

Contact

October 2019 Edition

Warwick United Church of Christ
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Several weeks ago, without permission from the church council, pastor, or staff, someone removed the church's rainbow door display. Fortunately, a few weeks later the doors were found and placed back in their location. A few days later, the church received an email from a 30-something member of the Newport News community:

"I am so happy to see the doors back in front of your building! As someone who grew up in the UCC and is a member of an ONA church in Ohio, it's so good to see a church making an intentional, public commitment to the LGBTQ+ community. I was sad to see them gone from the front lawn for a little while but was pleasantly surprised, and proud, to see them on my commute today.

Keep up the great work serving the local Newport News community!"

The rainbow doors witness to our community that Warwick UCC welcomes and celebrates not only the LGBTQ+ but all people. The rainbow door project was begun by our consultant

for the worship grant, Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman. Dr. Chapman's church, Westfield UCC, has grown in worship from 35 people to over 160.

He says of the God's Doors project:

"It's no mistake that the six colors of the doors are the six colors of the Pride Flag. God's Doors are meant to be a visible reminder of God's Love love for all people the Church has closed doors to, but particularly to the LGBTQ+ community. The gift of God's Doors is this: most people see them as a colorful proclamation of God's welcome (which it is!), but for the folks who need it to be more, it is so, so much more. The goal is simple: tell of God's love. It's not to grow any one particular congregation or start a fight. It's simple to widen the welcome and make room for everyone, everyone."

Over the next few weeks, we will have stands made for the doors, so that they may be displayed where they will be even more visible (and portable). Once that happens, we will also be featured on the Instagram page for God's Doors. For more information, visit: www.godsdoors.org.

Peace, **Pastor James**



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Have info for the
November 2019 CONTACT?

Send it to wuccupdates@gmail.com
Due by 5 pm October 28th!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday

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

11am – 12pm Worship w/Sermon: Keep the Faith



Sunday, October 13, 2019

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

11am – 12pm Worship w/Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Myers

12 – 1pm Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 20, 2019

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

11am – 12pm Special Music: Rev. James

11am – 12pm Worship w/Sermon: Wrestling with God

12 – 2pm WUCC 1st Annual Chili Cook-off

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Reformation Sunday

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

11am – 12pm Worship w/Sermon: Rock and Refuge



Sunday, November 3, 2019

All Saints Sunday

2:00am **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

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: Take Courage!

Sunday Volunteers



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Counters: Tim Holmes & Courtney Walden

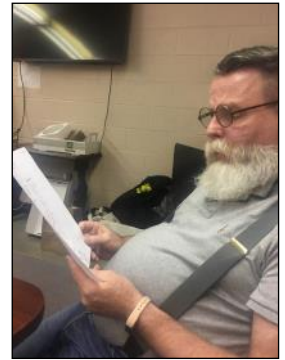
Communion: Set-Up: Alayne Jaffe

Assisting: Sue Howell

In Charge of Lay Readers: Tim Holmes

LTA Retreat

On September 20-21, Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman, senior pastor of Westfield Church UCC, Killingly, CT led a wonderful retreat for our Arts & Worship grant. Thank you Dr. Chapman for a wonderful time of learning and fellowship.



Guest Preacher



Rev. Dr. John Myers, Minister of Church Affairs for the Eastern Virginia Association will be preaching at Warwick UCC on **Sunday, October 13th** during the 11 am service. Don't miss this special Sunday to hear a special message from Dr. Myers.

Chili Cook-Off

Warwick UCC
First Annual Chili Cook-Off
and Mystery Bag Auction!

Oct. 20th, 12:15 pm

\$10 or \$5 if you bring chili for the cook-off!

Please let Courtney Walden know whether or not you will be a participant in the cook off. You can email Courtney at cwalden110@gmail.com



Lectionary Readings for October 2019

October 6, 2019

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6
Lamentations 3:19-26
- or - Psalm 137
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 13, 2019

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 20, 2019

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 27, 2019

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
Sirach 35:12-17 - or -
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Praying Together...

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Mickey Allen	Carolyn Clayton	Hall Family	+ Ryan Family
Anderson Family	Tony Colden	Dianne Howe	Nancy Simpson
Thomas Aubrey	Brett Cook-Snell	Sandra Ingari	Jean Stockman
Lea Avertin	Costello Family	Dr. Bruce Kauder	Heidi & Shawn Sweeney
Mike Barnes	Kevin Court	Mike Kelpaul	Gail Silvasi
Leon Bates	+ Martha Dunn & Family	Cindy Kilgore	Bob Snaz
Kelly Bennett	Jimmy Earp	Ann Lange	+ Spielberger Family
Nan Bergin	Emerson Family	Donna Langston	Cynthia Thomas
Geraldine Bolden	+ Evans's Family	Heidi & Mike Lord	Sedonia Trippel
Jacqueline Bryant	Yvette Ferguson	Linda Lucas	Donal VonGryffn
Trudy Burdge	+ Fitzgerald Family	John Maclean	Tim Wayman
Larry Burns	Hal & Marge Giesecking	Kelly Madigan	Meredith White
Jim Burnett	Barry Graham	Grant Mansfield	+ Virginia Beach Municipal
+ Cassell Family	Pat Grant	Audrey Noble	Center, Bldg. #2 Victims &
Bob Christian	Isaac Gwynne	Lorraine Palmer	their families and Survivors.
Rebekkah Chriscoe	Marion Hale	Kinsey Ryder	

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

In Memoriam

Dear Friends of Warwick UCC,

It is with sadness, that I am letting you know that beloved long-time member of Warwick UCC, Jim Spielberger passed away yesterday evening [October 1, 2019] at 5:32pm. Fortunately, I was able to be with his daughter Jill just moments after his passing. Jim turned 94 years old this past weekend and was able to celebrate with his five children.

There will be a visitation Sunday afternoon [October 6, 2019] at 4:00 - 5:00pm; and a graveside service at Peninsula Memorial Gardens on Monday at 11:00am, at 12750 Warwick Boulevard.

We give thanks for Jim's long life and the blessing he was to Warwick United Church of Christ, and extend our prayers to Jim's children, Jill, Jonathan, Joel, Jason, and Jeffrey. May we be comforted that he is reunited with Marion and Jim, Jr.

Peace,

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Interim Pastor, Warwick United Church of Christ