

Contact

November 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.



In Gratitude for all God has Given Us

Join us for a
Fall Harvest Lunch

November 18th
WUCC Fellowship Hall
following the 11 AM service

Volunteers & Donations Needed

Contact Terry Costello or Lynsie McIlhinney or sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b49a8aa29a4fa7-fall>



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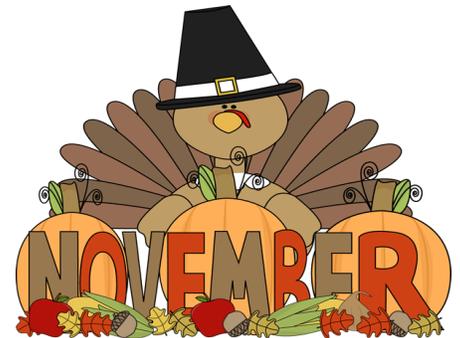
Have a photo or news item you want to share
in the next issue of the CONTACT?

Send your info and suggestions to
wuccupdates@gmail.com

Due by November 25!

Calendar of Events

- Thu. Nov. 1 Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM
- Sun. Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
WONDERLAND: Younger Kids - 11 AM
Worship w/ Rev. James - 11 AM
Children's PoP Mtg. - 12 PM
- Thu. Nov. 8 Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM
- Sat. Nov.10 Church Work Day - come ready to organize and clean - 9 AM
Taize Service - 7 PM
- Sun. Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY
Liturgy & The Arts PoP Mtg. - 9 AM
Trustee's Meeting - 9:00 AM
WONDERLAND: Older Kids - 10 AM, Younger Kids - 11 AM
Worship w/ Rev. James - 11 AM
Connect Children's Choir - 1:30 PM (see page 8)
- Mon. Nov. 12 VETERANS DAY OBSERVED
- Thu. Nov. 15 Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM
- Sat. Nov. 17 Church Work Day - come ready to organize and clean - 9 AM
Family Game Night
- Sun. Nov. 18 WONDERLAND: Younger Kids - 11 AM
Worship w/ Rev. James - 11 AM
Harvest Luncheon - Noon
- Mon. Nov. 19 Women's Group - 11 AM
- Tue. Nov. 20 Adult Supper Club - 6 PM
- Thu. Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING DAY
- Sun. Nov. 25 Liturgy & The Arts PoP Mtg. - 9 AM
WONDERLAND: Older Kids - 10 AM, Younger Kids - 11 AM
Worship w/ Rev. James - 11 AM
CONTACT Deadline - Send items to wuccupdates@gmail.com
- Thu. Nov. 29 Advent Conspiracy - 6:30 PM (see page 9)
Choir Rehearsal - 7:45 PM



- Sun. Dec. 2 Intergenerational Advent Workshop
Sat. Dec. 15 Christmas Chili & Caroling
Sun. Dec. 16 Cantata: Bethlehem's Child

Follow the calendar on our website: www.warwickucc.com! Send events to wuccupdates@gmail.com

Building Updates

- Several people have been busy taking care of the grounds. The Prayer Garden is almost ready for installing the Labyrinth, and all kinds of weeds, unwanted plants, etc. have been removed. Brett Cook-Snell has provided the impetus for getting this done. On any given Sunday morning you will see him in his work clothes weeding, etc. Thanks to all who are helping.
- Plans have been set to have the playground and church building power washed by Steve Harvey.
- Plans are underway to reorganize the storage closet, label shelves and clean out unneeded items. Anyone wishing to help can contact Barbara Harvey or Terry Costello.
- Barbara is looking for volunteers for a kitchen work day. Our last kitchen work day was very successful. It's time to get things back in place and have a good ole scrub down of the counters, walls, floors, etc. Please let Barbara know if you are interested.



Sunday Volunteers for November



Communion Servers: Linda Manning (lead) with Tim Holmes assisting
Usher Lead: Terry Costello (see Terry if you are interested in helping)
Counters: Lysie McIlhinney & Mark Snell-Cook



**Saturday Night /
Sunday Morning**

**November
3rd / 4th
2018**

Financial Update as of Oct. 25, 2018

New Format! What do you think? If you have suggestions please send them to wuccupdates@gmail.com

2018 through October

81% (\$75,242) of budgeted income received

88% (\$81,719) of budgeted expenses used

2017 through October

78% (\$80,194) of budgeted income received

79% (\$87,781) of budgeted expenses used

Checkbook Balance

through 10/25/18: \$4,388

of which \$3,674 is designated funds

thus leaving \$714 in **general funds** for salaries, utilities, & general expenses

Historical Data

2017 – we experienced a \$6,786.48 loss (income – expenses)

2016 – we experienced a \$6,041.88 gain (income – expenses)

2015 – we experienced a \$1,210.00 loss (income – expenses)

Warwick Missions ...

An Old Fashioned Pounding



Twice Blessed is the Harvest We Share

You are invited to take part in an old-fashioned pounding which will begin on Sunday, November 4th. Many years ago, the community would provide help to families in need by having everyone bring a pound of something for their neighbor. With WUCC's version of this tradition, participating families bring designated items each Sunday over a 6-week period to provide an entire holiday dinner for several families selected by LINK.

Simply bring the designated item with you to church for collection during the offertory. To help you plan your shopping, the weekly items are listed below. You may bring all the items at one time if that is more convenient for you.

Week 1: November 4

2 cans of gravy, 2 cans of broth, large box of stuffing

Week 2: November 11

Box of corn bread mix, can of cranberry sauce

Week 3: November 18

Box of instant potatoes, can of corn, 2 large cans of sweet potatoes

Week 4: November 25

Box of cake mix and icing or brownie mix

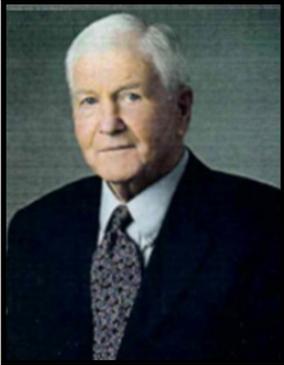
Week 5: December 2

2 large cans of green vegetables

Week 6: December 9

Cash donation for turkey (suggested \$10)

In Memoriam...



Aubrey H. Fitzgerald

Aubrey H. Fitzgerald departed this life on Thursday, October 11, 2018. Aubrey was devoted to his family, especially his wife of 61 years, Shirley. He was also devoted to his church, his community and his alma mater, the College of William & Mary. He was an active leader in the Warwick United Church of Christ and its choir up until the time of his passing. Aubrey served 18 years on Newport News City Council, including two terms as Vice-Mayor. Aubrey was also appointed to the Christopher Newport University Board of Visitors and served on the Peninsula Airport Commission. While Aubrey's civic accomplishments are too numerous to list, his service with the Peninsula Kiwanis Club and the Newport News Republican City Committee were very important to him. In 2003 he received the Alumni Medallion, awarded for lifetime achievement and devotion to the College of William & Mary.

Funeral Services were conducted on Monday, October 15, 2018 at Weymouth Funeral Home by Rev. Sallye Hardy, with Interment following at Peninsula Memorial Park. Donations may be made to Warwick United Church of Christ or William & Mary Tribe Club. Condolences may be sent to Shirley Fitzgerald, 5 Poindexter Place, Newport News, VA 23606.

Donald Verlie Evans

Donald Verlie Evans passed away on October 26, 2018. Donald was an Army veteran, a member of the Peninsula Amateur Radio Club for 30 years KA4IMX, and a volunteer at the Virginia Air and Space Center. He was a member of different bands and musical groups, including; Lyrics, The Hampton Lions Jug Band, and the Retired Men's Band. He and his wife, Virginia, were long time members of Warwick United Church of Christ.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk, VA. Memorial donations may be made to the American Radio Relay League at 225 Main St. Newington, CT 06111-1494. Condolences may be offered at RWBAkerFH.com.



News for November

Barbara Harvey is working on a new wall calendar for 2019 to be hung in the hallway which will preschedule all group meetings, etc. Look for it by Thanksgiving.

Barbara is also working on a poster which will list all of the church officers and POPs, who is in charge and briefly what they are responsible for. This will be a guide when you have a question and need to ask someone.

Amy Addotta-Smith is working on a new printed church directory. Barbara Harvey will have information to be updated at church on Sunday, or you can send your updated info to wuccupdates@gmail.com. Look for the new directory by Thanksgiving.

The Strategic POP is still waiting to hear about the UCC Renewing Grant that was submitted. The purpose of this grant is to “get the word out about Warwick UCC” and therefore build the congregation.

The Visible Witness POP is busy decorating the church for the upcoming season. They are in need of Christmas trees, 5 feet or smaller. If you have one that can be used or donated, please bring and leave in the narthex.

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Fall Festival - October 27th, 2018



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Photos on page 6 and above by: Amanda Bartley, Lysie McIlhinney, Suzanne Howell, Timothy Walden & Sallye Hardy

September 30th, 2018

Photos by Lysie McIlhinney



The Connect Children's Choir



On **November 11th**, Warwick United Church of Christ will have The Connect Children's Choir from Kenya to perform at 1:30PM. **Connect with a Child** is a holistic care program that was initiated as a response to the overwhelming number of poor, orphaned children and vulnerable women in Kenya, whose lives have been ravaged by death, disease and poverty. The Connect Children's Choir will be on tour in America to help raise funds for the desperate plight of orphans and other vulnerable children in Kenya, Africa.

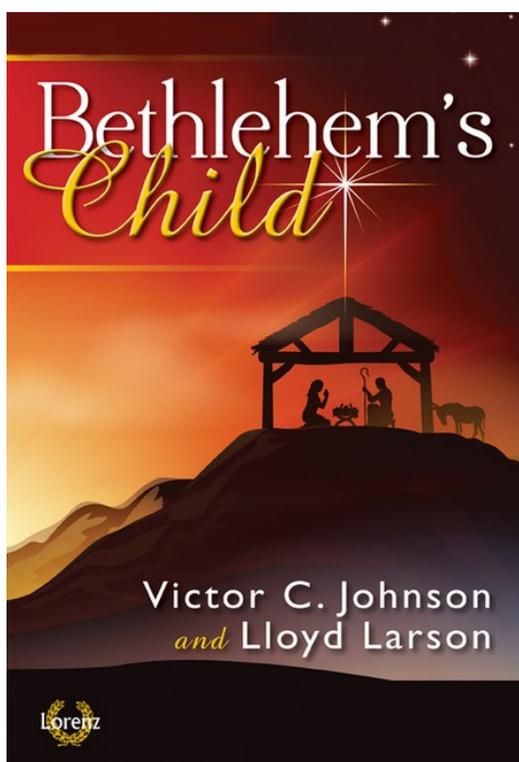
The Connect Children's Choir are made up of children from their orphanage in Kenya. They are dedicated to spreading love, hope and joy while raising awareness and funds for their cause. Their colorful clothing, pounding drums and sweet voices demonstrate their hope and dream for a brighter future. Their inspirational stories of resilience have instilled hope in their hearts and in the hearts of all those who have seen them perform.

Please make it a point to come to Warwick United Church of Christ 10 Matoaka Lane, Newport News, VA at 1:30PM, to see and hear this talented group of children perform. You'll be glad you did!

(www.connectwithachild.org)

Rudy Wilson – Director of Music, Warwick UCC

Bethlehem's Child - A Christmas Cantata



On **December 16th** at 11AM, the Chancel Choir of Warwick United Church of Christ will present a cantata entitled "Bethlehem's Child". This cantata was written by Victor C. Johnson and Lloyd Larson with Orchestration by Larry Shackley.

Warwick United Church of Christ is located at 10 Matoaka Lane, Newport News, Virginia. If you are familiar with the area of Newport News, you'll find the church on the corner of Jefferson Avenue and J. Clyde Morris Blvd.

Bethlehem's Child is a cantata that celebrates the wondrous miracle surrounding the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Using a blend of familiar and original music, a scripturally based narration with full orchestration, "Bethlehem's Child" is certain to fill the hearts of all believers with a sense of wonder and joy in God's goodness. On December 16th, at Warwick United Church of Christ during the 11AM worship service, let the Child of Bethlehem awaken the child inside of you and celebrate "Bethlehem's Child" with our Chancel Choir!

Rudy Wilson – Director of Music, Warwick UCC

Coming Together . . .



Beginning on Thursday, November 29, we will join in an Advent Bible study, *Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World?* Are you tired of how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? This year, take a stand! Join the groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be—a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us. Advent Conspiracy shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple but powerful, counter-cultural concepts.

Join us Thursdays at 6:30pm.



Thursday, November 29: WORSHIP FULLY

Nearly every character in the Christmas story that encountered the Christ Child responded in the same way: worship. Let's make the conscious effort to reorient our hearts toward Christ. Christmas began with worship, may it end with worship.



Thursday, December 6: SPEND LESS

In our hearts we know mindless consumption is not the way to celebrate Jesus. But spending less does not mean spending nothing. Rather we will thoughtfully evaluate what companies and causes we support through our purchases.



Thursday, December 13: GIVE MORE

The best gifts celebrate a relationship. They require our time and our energy. Relational giving means that we think about the other person—who they are and what they care about.



Thursday, December 20: LOVE ALL

Christmas is a chance to move closer to those in crisis. We will love others as Jesus has loved us. The poor and hurting of our world can be reached by God through the way we choose to celebrate Christmas.

Books will be available for purchase for \$10. Please contact Rev. James at jasdarnellucc@gmail.com or 202-560-3246 if you are interested in attending.

Women's Group

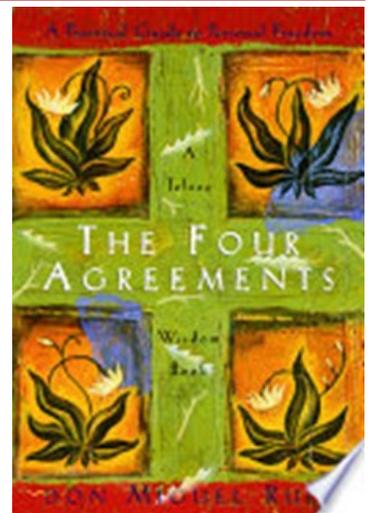
The Women of the Church are invited to attend a discussion group concerning a Toltec Wisdom Book: The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz.

The Four Agreements are: Be Impeccable with Your Word, Don't Take Anything Personally, Don't Make Assumptions, and Always Do Your Best.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Monday of November, December, March and April at 11 am -12 noon.

If you are interested, please contact Sue Howell (757-508-2610). I have purchased 4 extra copies of the book which is easy reading and we can pass them around. If you prefer your own copy, Barnes and Noble usually has some in stock. Just ask a clerk, she took me straight to them since I didn't find them where I thought they would be.

Sue Howell



Lectionary Readings for November 2018

November 4, 2018

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 18, 2018

26th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 25, 2018

27th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 11, 2018

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 22, 2018

Thanksgiving Day, USA

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33



Prayer List

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

Mickey Allen	+ Fitzgerald Family	John McIllnery
Anderson Family	Michelle Flores & Family	McIllnery Family
Lea Avertin	Stephanie Fraizer	Sid Neighbors
Mike Barnes	Celena Forukem	Audrey Noble
Leon Bates	Hal & Marge Giesecking	Larry Paccone
Kelly Bennett	+ Gosser Family	Ted & Michelle Paccone
Nan Bergin	Barry Graham	Polanco Family
Geraldine Bolden	Pat Grant	+ Ryan Family
Trudy Burdge	Hall Family	+ Sample Family
Larry Burns	+ Pikul/Harvey Family	Jesse Saunders
Carter Family	Dianne Howe	Nancy Simpson
Rebekkah Chriscoe	Sandra Ingari	Will Smith & Family
Bob Christian	Island of Kauai, Hawaii	Bob Snaz
+ Christensen Family	Mike Kelpaul	Jeffrey Spielberger
Carolyn Clayton	Cindy Kilgore	Gary Takata
Tony Colden	Ann Lange	Cynthia Thomas
Costello Family	Donna Langston	+ Thomas Family
Kevin Court	Heidi & Mike Lord	Donal VonGryffin
Eleanor Darnell	John Maclean	Lynn Whitted
+ Dinges Family	Linda Mann	Meredith White
Martha Dunn & Family	Nevaeh Martin	+ Winter Family
Emerson Family	Mrs. Martinez	Rachel York
Ed Frazier		Students & Teachers
Yvette Ferguson		

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