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**AUGUST 2019
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**Due by 5 pm
JULY 29!**

July ★★

The Gospel according to **BROADWAY** a summer sermon series

July 7



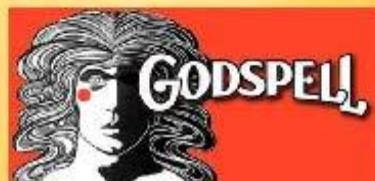
July 14



July 21



July 28



Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell, preaching
WARWICK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
10 Matoaka Ln., Newport News
www.warwickucc.com

Calendar of Events



Thursday, July 4	Independence Day 7:30 – 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, July 7	10am – 12pm WONDERLAND: Older Kids @ 10 AM, Younger Kids @ 11 AM 10am – 10:30am Children's PoP Mtg 11am – 12pm Worship
Thursday, July 11	7:30 – 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, July 13	12 – 4pm Family Game Day
Sunday, July 14	11am – 12pm Worship 12 – 1pm Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, July 16	6 – 7pm Adult Supper Club
Thursday, July 18	7:30 – 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, July 21	10am – 12pm WONDERLAND: Older Kids @ 10 AM, Younger Kids @ 11 AM 11am – 12pm Worship
Thursday, July 25	7:30 – 8:45pm Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, July 28	11am – 12pm Worship: Picnic at Deer Park Shelter #1

Sunday Volunteers

JULY 2019

Counters: Amanda Masters
Courtney Walden

Communion: Lead: Tim Holmes
Assisting: Barbara Harvey

Reader Coordinator: Shirley Holmes

Thank you

Book Group



Book Group is on vacation
until September.
Happy Summer!

The Scottish Rite

The Scottish Rite facility at 65 Saunders Rd, Newport News, VA 2360 has a massive amount of medical equipment, crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds and much more. Their equipment building had been enlarged but is currently much too small such that a new building is in process. I volunteered this morning from 9:00 to 11:00, my first day, and it was very busy. A bed to be picked up later was being checked out - did all the motors work etc., when, low and behold, a bed was returned. A medical tech was there to obtain a special seat when again, one was returned. A couple came to find a wheeled seat for a father's getting from bed to bathroom and one was found though the trim around the doorway may have to be removed to allow the 23" wide chair to get through. Friends, a large amount of needed medical equipment is available **and it is free**. Spread the word.



H. K. Holmes

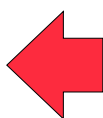
Girl Scouts



Courtney Walden's Girl Scout Troop is collecting plastic bags to recycle. The Service unit is hoping to collect 500lbs of bags by January 1st, and in return will receive a bench made out of recycled plastics to be placed at Camp Skimino in Williamsburg. If you have any plastic bags please bring them to Church and Courtney will gladly recycle them for you! Types of bags that can be recycled include grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, produce bags, Ziplock bags, bread bags, ice bags, bubble wrap, newspaper selves, and wood pellet bags. Just make sure all bags are clean and dry.

Courtney W.

Warwick in Photos

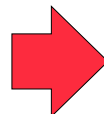


On Sunday, June 30, Nate Masters provided the music for the 11 o'clock worship service.

Photo courtesy of Barbara Harvey

Zoë Walden enjoying the Little Free Library at Tommy's Playground.

Photo by Courtney Walden



A Brief Recap of the 32nd General Synod of the United Church of Christ



Committee Resolutions

1. A Resolution of Witness to Abolish the Growth and Existence of Private Prisons - Resolution Passed This Resolution calls the United Church to actualize our affirmation against private prisons through methods designed to achieve the abolition of such prisons. It specifically calls for appropriate legislation accompanied by oversight mechanisms of U.C. Congress, State legislatures, and local governments to immediately require existing private prisons to provide optimum spiritual, medical, physical and mental health care as well as safety measures.

2a. A Prudential Resolution on Ecumenical Relationship Between the United Church of Christ and the Iglesia Evangelica Unida De Puerto Rico - Resolution Passed

2b. A Resolution of Witness Reaffirming the United Church of Christ's Commitment to Interreligious Relations, and Deploring Religious Bigotry - Resolution Passed

3. A Resolution of Witness Addressing the State of Global Forced Migration - Resolution Passed In addition to affirming inclusivity and rejecting divisive discourse, this resolution calls on the wider church to learn about global migration, and for member churches to participate, engage and advocate for displaced people and take efforts to dismantle racism, discrimination, bigotry, and xenophobia. It also calls on the U.S. Government to take the matter of global migration seriously and participate in United Nations efforts to address the issue. Finally, the resolution urges all settings of the church to advocate for the US to work closely with the global community and partners.

4. A Prudential Resolution Establishing an Action Team to Conduct a Listening Campaign and Bring Recommendations on the Future of Christian Witness at General Synod - Resolution Passed This resolution was heavily edited through the work of the committee but ultimately called on the church to create a listening campaign throughout the denomination in all of its expressions. . . to ask how the various settings most energetically and thoroughly carry out Christian mission and witness. It calls for the UCC Board, in consultation with the Council of Conference Ministers, to "consider an effective implementation plan for this listening campaign, to be reported to and by General Synod 33."

5a. A Resolution of Witness Regarding the Use of Plastic Foam (i.e. Styrofoam) - Resolution Passed One of the few resolutions taken up for specific consideration and backing by youth delegates, The resolution encourages UCC congregations and other institutions "to avoid the use of plastic foam in food packaging and other activities within their church and church-related facilities," educate members about plastic foam and "encourage the use of alternatives such as paper products, or, better yet, ceramic or other dishwasher-safe products."



5b. A Resolution of Witness on Support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 - *Resolution Passed*

In documents supporting its resolution, the Synod said the proposed act of Congress would be effective in reducing fossil carbon pollution because it "applies a fee on extraction of fossil carbon, returns the money to people as a dividend, supports fair international trade, and increases the fossil carbon fee yearly." It is "good for people, especially the poor, is good for the economy, is supported by members from both major parties, and is revenue neutral."

6. A Resolution of Witness Denouncing Acts of Violence, Hatred, and Racism Carried out in the Name of Neo-Nazi and White Supremacist Ideologies - *Resolution Passed*

This resolution began by asking the church "to denounce all forms and expressions of white supremacist hatred" and "to speak and act in solidarity with all who are the targets of hate speech and actions." It also encouraged each congregation to work with organizations of other faiths in efforts to promote racial justice. The deliberation of the committee assigned this resolution added language about how to respond to white supremacy and encouraged ongoing dialogue in our communities.

7a. A Prudential Resolution Designating the Mental Health Network of the United Church of Christ as a Historically Underrepresented Group - *Resolution Passed*

7b. A Prudential Resolution where the Colectivo De UCC Latinx Ministries Requests to be Recognized as a Historically Underrepresented Group - *Resolution Passed*

8. A Resolution of Witness on the Stewardship of Exhibit Space as a Mission of Justice - *Resolution Tabled*

This Resolution called for exhibits in the General Synod hall to be in accordance with resolutions previously passed at General Synod, aimed specifically at the Faithful and Welcoming Churches, which advocate against ordaining LGBTQ+ clergy or allowing same-sex marriage. The committee broadened the language to include advocacy against any UCC-defined Historically Underrepresented Group; plenary tabled the entire resolution indefinitely.

9. A Prudential Resolution Supporting Survivors Of Rape and Sexual Violence Through An Ongoing Church-Wide Observance of Break The Silence Sunday (BTSS) - *Resolution Passed*

This resolution establishes a Break the Silence Sunday observance across the denomination for the purpose of opening conversation throughout the church about rape and sexual assault. In addition to designating one Sunday each year for conversation and education, the resolution also encourages churches and local associations to treat survivors and their stories "with due care and preparation, allowing time for education, self-care, and gathering of resources."

10. A Resolution of Witness Calling for the United States to pull "Back From The Brink" and Prevent Nuclear War - *Resolution Passed*

11. A Prudential Resolution Discerning, Articulating, and Resourcing the Nature, Purpose, Composition, Covenantal Autonomy and Definition of 'the basic unit of life and organization of the United Church of Christ' for the Twenty-first Century - *Resolution Passed*

12. A Resolution of Witness Calling upon the United Church of Christ Board to Bring Bylaws Revisions that include Non-Binary Gender Language - *Resolution Passed*

This resolution called for the UCC Board to review our bylaws and to bring a bylaws revision to General Synod 33 that would use expansive and inclusive language, rather than gender binary language, to outline the requirements for representation for Synod delegations and the UCC Board.

13. A Prudential Witness Calling for Oversight of the Local Church and its Covenantal Relationship with the Association in Which it Holds Standing as a Local Church of the United Church of Christ - *Resolution Tabled*

14. A Resolution of Witness titled JESUS SAID, "FOLLOW ME." - *Resolution Passed*

15. A Resolution of Witness Declaring Support for the Green New Deal and Affirming the Intersectionality of Climate Justice with all Justice Issues - *Resolution Passed*

This resolution made the UCC the first U.S. Christian body to endorse the Green New Deal, a congressional proposal that lays out a plan for tackling climate change. The Green New Deal (H.R. 109, S.R. 59) is a good match for our own conviction that "climate justice" concerns are linked to racial and economic ones. "The vision and urgency of the Green New Deal are what is needed to preserve and restore God's great gift of creation," said the Rev. Jim Antal of Norwich, Vt., who wrote the Synod resolution.

Direct-to-Plenary Resolutions:

On Protection of Immigrant Children and Their Families - *Resolution Passed*

This Resolution of Witness calls upon the UCC to advocate for the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and other applicable governmental departments and agencies to immediately end the practice of separating minor children from their parents, except for the rare cases when the parents pose a threat to their own children, and that minor children who already have been taken from their parents be quickly reunited with them.

On Recognizing Opioid Addiction as a Health Epidemic, Ensuring Access to Treatment and Pharmaceutical Corporate Responsibility - *Resolution Passed*

Nehemiah's Life: A Call for Congressional Hearings on Violence in America

A New Conference in Southern New England

Acts of Justice and Witness

Service of Blessing held at Milwaukee Planned Parenthood Clinic

In the wake of new state legislation and Trump administration policies restricting the reproductive rights of women, a group of clergy and lay people attending the United Church of Christ's General Synod traveled to a Milwaukee Planned Parenthood clinic after worship on Sunday to join its staff in a service of blessing and solidarity. The gathering reaffirmed the denomination's long history of support for reproductive choice for women and for health care providers delivering the full range of services to their women patients.



Rally to Denounce the Border Separation of Families and Unjust

Deportations at Milwaukee ICE Office Approximately 1000 delegates and visitors to General Synod and local demonstrators at the ICE office, calling for a change in policies that separate families. A resolution of witness had already been passed at Synod calling for this, and members of the UCC acted out that witness on Monday. The fight was personal for many attendees, who knew people who had been rounded up, including a student pastor serving an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Wisconsin.

Celebrations

Movement Makers Award

On Saturday, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) was presented with the Movement Makers Award, the award from Justice and Local Church Ministries given at each Synod to an external organization that embodies the ethos that the United Church of Christ holds dear as followers of the Way

Eight years ago, CIW began working to eradicate what many recognized as modern day slavery in the tomato industry in a small town in Florida. The group started with a successful boycott of Taco Bell and went on to reach agreement with 14 major corporations to both pay a penny more a pound to increase the wages of tomato pickers, and to only buy from growers proven to abide by policies aimed at preventing sexual abuse and harassment.

Antoinette Brown Award

The Antoinette Brown Award is presented at General Synod to UCC clergywomen whose lives and ministries exemplify Brown's spirit of trailblazing leadership in church and society. In 1853, Brown became the first woman ordained into Christian ministry since biblical times. This year's awards were presented to:

The Rev. Liddy Barlow, who in 2014 was the first woman to be installed as executive minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, an ecumenical agency bringing together 28 Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox church bodies. In recognizing Barlow, the selection committee lifted up the work she did in the wake of the mass killings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh last year.

The Rev. Eileen Norrington, who was recognized for her work in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. In 1996, Norrington was the first woman in the Navy Chaplain Corps history promoted to the rank of captain. Since she retired from the Navy, she has filled roles in the national setting.

The Rev. Marti Baumer, one of the first women to serve as a Conference Minister when she served in Illinois South, was lifted up for her "serious attention to people and place, the articulation of firmly held values, and strength of character that encourages others and strengthens the church."

Woman Preach! Inc., an organization that seeks to provide intimate, practical training and nurturing community spaces to empower preachers, received the institutional Catalyst Award. Over the past eight years, *WomanPreach!* has mentored hundreds through its programming, and stands in support of equity and freedom for all people.



Lectionary Readings for July 2019

July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 28, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13



Praying Together...

JUNE 2019

Mickey Allen

Anderson Family

Lea Avertin

Mike Barnes

Leon Bates

Kelly Bennett

Nan Bergin

Geraldine Bolden

Trudy Burdge

Larry Burns

Carter Family

Bob Cassidy

+ 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

Grant Mansfield

Hal & Marge Giesecking

Hall Family

Pat Grant

Barry Graham

Isaac Gwynne

Dianne Howe

Sandra Ingari

Mike Kelpaul

Cindy Kilgore

Ann Lange

Donna Langston

Heidi & Mike Lord

John Maclean

Linda Mann

Loraine Palmer

Polanco Family

Audrey Noble

Larry Paccone

Ted & Michelle Paccone

+ Kinsey Ryder

Ryan Family

Nancy Simpson

Jean Stockman

Heidi & Shawn Sweeney

Bob Snaz

Jeffrey Spielberger

Gary Takata

Cynthia Thomas

Sedonia Trippel

Donal VonGryffn

Tim Wayman

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