick Performing Arts Camp at SELAH
June 29 – July 1, 2018

Did you know Warwickians provide the leadership to a weekend of camp and the performing arts! Nate Masters, Lynda Giselle, and Ann Fitzgerald provide instruction and mentoring in drama and music; Gail Sears serves as the Camp Nurse and Bill and Sue Howell serve as the CHEFS!

This is our second year of doing this!

How exciting to be in ministry with Middle Schoolers!

We still need a dorm dad and a dorm mom... could that be you????

Hawai'i UCC churches live, help, and pray through a slow motion disaster

May 14, 2018

Written by Eric Anderson

Over the course of ten days, seventeen fissures have opened in the Puna district on big island of Hawai'i, spraying molten rock up to 250 feet in the air and disgorging slow-moving lava flows, some within residential neighborhoods. Three UCC congregations are located close to the affected area. This week, over forty religious leaders came together in nearby Hilo to coordinate their response. Prayer services and a chaplaincy rotation are coming together as the eruption continues.

On Sunday, May 6, a few days after the first fissures began opening in the Leilani Estates subdivision prompting hurried evacuations and destroying homes, eight people gathered at the Opihikao Congregational Church UCC just three miles makai (toward the ocean) of the nearest rift. They prayed together and celebrated Holy Communion. They even enjoyed a pot-luck lunch.

"The presence of the Lord was there," said Kahu (Pastor) Harriet Daog. She and her congregation have lived with volcanic activity for a long time.

Hawai'i Island has a land area nearly that of the state of Connecticut, all the result of molten rock rising from miles beneath the surface to claim land from the Pacific Ocean. Ancient Hawaiian religion named Kilauea's summit crater Halema'uma'u, the residence of Pelehonuamea, an active, unpredictable, living goddess who would both create and destroy. To this day, the island's residents speak respectfully of "Tutu Pele," or Grandmother Pele. She symbolizes an active, unpredictable, living planet.

The current outbreaks are the latest in a twenty-five year-long eruption. Four years ago, a lava flow threatened the nearby community of Paho, stopping less than a half a mile from cutting the main road.

Though the current eruption has produced no sizable rivers of molten rock – the fissures have typically ceased activity in a few hours – it has driven around 2,000 people from their homes in Leilani Estates and Lanipula Gardens neighborhoods. Hawai'i County and Red Cross officials report that less than fifteen percent of the evacuees have shown up at their shelters, as most have turned to friends and family, trusting in the tight bonds of the community. Kahu Diane Hultmann at Puula United Church of Christ, three miles inland from the active zone, has labored to find places for five of her congregation's families. "They were all in church on Sunday," she said.

After seven days, lava had claimed twenty-seven homes and nine commercial structures, but no human lives.

On that first Sunday after the eruption, just down the road from Puula UCC, the Rev. Michael Warren, Kahu of Kapalana Maunakea Congregational Church UCC, struggled to reach his church in the Nanawale Estates subdivision.





Road closures and streets congested by residents anxious for their homes snarled traffic. Later in the week, as they worked to offer support to displaced members and neighbors, city crews had to repair a water line damaged in a 6.9 earthquake.

"The churches are really reaching out," he said. "Everybody is doing food and contributing. The faith-based force has really come in."

Rev. Warren fears that communities makai of the activity, such as Opihikao, could be cut off. There are relatively few roads in Puna. Alternative routes may require miles of roundabout travel,

or not exist at all. In addition, parts of the coastline may not be stable, and further earthquakes could trigger a collapse and create a tsunami.

Aware of the danger, Kalapana Maunakea's congregation has removed treasured artifacts to a safe location, as have members at Opihikao and Puula. Puula members once moved their entire building to get it out of the path of a lava flow. In 1990, an eruption destroyed Kalapana Maunakea's building – built in the 1860s after its predecessor was also taken by lava.

Two days without new fissures Thursday and Friday ended when a new rift began fountaining lava on Saturday – fortunately away from homes. Geologists from the Hawai'i Volcano Observatory warn that magma continues to move beneath the surface and could emerge at any time near the existing rifts, or in a new location. Volcanic gases, particularly sulfur dioxide, can be deadly. The event is far from over.

This natural disaster happens in slow motion. It has no discernible end in sight. It's not like a hurricane, which arrives, makes its mark, and leaves – and then the recovery can begin. Hawai'i residents cannot know how long it will go on, how large it will grow, or how many will be affected.

Says Kahu Daog: "We'll see what God has planned."

The Rev. Eric S. Anderson is pastor of Church of the Holy Cross UCC in Hilo, Hawai'i, where the congregation has joined in collecting non-perishable food, water, and dollars for their neighbors.

Top photo [previous page] courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey. Other photos by Eric Anderson.



Lectionary Readings for June 2018

June 3, 2018

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 Deuteronomy 5:12-15
 Psalm 81:1-10 2
 Corinthians 4:5-12
 Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10, 2018

Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
 Psalm 138
 Genesis 3:8-15
 Psalm 130
 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

June 17, 2018

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13
 Psalm 20
 Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

June 24, 2018

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
 Psalm 9:9-20 - or-1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16
 Psalm 133
 Job 38:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 2 Corinthians 6:1-1
 Mark 4:35-41



Prayer List

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

Mickey Allen	USS Fitzgerald & Family	Audrey Noble
Anderson Family	Michelle Flores & Family	Miguel O
Anthony	Stephanie Fraizer	Terry P
Mike Barnes	Gloria Franklin	Larry Paccone
Amanda Bartley	Hal & Marge Giesecking	Ted & Michelle Paccone
Leon Bates	+ Gosser Family	Puerto Rico & USVI
Kelly Bennett	Barry Graham	+ Ryan Family
Geraldine Bolden	Pat Grant	+ Sample Family
Tristen Brown	Hall Family	Jesse Saunders
Trudy Burdge	+ Pikul/Harvey Family	Rev. Cordula Schmid-Wassmuth
Larry Burns	Dianne Howe	Nancy Simpson
Carter Family	Hurricane Victims	Will Smith & Family
+ Christensen Family	Sandra Ingari	Bob Snaz
Carolyn Clayton	Island of Kauai, Hawaii	Jeffrey Spielberg
Tony Colden	Mike Kelpaul	+ Spielberg Family
Costello Family	Cindy Kilgore	Cynthia Thomas
Kevin Court	Ann Lange	+ Thomas Family
Eleanor Darnell	Donna Langston	Donal VonGryffn
+ Dinges Family	Heidi & Mike Lord	Meredith White
Martha Dunn & Family	John Maclean	+ Winter Family
Dvey Family	Linda Mann	Rachel York
Emerson Family	Mrs. Martinez	Students & Teachers
Yvette Ferguson	USS McCain	
Celena Forukem	John McInery	
Aubrey Fitzgerald	McIllnery Family	

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