

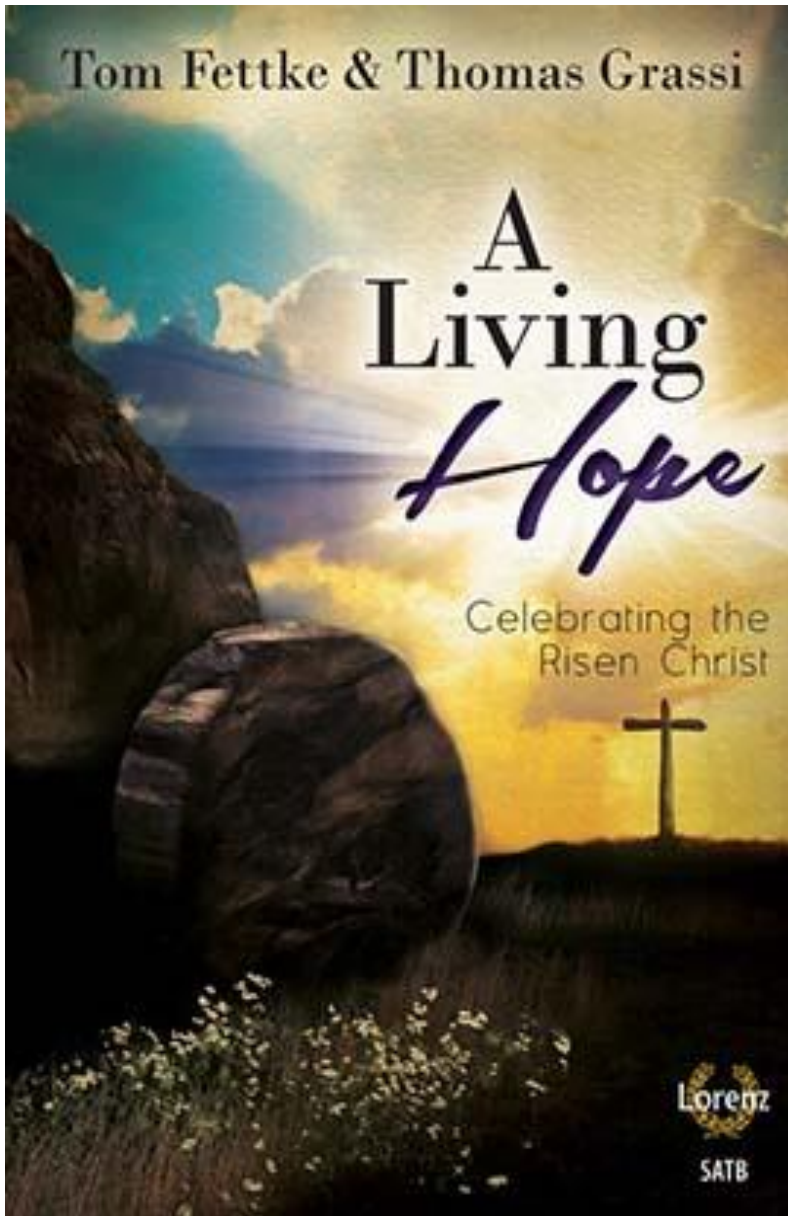
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April 2019 Edition

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



## Easter Cantata



On **April 21<sup>st</sup>** at the 11AM morning service, the Warwick United Church of Christ Chancel Choir will present an Easter Cantata entitled “A Living Hope”. Combining the compositional talents of Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi, this inspiring cantata provides an unforgettable worship experience. I will create the orchestration for this cantata.

This eight-movement cantata moves us from the festivities of Palm Sunday, through the death and agony of Jesus, to our celebration of the resurrection message. “A Living Hope” is an inspiring and moving musical with narration that informs and touches the heart. It describes the joy and hope we have in the resurrected Christ.

I sincerely hope that you will attend the 11AM morning service to hear this great blessing through music entitled “A Living Hope” on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Rudolph Wilson*  
– Director of Music

*Christ is Risen!*

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Have info for the May CONTACT?  
Send it to [wuccupdates@gmail.com](mailto:wuccupdates@gmail.com)

**Due by April 24!**

## Calendar of Events



### Thursday, April 4

6:30pm – 7:30pm Lenten Bible Study  
7:30pm – 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 7

9am – 9:30am  
10am – 10:30am  
11am – 12pm  
12pm – 1pm  
**Communion Sunday**  
Children's PoP Mtg  
Youth Choir Practice  
Worship: "One Way out of Nowhere" – Rev. Sallye  
Congregational Meeting

### Thursday, April 11

6:30pm – 7:30pm Lenten Bible Study  
7:30pm – 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 14

10am – 12pm  
11am – 12pm  
12pm – 2pm  
**Palm Sunday**  
WONDERLAND: Older Kids @ 10 AM, Younger Kids @ 11 AM  
Worship: "The Lord's Lament" – Rev. James  
Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt

### Monday, April 15

11am – 12pm Women's Study Group

### Tuesday, April 16

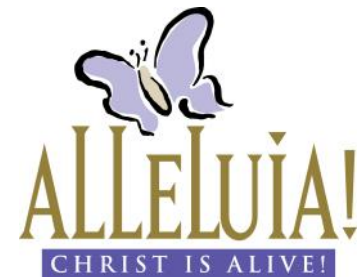
6pm – 7pm Adult Supper Club

### Thursday, April 18

6:30pm – 7:30pm Lenten Bible Study  
7:30pm – 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 21

7pm – 8am  
11am – 12pm  
**Easter Sunday**  
Sunrise Service: "The Possible Dream" – Rev. Sallye  
followed by breakfast  
Worship: Easter Cantata



### Thursday, April 25

7:30pm – 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 28

10am – 12pm  
11am – 12pm  
3pm – 4pm  
4pm – 5pm  
WONDERLAND: Older Kids @ 10 AM, Younger Kids @ 11 AM  
Worship: "Peace comes in Pieces" – Rev. Sallye  
Celebration with Pastor Sallye  
Dinner

Follow the calendar on our website: [www.warwickucc.com](http://www.warwickucc.com)! Send events to [wuccupdates@gmail.com](mailto:wuccupdates@gmail.com)

## Women's Study Group

The Women's Study Group will meet on **Monday, April 15th at 11 am**. Our discussion will center on the Fourth Agreement: Always Do Your Best. "Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret."

Join us to express your view on this agreement and share what works or doesn't work for you. Hope to fellowship with you on the 15th!

-Sue Howell



## Congregational Meeting

**April 7, 2019**



Immediately following the service. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## Sunday Volunteers for April 2019

**Communion Servers:**  
Joe Emerson, lead  
Linda Manning, assisting

**Counters:**  
Courtney Walden and Tina Bailey

## Financial Update as of March 24, 2019

### 2019 through end of March

27% (\$24,704) of budgeted income received \*  
22% (\$19,699) of budgeted expenses used

### 2018 through end of March

33% (\$30,494) of budgeted income received \*  
28% (\$25,457) of budgeted expenses used

### Checkbook Balance

through 3/24/19: \$19,606.07 \*  
of which \$5,940.66 is designated funds  
thus leaving \$13,665.41 in **general funds** for salaries, utilities, & general expenses

### Historical Data

2018 - we experienced a \$4718.85 gain (income-expenses)  
2017 - we experienced a \$6,786.48 loss (income - expenses)

\* FYI - The high \$ numbers are due to two members who submitted their entire annual pledge in January.

## Mission Fundraiser

# Dinner & Dance The Night Away!



A Benefit for  
**LINK's Veterans  
Shelter Programs**



**Saturday, April 6th, 2019**

**MARY IMMACULATE CONFERENCE CENTER**

**2 Bernardine Dr.**

**Newport News, VA 23602**

**6:30 pm to 11:00 pm**

**SILENT  
AUCTION!**

**The Rocket Men  
Playing Music from  
the 50s/60s/70s**

**CASH BAR!**

**Tickets: \$35.00**

(plus \$3.77 fee per ticket)

Tickets Available at:

<https://linkdinneranddancethenightaway.eventbrite.com>

## Trustee Report

On February 22, 2019, the Trustees meet to discuss matters concerning the Church.

- Mark E. Snell-Cook agreed to be the Chairman of the Trustees.
- It was agreed that Warwick UCC needed a HVAC service plan as well as a Pest Control Plan. Research and quotes before a choice is made.

Subsequent events addressed:

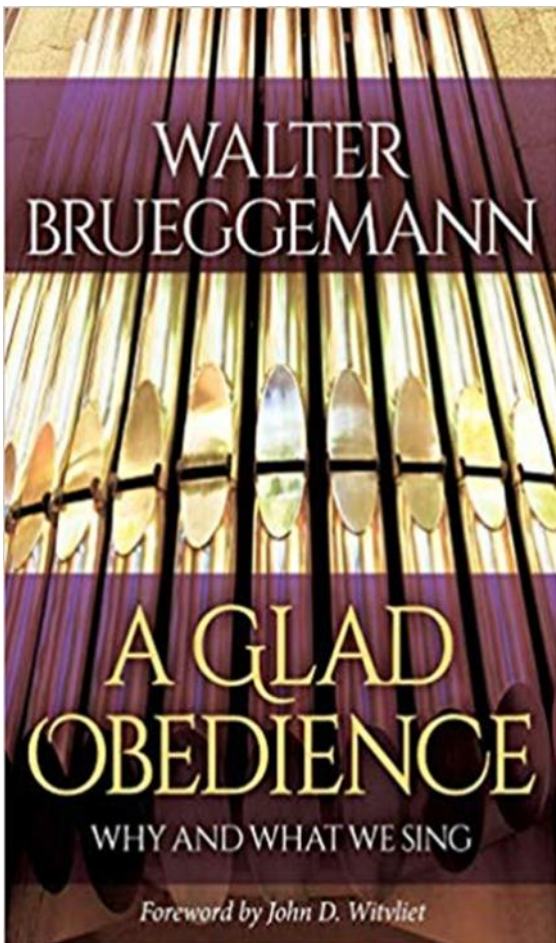
- Plumbing issues in the Men's Restroom (cost over \$500.00).
- On March 16, 2019, the exterior door lock failed. A few hours needed to resolve the matter and get a new lock installed. (The replacement Lock and keys cost over \$400.00)

Mark E. Snell-Cook, Barbara Harvey, Terri Costello and Tim Holmes

## Lenten Bible Study

**April 4th, 11th, & 18th  
6:30pm**

Co-taught by Rudy Wilson & Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell



The Christian practice of hymn singing, says renowned biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann, is a countercultural act. It marks the Christian community as different from an unforgiving and often ungrateful culture. In this helpful and engaging book, Brueggemann discusses both why we sing and what we sing.

The first part of the book examines the Psalms and what they can teach us about the reasons that corporate song is a part of the Christian tradition. The second part looks at fifteen popular hymns, including classic and contemporary ones such as “Blest Be the Ties That Binds,” “God's Eye Is on the Sparrow,” “Once to Every Man and Nation,” “Someone Asked the Question,” and “We Are Marching in the Light of God,” and the reasons why they have caught our imagination.

Books are available for purchase online: [https://www.amazon.com/Glad-Obedience-Why-What-Sing/dp/0664264646/ref=olp\\_product\\_details?\\_encoding=UTF8&me=](https://www.amazon.com/Glad-Obedience-Why-What-Sing/dp/0664264646/ref=olp_product_details?_encoding=UTF8&me=)

Also available at church for \$18

## Lectionary Readings for April 2019

### April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

### April 14, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Lent

*Liturgy of the Palms*  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Luke 19:28-40

*Liturgy of the Passion*

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56 -or-  
Luke 23:1-49

### April 18, 2019

Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday  
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### April 19, 2019

Good Friday  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 -or-  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

### April 20, 2019

Holy Saturday  
Job 14:1-14 -or-  
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66 -or-  
John 19:38-42

### April 21, 2019

Easter Vigil

*Old Testament Readings and Psalm*

Genesis 1:1-2:4a -and-  
Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26  
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13  
-and- Psalm 46  
Genesis 22:1-18 -and- Psalm 16  
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 -and-  
Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Isaiah 55:1-11 -and- Isaiah 12:2-6  
Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 -or-  
Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 -and-  
Psalm 19  
Ezekiel 36:24-28 -and- Psalm 42, 43  
Ezekiel 37:1-14 -and- Psalm 143  
Zephaniah 3:14-20 -and- Psalm 98

*New Testament Reading and Psalm*  
Romans 6:3-11 -and- Psalm 114

*Gospel*

Luke 24:1-12

### April 21, 2019

Resurrection of the Lord  
Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 -or-  
Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 -or-  
Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 -or-  
Luke 24:1-12



## Praying Together...

MARCH 2019

Mickey Allen  
Anderson Family  
Lea Avertin  
Mike Barnes  
Leon Bates  
Kelly Bennett  
Nan Bergin  
Geraldine Bolden  
Trudy Burdge  
Larry Burns  
Carter Family  
+ Cassell Family  
Bob Christian  
Rebekkah Chriscoe  
+ Christensen Family  
Carolyn Clayton  
Tony Colden  
Bonnie Cook

Costello Family  
Kevin Court  
Martha Dunn & Family  
Emerson Family  
Evans's Family  
+ Yvette Ferguson  
+ Fitzgerald Family  
Michelle Flores & Family  
Celena Forukem  
Gloria Franklin  
Dr. Bruce Kauder  
Grant Mansfield  
Hal & Marge Giesecking  
Terry Sam-Garris  
Pat Grant  
Barry Graham  
Hall Family  
Dianne Howe

Sandra Ingari  
Mike Kelpaul  
Cindy Kilgore  
Ann Lange  
Donna Langston  
Heidi & Mike Lord  
John Maclean  
Nancy Mayle  
Linda Mann  
The Methodists  
Lorraine Palmer  
Polanco Family  
Audrey Noble  
Larry Paccone  
Ted & Michelle Paccone  
Katie Ryder  
+ Ryan Family  
Jesse Saunders

Gail Sears  
Nancy Simpson  
Elizabeth Sunderland  
Jean Stockman  
Heidi & Shawn Sweeney  
Bob Snaz  
Jason Spielberger  
Jeffrey Spielberger  
Gary Takata  
Cynthia Thomas  
Sedonia Trippel  
Donal VonGryffin  
Tim Wayman  
Meredith White  
Rachel York  
+ Students & Teachers  
+ Wilmath Family  
Winter Family



# Warwick United Church of Christ

HISTORY REPORT FOR 2018

Presented by Rodney Thompson, Sr.  
Church Historian

January 5<sup>th</sup> PORT - over-night at Saint Jerome's Catholic Church

January 7<sup>th</sup> There will be a short congregational meeting directly after the service to approve the budget and officers for 2019.

January 28<sup>th</sup> We will be hosting a reception for those gathered for the Celebration of Life Service for Rev. Michael O. Christensen. The service will be at 3:00 pm. We are expecting a large crowd, including a number of clergy to honor him.

February 4<sup>th</sup> We will have the Installation of Rev. James S. Darnell.

February 17<sup>th</sup> We will hold our annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction beginning at 5:30 pm. All profits will go towards the children's ministry.

March 4<sup>th</sup> There will be an Emergency Council meeting at 9:00 am.

March 17<sup>th</sup> There will be a Celebration of the Life of Sue Gosser. Set up and preparation will be at 1:00 pm. The service will be at 4:00 pm.

March 18<sup>th</sup> There will be a building user meeting at 9:00 am.

March 24<sup>th</sup> Family Game / Fun Event. We will do play dough with the younger kids and slime with the older kids.

March 25<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt! We will grill hot dogs and ask for potluck side dishes. This is an outreach event. We have made 50 goody bags. This year we are looking into Easter Baskets using buckets. Ideas include crayons, coloring book, bunny bubbles, and play dough.

April 1<sup>st</sup> There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at 07:00 am in the church sanctuary. It will be followed by a pancake breakfast at 8:00 am. Then our Easter Cantata will be at 11:00 am.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> There will be a Congregational Meeting after church. The Strategic POP will be presenting recommendations 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 vision/mission as well as the POP system as our governing body).

June 16<sup>th</sup> "Oodles of Noodles". Fun for the whole family and community. We will grill out over the fire! The fun begins at 3:30 pm.

June 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> The Southern Conference 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering will be hosted by Western North Carolina Association. It will be held at the beautiful Canterbury School which is located at 5400 Old Lake Jeanette Road in Greensboro.

June 28<sup>th</sup> We will be showing the movie "Fiddler on the Roof" at 7:00 pm.



- July 5<sup>th</sup> We will be showing the movie "Les Misérables" at 7:00 pm.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> We will be showing the movie "Jesus Christ Superstar" at 7:00 pm.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> We will be showing the movie "Hamilton" at 7:00 pm.
- July 29<sup>th</sup> We will have our Annual Service in the Park. It will be in Deer Park at shelter #1, 11523 Jefferson Avenue. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, please bring a side dish to share.
- August 5<sup>th</sup> We will have a council meeting at 6:30 pm. If you are the leader of a POP, or a part of the Church Council Officers, or just want to be part of the planning process of the life of the church, please plan to attend. We are looking for updates as to what the POP's have been doing, and what is planned for the upcoming months.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Our sister congregation, First UCC of Hampton, will be attending our Third Sunday Potluck.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> There will be a shared worship service at Hilton Christian, 100 James River Drive. Reverend James will be preaching, so there will be NO SERVICE at Warwick. There will be a Labor Day picnic following the service.
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> There will be a Council meeting at 12:30.
- September 26<sup>th</sup> There will be a Bible Study from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at First United Church of Christ at 1017 Todds Lane in Hampton.
- September 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> The Women's Retreat will be at Camp Selah.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> There will be a Bible Study at 6:30 pm at First UCC.
- October 27<sup>th</sup> Our Fall Fling will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will have yard sale items, Food and a Bake Sale.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> We will be hosting our first "Family Game Night".
- November 18<sup>th</sup> We will be having a Harvest Luncheon. Please sign up using the link in the eblast or see Terry Costello. If you wish to donate towards a turkey or ham, please see Lysie or Terry.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> There will be a Council meeting at 12:30.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> From 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Chili, Caroling, Cider and Hot Chocolate. Come and enjoy our meandering through the neighborhood.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> The Third Sunday of Advent. Worship with the Adult Choir as they perform "Bethlehem's Child" at 11:00 am. It will be followed by a reception.

December 23<sup>rd</sup> There will be a Congregational Meeting after church.

December 24<sup>th</sup> We will have a Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm.