

Contact

November 2019 Edition

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



A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

We have shared so much together over the past two years - baptisms, funerals, communion, auctions, game nights, Bible studies, laughter, tears, and over 100 worship services. What a rich and full few years it has been!

It has not always been easy. We have had occasion to question and challenge one another, and at moments wondered where we were going. You may still even have occasional moments of questioning. But, I believe that at this moment Warwick UCC is strong and ready to embrace the future God is setting before you. The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship grant is an amazing opportunity to discern as a community of faith why we worship and how the arts can engage us deeper in worship. Please show up and support these discussions hosted by the Liturgy & the Arts POP - they will greatly enrich your life together! Further, the Warwick 2.0 project that was born out of our meeting with our consultant is exciting, and will lead to a more attractive building to do ministry in. Please support this initiative in whatever way you can - through money, time, talent, and prayers.

It has been an immense blessing to be your pastor. You welcomed me into your fold at a time when I was unsure if I would be able to be a pastor again. You not only allowed me to be your pastor, but helped me to heal old wounds and experience the joy of ministry again. Thank you for letting me walk alongside you and for being so gracious to me. The challenge of being a place that allows people to grow, is that we often have to bless people on their way to new work for the Kingdom of God.

So, as you know, it is time for me to continue to grow - this time as senior pastor of David's United Church of Christ in Canal Winchester, OH. My final Sunday as the interim pastor of Warwick United Church of Christ will be November 10, 2019. In our 11:00am worship service, we will include a Liturgy of Farewell in which we will express gratitude to one another, ask forgiveness, and release each other from responsibility.

Our professional relationship as pastor and parishioner will come to an end at the conclusion of that liturgy. I will no longer be your spiritual counselor; I will no longer be leading worship, conducting funerals, weddings, or baptisms. I will not be involved with church affairs or engage in conversation about the working of the church, in person or online. Ethical guidelines insist that I refrain from being present or attending special events for a period of at least one year. This boundary also applies to social media. While boundaries are difficult, especially given the intimate nature of church life, I must allow you to make space in your physical and virtual lives for your new pastor, whoever they may be.

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Have info for the
December 2019 CONTACT?

Send it to wuccupdates@gmail.com
Due by 5 pm November 25th!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 3, 2019

All Saints Sunday

10 – 10:30am A Time of Prayer and Reflection

11am – 12pm Worship w/ Sermon: A Wee Little Man

Sunday, November 10, 2019

10 – 10:30am A Time of Prayer and Reflection

11am – 12pm Worship w/ Sermon:

Sunday, November 17, 2019

10 – 10:30am A Time of Prayer and Reflection

11am – 12pm Worship w/ Sermon:

Monday, November 18, 2019

10am - 11am Women's Circle

Sunday, November 24, 2019

10 – 10:30am A Time of Prayer and Reflection

11am – 12pm Worship w/ Sermon:



Thursday, November 28, 2019

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Communion Sunday

Sunday, December 8, 2019

York Symphony & Orchestra

Concert to benefit LINK/PORT Winter Shelter

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Christmas Cantata (See page 3)

Please help us keep the calendar up to date by sending your info to wuccupdates@gmail.com.

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Even as I leave Warwick UCC and complete my time as your pastor, I will always hold you in my heart and prayers. You are a faithful, fruitful branch of the Body of Christ - and Newport News needs your message of love and hope for all of God's children. God is doing and will continue to do amazing things through this scrappy congregation.

In closing, I leave you with these words of St. Paul:

"Brothers and sisters respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this." (1 Thessalonians 5: 12 -24)

In Christ's Love,
Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell

Music News from our Chancel Choir

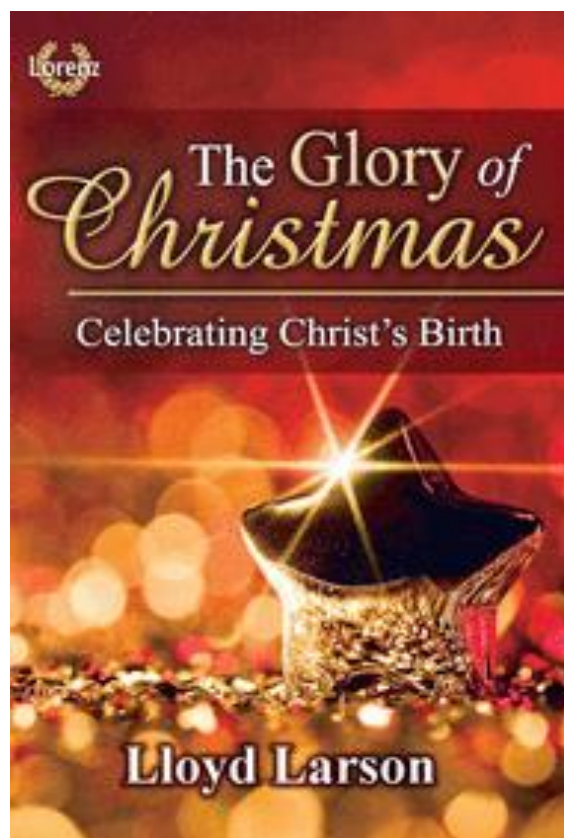
“The Glory of Christmas”

It's almost time for Christmas, that most wonderful time of the year! And somehow, it always feels so much longer than the actual time it takes for that special day to arrive. We look forward to gathering each year when family and friends come together to celebrate the joy, peace, hope, and love that came into our world in the form of a little baby, Jesus Christ! And this year's Christmas Cantata will be no different in bringing the majesty, the musical color, the sounds and even the gravity of this glorious season!

This year our Chancel Choir will celebrate Christ's birth with a musical cantata entitled “The Glory of Christmas!” This inspiring musical and narration was written by Lloyd Larson. It will be presented on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at Warwick United Church of Christ at 11AM.

Each December we are drawn again to the season of joy, yet no matter how many times we tell it, no matter how familiar the words become, our hearts are still stirred by the wonder of it all. I invite you to experience a true Christmas celebration with our choir on December 22nd at the 11AM service.

Rudy Wilson – Director of Music Ministries



Sunday Volunteers

November 2019

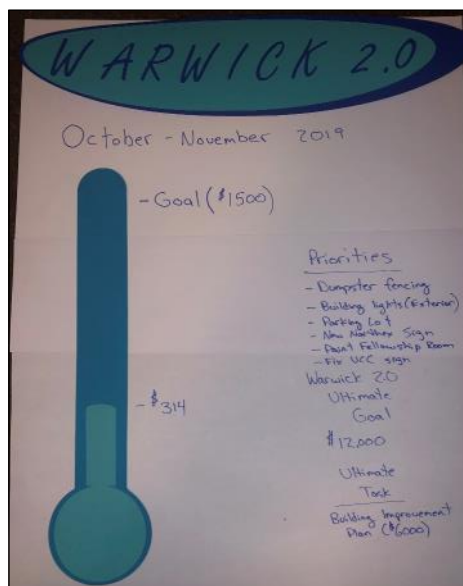
Communion: Set-Up: Mike Bartley
Assisting: Tim Holmes

Counters: Courtney Walden & Sue Howell

In charge of Lay Readers: Terry Costello



Warwick 2.0



We've
been
busy!

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PORT WINTER SHELTER

December, 8th, 2019 | 3pm
Mary T. Christian Auditorium at Thomas
Nelson Community College

COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH GREAT MUSIC!

PERFORMANCES BY CONDUCTORS: ERIC REIFF AND CLINT
CORRELL, AND CHORUS DIRECTOR: REGINALD FOX

Ticket prices:
\$12 at the door for seniors, students, and military
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\$2 OFF IF PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

Purchase Tickets at: www.linkhr.org, Eventbrite, or
www.yrso.org/tickets.html

LINK



An Old Fashioned Pounding *Twice Blessed is the Harvest We Share*



You are invited to take part in an old-fashioned pounding which began on Sunday, October 20th. 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 on the right. You may bring all the items at one time if that is more convenient for you. The food will be boxed and delivered to LINK on Tuesday, December 3 (Giving Tuesday).

Week 1: October 20

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

Week 2: October 27

Box of corn bread mix, can of cranberry sauce

Week 3: November 3

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

Week 4: November 10

Box of cake mix and icing or brownie mix

Week 5: November 17

2 large cans of green vegetables

Week 6: November 24

Cash donation for turkey (suggested \$10)

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Chili Cook-Off

The WUCC 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, October 20th was a great success!

10 Chilis, 30+ Judges, \$314 dollars raised!

The winners were:

Most creative: Courtney Walden

Spiciest: John McIlhinney

Best overall: Tina Bailey

We also had 2 raffles: Colonial Williamsburg and 50/50:

2 CW tickets: Tim Holmes

50/50 Winner (\$113):

2 CW tickets: Sue Howell

Tina Bailey

3 CW tickets: Mark Cook-Snell





WHAT IS WARWICK 2.0?

An exciting journey towards a new church experience! Let's build our excitement towards a new image for our place of worship, and a renewed outreach into the community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If there is an item that ends up on the list of improvements planned that you feel you can personally help move along, please let Tim Walden know! We will help you get it going and share the news of its completion! You can also help by giving ideas of what needs improvement, the list can grow and grow and grow!

WHAT IS OUR ENDGAME?

The overall goal of Warwick 2.0 is to raise \$6,000. \$1000 per month now until April. One of the things we are aiming to fund is a building improvement plan for improving the overall access to the church (i.e. Handicap accessible restrooms and fellowship hall)

IMPROVEMENTS IDEA LIST

Improvements of many things:

- Fencing in the dumpster
- Exterior lighting improvements
- New Narthex signage
- Painting fellowship hall
- Sound dampening fellowship hall
- Replacing sanctuary carpeting
- Replace Altar bible stand
- General Aesthetics both indoor and outdoor

****Add your ideas by contacting the moderator****

MODERATOR CONTACT

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WARWICK 2.0

OCTOBER 2019 PROGRESS REPORT

COMPLETED EVENTS

1st Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sunday October 20th

Was a great success!

- 10 Chilis, 30+ Judges.
- \$314 dollars was raised.

Playground Mulching

Saturday October 26th



Well a 9am-12pm mulching morning turned into a 9:45am-5:30pm mulching and power washing day. But it is done and looking great, thank you to all that made it out to help, Timothy J Walden, Courtney Walden, Johnathan McIlhinney, Lynsie McIlhinney, Amanda Bartley, and Jose Serna!

A special thanks to Tina Bailey for making sure we all had food to keep us going!

Side Note, I definitely believe that we need to have shirts that all of us can wear during events to show that we are members of the church and organized.

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

Current plan is 3rd Saturday or Sunday in February
Plan ahead, we want to make this our best turnout yet!

Lectionary Readings for November 2019

November 3, 2019

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 119:137-144

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 17, 2019

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12 **

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 28, 2019

Thanksgiving Day, USA

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

** In a very few instances in the Lectionary, no Psalm reading is offered for reasons relating to the thematic nature of the Day.



Thank You, LORD!

November 10, 2019

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21 -or-

Psalms 98

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 24, 2019

Reign of Christ

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79 **

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Praying Together...

November 2019

Mickey Allen

Anderson Family

Lea Avertin

Mike Barnes

Leon Bates

Kelly Bennett

Geraldine Bolden

Jacqueline Bryant

+ Cassell Family

Bob Christian

Carolyn Clayton

Tony Colden

Brett Cook-Snell

Costello Family

Kevin Court

Jimmy Earp

Emerson Family

+ Evans's Family

Bessie Floyd

Barry Graham

Pat Grant

Isaac Gwynne

Marion Hale

Hall Family

Sandra Ingari

Dr. Bruce Kauder

Ann Lange

Donna Langston

Heidi & Mike Lord

Linda Lucas

Kelly Madigan

Audrey Noble

Loraine Palmer

Kinsey Ryder

+ Ryan Family

Gail Silvasi

Nancy Simpson

+ Spielberger Family

Jean Stockman

Cynthia Thomas

+ Virginia Beach Municipal Center,
Bldg. #2 Victims & their families
and Survivors.

Tim Wayman

Meredith White

+ Whitley Family

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