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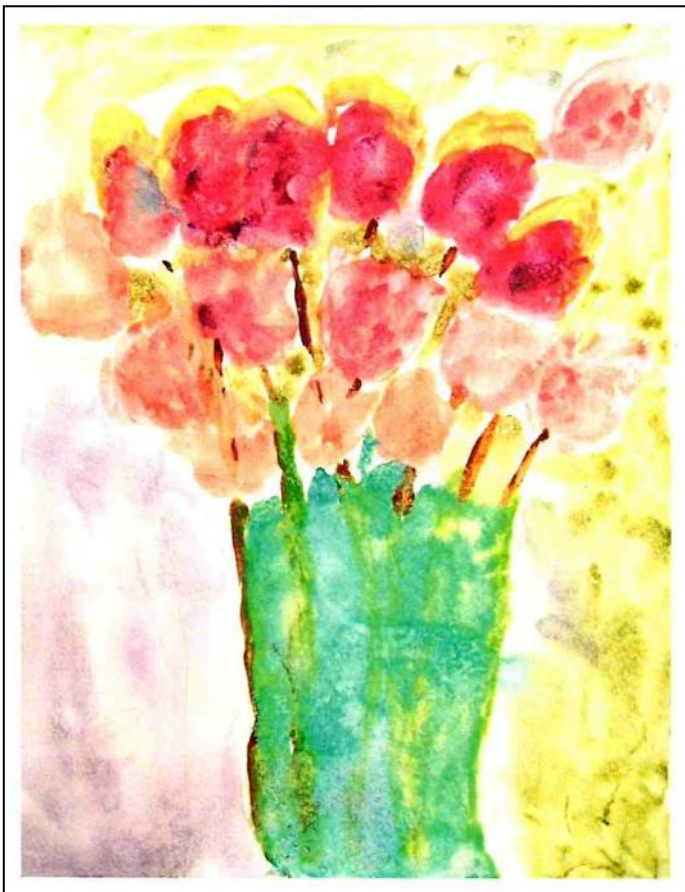
September 2018 Edition

Warwick United Church of Christ P.O. Box 120491 Newport News, VA 23612



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

Earlier this summer Barbara Harvey received a note from Kayla & Crystal Bayles Lennon. Many of you will remember them from several years ago when Kayla was running the children's program. The note was a brief explanation of the story behind the Thank You card, which had been included (pictured below). Evidently the Thank You card had been returned to them **twice** before they found Barbara's address and sent it there! They wanted to be sure that the Warwick family knew they were grateful for the love and support you sent to them.



Dear Warwick Family, Jan 2017
Our hearts cannot thank you enough for the monetary support you sent to us last year during our physical & emotional trials. We feel that you sent so much more than a check - you sent love and care and the knowledge that we are being thought of even when we don't realize it. Thank you for your prayers and for your incredible kindness. With all our love,
Kayla & Crystal
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Have a photo or news item you want to share in the next issue of the CONTACT?

Send your info and suggestions to
wuccupdates@gmail.com

Due by SEPTEMBER 24th!

Calendar of Events

- Thu. September 6** Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM
- Sat. September 8** Holistic Wellness Expo - 10 AM (see page 5)
- Sun. September 9** Liturgy & The Arts PoP - 9 AM
LGBT PoP - 10 AM
Worship - 11 AM
- Wed. September 12** Book Club - 11 AM
Rev. James' Bible Study @ First UCC - 6:30 PM (see page 3)
- Thu. September 13** Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM
- Sun. September 16** Worship - 11 AM
Installation @ Oakland Christian UCC - 4 PM (see page 5)
- Tue. September 18** Supper Club - 6 PM
- Thu. September 20** Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM
- Sat. September 22** EVA Gospel Extravaganza @ New Bethany UCC - 5 PM (see page 5)
- Sun. September 23** Liturgy & The Arts PoP - 9 AM
Care PoP - 10 AM
Worship - 11 AM
- Mon. September 24** CONTACT deadline - Send info to wuccupdates@gmail.com
- Thu. September 27** Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM
- Fri. September 28** Women's Retreat @ Selah through Sun. September 30 (see page 3)
- Sun. September 30** 5th Sunday Worship - 11 AM



Don't forget to follow the calendar on our website www.warwickucc.com! Send events to wuccupdates@gmail.com

PoP News

Liturgy & the Arts POP will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 9 AM at the church for the rest of the year. We will be discussing and planning creative ways to engage in worship and deepen our relationships with each other and with God. All are welcome! No talent is too small. Contact Nate Masters for more information.

Care POP Do you have a passion for helping others? Would you be willing to to send a birthday or anniversary card or prepare a meal for a family in need? We need you on the Care POP. Please contact Terry Samm-Garris for more information. We invite you to attend our next meeting September 23rd at 10:00am. If you have a need or know of someone who does please contact Sallye.

Book Club

October 3rd

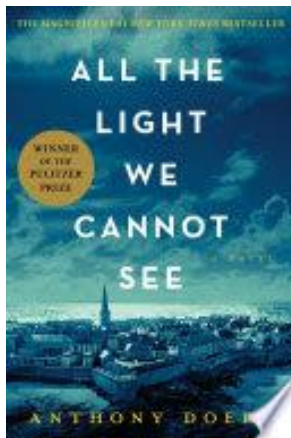
11 AM - Noon

Please join us for a discussion of

Anthony Doerr's

"All the Light We Cannot See"

All are welcome to join in!



Bible Study

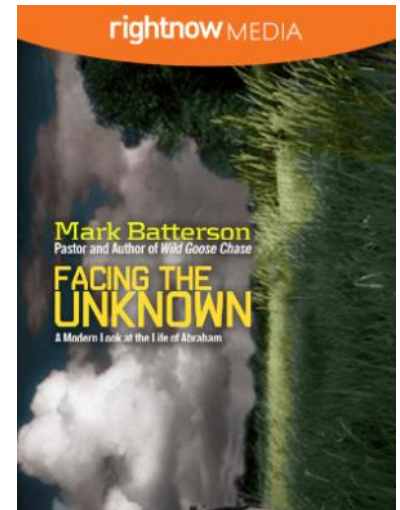
Beginning Wednesday

September 12th

6:30pm

Rev. James will be leading a four week Bible study about Abraham at our sister church, First United Church of Christ, at 1017 Todds Ln,

Hampton. Entitled "Facing the Unknown," In these four video Bible study sessions, viewers will experience cinematic short films that show Abraham living in the 21st century. What might he think and feel with the incredible steps of faith God asked him to take?



Women's Retreat



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Women's Retreat September 28th - 30th

Rev. Dr. Ann Charlescraft, Spiritual Director
Jesse Saunders, Artist
Rev. Sallye Hardy, Chief Firepoker

**Not a
conference!
A RETREAT!**

Enjoy the solitude and freedom of nature and good company.
Beginning with supper at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, and ending with brunch on Sunday, at 11!

Walking sticks will be created! * Sacred Conversations will abound! * Rest will be yours!

Participants will NOT need to cook, wash dishes, fold laundry or meet any schedule!
Coffee/Tea delivered bedside early mornings per request!

\$135.00 Generous Scholarships Available!
Carpooling from Newport News & Richmond available!
Contact Rev. Sallye for info.

CAMP SELAH, 620 EAST HIGHTOWER ROAD, SUTHERLIN, VA, 24594



Welcome Home Initiative® Services Retreat for Combat Vets Virginia Beach, November 8-10

The Welcome Home Initiative®, a healing program for combat veterans who may be suffering in varying degrees from PTS, will be held November 8-10, 2018 in Virginia Beach, VA. The event will be led by Fr. Nigel Mumford, founder of By His Wounds Ministry.

The program, structured over three days, is comprised of a series of talks, small group experiences, and prayer, to help veterans bring Jesus into their traumatic memories, bringing healing those who have been held captive, some for many years!

Due to the generosity of many individuals and churches, the Welcome Home Initiative is offered this to veterans and their spouses at **NO COST** to the them. All accommodations and meals are provided free of charge, and are designed to pamper, restore and renew weary vets and spouses.

Since its inception, By His Wounds Ministry has led approximately 30 retreats, based in New York, Ohio, Florida, Colorado, and Virginia. The program has been presented to the Pentagon and featured on the 700 Club. The WHI provides resources for coping and recovery and keeps an open line of communication long after the retreat ends.

Currently there are two support groups offered in the Hampton Roads area which provide monthly follow-on contact for participants. There are many other programs geared toward helping veterans with PTS, the Welcome Home Initiative is a Christ-centered program that helps participants find lasting freedom from traumatic memories.

The event is supported by a volunteer team dedicated to making those attending to feel loved and nurtured through God's presence and grace. The connections and friendships that are formed during these retreats are deep and lasting, regardless of rank or branch of service.

Walls which once seemed too high to scale, crumble in the face of common shared experience. The testimonies from the men and woman who have attended are awe inspiring and we know that the Lord wants these captives set free!

To register for the upcoming Welcome Home Initiative, or for more information on how you can become involved, please contact Sandra Lester at (561) 877-0944 or email welcomhomeinitiative@gmail.com For more information, visit <http://www.byhiswoundsministry.org>

THRIVE

WE NEED BAGS!



THRIVE Peninsula needs your help collecting plastic/paper bags to pack food for the people of our community



Please bring contributions to...

THRIVE Peninsula

13195 WARWICK BLVD. UNIT 2C, NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23602

Installation of Rev. Mary Anne Biggs

TO: ALL EVA PASTORS, CHURCHES, AND MEMBERS

Dear Friends,

We invite you to join us for the installation of our new minister, Rev. Mary Anne Biggs, on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the Oakland Christian United Church of Christ. Rev. Biggs comes to us from the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. She and her husband John are living in the church parsonage. She is a graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary and has been a parish pastor for eleven years.

We invite you to join us for this special service as well as members of your congregation. Clergy are asked to wear robes and red stoles.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for this happy occasion.

With warmest regards,

The Board of Deacons
Oakland Christian United Church of Christ
Eastern Virginia Association
Southern Conference
United Church of Christ

Holistic Wellness Expo Of Hampton Roads

Saturday, September 8th, 2018



10am to 5pm



Marriott City Center
740 Town Center Dr.
Newport News, VA 23606

Medical and Naturopathic Resources, Accunet, Motivational and Holistic Psychological Therapies, Alternative Therapies, Aromatherapy, Beauty and Health Products, Crystals, Essential Oils, Healing Arts, Intuitive Art, Reiki, Nature Healing, Spirit Arts, Massage Therapy, and More...

For more information visit us at www.linkhr.org or contact Rachael at 757-595-1953x207 or r.gibson@linkhr.org

EVA GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA

GENERAL THEME
"COMING TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP"

SPECIFIC THEME
"PUERTO RIGAN PARTY"



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M.

NEW BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
15496 BENN'S CHURCH ROAD
SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA 23430

REV. DOUGLAS L. JONES, SR., PASTOR

REV. ERNEST L. HAMLIN
EVA GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA COORDINATOR

Lectionary Readings for September 2018

September 9, 2018
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 16, 2018
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9 -or-
Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 23, 2018
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22
-or -
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 30, 2018
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



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

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

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