# Warwick Community Newsletter

#### ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com (or call Beth Gilgun at 544–3464) or dropped off in the black box in front of Town Hall by the 20th of the month before the article will run. Please note that we are no longer accepting FULL PAGE inserts at all for commercial ads, and are asking every organization in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page or less. If a full page event flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Beth for the number of copies required) if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations. ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIBERS WILL GET FULL SELECTBOARD MINUTES. ANOTHER REASON TO SUBSCRIBE ELECTRONICALLY AND HELP US SAVE MONEY!!

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413-676-9544

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#### SAVE THE DATE!

Vendors who are interested in having a table at the 2019 Warwick Holiday Fair should save SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30 for the Fair. The Fair will once again be at the spacious Warwick Community School facility with improved parking plan for 2019! Email Andrea Woods for more details at andrea@woods4.com.

## Warwick Old Home Days Saturday August 24th

Coffee and Donuts in Town Hall 8am by the Women's Guild Women's Guild Bake Sale 9am to 3pm

Tag Sale on the Town Common 9am to 3pm Free Space, bring your own table
Parade at 10am—line up at the Warwick Community School at 9:30am
Open Mike 10am to 2pm Anyone wishing to perform, show up—we'll get you on!
Library open 10am to 1pm Displays of the 100th Anniversary in the current building
Page 100 Found Poetry displayed

Historical Society open 10am to 3pm Afghans and T-shirts available

Warwick Fire Department cooking Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and French Fries

Horse-drawn carriage rides (hopefully) by the Hubbard Family

Looking for someone to do children's games (call Colleen at 978-544-0014 if interested)

Metcalf Chapel providing dinner at 6pm

Warwick Arts Council providing entertainment after the dinner "The Victorian Life" by Kandie Carle

Sunday August 25th

Fireman's Muster at the Warwick Fire Department 10am to 1pm

Dedication of a plaque to commemorate the Witherells as builders of Town Hall 1pm

Satellite Toss on the Town Common

Corrigatta Boat Race at Town Beach on Moores Pond 2:30pm

#### **Warwick Arts Council News**

On **Saturday August 24th, at 7:00 PM, t**he Warwick Arts Council presents: The Victorian Life as part of Warwick's **Old Home Days** festivities at the Warwick Town Hall. The Victorian Life is a one-woman theatrical performance by Kandie Carle, focusing on the late-Victorian 1890s Gilded Age. Ms Karle dresses in actual vintage and authentically reproduced clothing and accessories, while sharing humor, history and intriguing anecdotes about fashion, home life and etiquette of men and women of this period in our history. This is a **FREE** Performance, but donations are gratefully accepted. This event is made possible by a grant from the **Warwick Cultural Council**, our local chapter of the MA Cultural Council.

Kandie Carle has been working in the theatre since 1980 as an actress, dancer and singer throughout the US and abroad. Her performance resume covers the spectrum from Shakespeare to Musical Comedy. Kandie lives in East Haddam CT and does a variety of acting and theatre events throughout the area, including vintage dancing demonstrations.

<u>The Victorian Life</u> program brings to light some of the differences as well as some of the similarities between us and our Victorian ancestors. The presentation is not a fashion show, rather, Ms. Carle takes her audience on a journey of discovery by using clothing and accessories as a tool. Throughout the presentation she shares insights into the clothing, lifestyle, manners, etiquette and customs of men, women and children. Included are interesting anecdotes and 'myth busting'. The performance is full of audience interaction.

#### Women's Guild

<u>Thursday, August 1st @ noon</u> - Regular monthly meeting following lunch at Zeke's in Bernardston.

<u>Saturday, August 24 @ 8 AM</u> - Coffee and Donuts at Old Home Days

<u>Saturday, August 24 @ 9 AM</u> - Bake Sale Table \*\*\* Anyone wishing to contribute baked goods for Old Home Day Bake sale, please PRICE and PACKAGE in single serve wrappings \*\*\*

<u>Tuesday, September 3 @ 1PM</u> - Regular Monthly meeting at Town Hall

<u>Saturday, September 7 @ 4PM</u> - Authors (Eric Lehman and Amy Newrocki) presentation in Conjunction with the Library is being held at the Town Hall. Details TBA.

# The COA Foot Clinic Dates For 2019

August 9th September 13th October 11th November 15th December13th



All at the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is now back to their regularly scheduled meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Anyone with business with the BOH should call one of these numbers:

Helen Whipple 978-544-6838 Don Matthews 978-544-3595 Nancy Lyman 978-544-8229

#### Warwick Council on Aging

The Tuesday exercise class at the Warwick Town Hall will begin at 9:45 AM. It will be followed by a Chair Yoga/Tai Chi class at 11:00 A.M. This program will continue throughout the winter and spring months. Chair yoga/Tai Chi will be offered by certified instructor Marcia Gobeil. One will get all the benefits of yoga without getting on the floor. All poses and exercises will be done while sitting. The second half of the class will be tai chi warm-up and poses. One can attend the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the class or both sessions. The class is funded by Life Path at no cost to those attending, however a donation can is available and donations are gratefully accepted.

**Council on Aging Lunches** are held Tuesdays at Noon in the Dining Room at the Warwick Town Hall. Suggested voluntary donation for Elders, (age 60 and over) is \$3.00 for non-elders, (Under age 60) is \$8.00.

August 6: Shepherd's Pie, Beef Gravy, Green Beans, Multigrain Bread and Pineapple.

August 13: BBQ Grilled Chicken on a Bun, Potato Wedges, Brussel Sprouts and Pears.

August 20: Lasagna Roll with Meat Sauce, Italian Vegetable Blend, Multigrain Bread and Peach Yogurt Parfait.

August 27: Swedish Meatballs, Parslied Noodles, Broccoli, Multigrain Bread and Tropical Fruit.

To reserve your place at the table call, Diana Tandy, 413 992 8478.

Tracy Gaudet, Council on Aging and SHINE Counselor, will be at Warwick Town Hall on Tuesday, August 6 and 20 from 10:00 to Noon.

#### **Restaurant Review**

The Arlington Inn & Tavern 71 Main Street
Winchester, NH 03470 (603) 239-4728
www.thearlingtoninn.com

On their 5th night of opening, decided to give them a shot. They need to get a few kinks out but otherwise, it wasn't bad. Had our hearts set on Steak Tips and when we got there, they informed us they were out of Steak Tips. So we opted for Ale Battered Fish and Chips. Except they were also out of regular French Fries, but they did have Sweet Potato Fries. So, OK, we ordered that.

The bar was serving Beer and Wine and some low alcohol liquors. I spotted a bottle of Kahlua so ordered a Sombrero. It was served in a tall water glass and tasted like a cold glass of milk with coffee flavoring. I would have been better off with a glass of wine. My friend ordered Prosecco Sparkling Wine which a lot of places don't have so she was happy.

The atmosphere is nice. They have done a great job on remodeling the building and kept the wide floor boards and lots of unique barn doors and antiques placed around. Gave you a warm New England atmosphere.

When we arrived 4 tables were active and we were the 5th. While waiting, a party of six arrived and they didn't have a table big enough so went into another room and brought out a large oval table and set it up. Most tables only seat 4 people so they need to either have a table for 6 or be able to move tables together easily.

The menu is not huge but does have Appetizers, Salads, Sandwiches, about 6 Entrees, and 3 desserts. All reasonably priced. The Steak Tips being the most expensive of \$20, but of course they were out. The Fish was very fresh and tasty though. And the Sweet Potato Fries were a nice compliment to the fish. I wasn't in love with their cole slaw but, I am not a lover of it anyway.

The staff was excellent and very accommodating. The manager, I presumed she was since she was the go to person, bartender and money handler, came to the table and apologized for not having certain items. She said they realized Monday night, they had not ordered enough of some items so they are doubling their order this week. I hope they succeed in making this a nice tavern since it is a pleasant ride up without having to travel too far. And for those people who are looking for a nice place to stay close to Warwick, can't beat it. Tell your friends and relatives about it. Bon Appetit.

Gloria Varno

#### Green Corner

By the Buildings and Energy Committee

#### One easy way to Clean up the Grid

New England's collective electricity use spikes on hot summer afternoons when many offices and homes need extra air conditioning. On a handful of the hottest days of summer, our electric grid operators have to turn on old, dirty power plants to meet the sky-high electric demand. Those few hours of "peak demand" lead to the dirtiest—and most expensive—electricity hitting our grid.

If you have solar electric panels on your roof or in your yard, by the time the highest peak usage happens on the electric grid - usually in the late afternoon and evenings - the sunlight is waning and even your home will be powered by whatever the grid operators are using to keep those electrons flowing. Then after the sun sets, the electricity powering your home is the same as everyone else's.

**Peak-shaving tip:** For homes or businesses with high cooling demands (for instance, where an infant, elder, or person with a disability is extra vulnerable to high temperatures), one way to shave the peak is to actually increase cooling earlier in the day, then set your thermostat a little higher than normal so that the cooling system turns on less frequently or not at all during the peak.

One of the easiest ways that you can help green the grid is to sign up for "Shave the Peak" with Green Energy Consumers Alliance and get peak day text or email alerts. When you see a Shave the Peak alert, you'll know it's time to plan your electricity usage wisely for the coming peak hours. Turn off lights, delay charging electronics or electric vehicles, and avoid using microwaves, washers and dryers, dishwashers, and/or other electric appliances. If you can, turn off the AC and find other ways to stay cool (like jump in Moore's pond or Laurel Lake!).

Note - the best (and cheapest) time of day to use electricity is actually late at night, between midnight and 5 am, when the "base load" is at it's lowest.

Learn more at greenenergyconsumers.org/shavethepeak.

#### **About Shave The Peak:**

Shave the Peak empowers those who believe that the transition to a safe climate begins with more people united for a low-carbon future. Each member of this growing community is committed to reducing electricity usage at home on days when skyrocketing overall demand is met by the dirtiest and most expensive fossil fuels, or "peak days." Their actions advocate forward-thinking policies that can transform our electric grid.

## Warwick Scholarship Committee

A. George Day, Jr.

2019 Scholarship Awards:

#### Pioneer Valley Regional School - Class of 2019

Warwick Community Scholarship

\$700.00 Brian Killav

Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship

\$700.00 Cameron Lounder

Anita L. Pike Memorial Scholarship

\$800.00 Brian Killay

#### Franklin County Technical School

Warwick Community Scholarship

Laurel Cooke \$700.00

#### Students in college (2<sup>nd</sup> award)

Warwick Community Scholarship

Elizabeth Lambert \$700.00 Adrian Paul \$700.00

Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship

\$700.00 Samuel Stone Wade Williams \$700.00

2019 total \$5,700.00

#### Scholarship Committee Members

Warwick Firemen's A. George Day, Jr.

Association

Joe Paul Warwick Firemen's

Association Trinitarian

Kathy Connelly Congregational Church

Warwick PTO

Amber Holloway Linda Gale Women's Auxiliary

to Fire Dept.

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**Religious Society** 

Warwick Historical Martha Morse

Society

Warwick Women's Carol Foote

Guild

Donations may be made to any of the 3 scholarships funds at any time.

The committee will be very grateful for any assistance towards keeping the scholarship funds a continuing program for our college students.

#### MOORE'S POND BEACH COMMIT-TEE

Here we are mid-summer and Mother Nature must be having a party as we cope with some of the hottest and driest days we have had since last summer. The beach has been extremely active with both swimmers and anglers. Water levels have dropped so the water isn't going over the dam right now. The water testing results, however, continue to prove the clarity/cleanliness of water on Moore's Pond which assures your safety while swimming there.

REMINDER: Old Home Days is rapidly approaching--August 24 and 25. On Sunday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 PM the Moore's Pond Beach Committee is sponsoring its Annual Corregatta (Cardboard Boat Race). It has been an exciting and challenging event for participants as well as spectators. Participants do not have to be "Warwickians". There will be two races: one for children and one for adults. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of each race, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> to Sink and a Fan Favorite voted on by all in attendance. We encourage everyone to get involved...design and build a boat or help create one. Make a challenge with other competitors as who will win. Remember--The more the merrier. So put your thinking cap/design cap on to create a theme for a boat. Remember, the event is free. Pick up the Rules for building a boat and Registration for the race at the Warwick Library or the Town Hall. HINT: If you need cardboard, check with a furniture or appliance store well enough in advance to see if they will save some for you. GOOD LUCK. We look forward to seeing you all at the race.

ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL MOORE'S POND BEACH. WITH ITS CLEAN WATER AND WILDLIFE!!!

#### Warwick Education Committee – Adam Holloway, Chair

Greetings fellow Warwickians!

On May 28, 2019 the Warwick Select-board voted to create The Warwick Education Committee. The creation of this committee was brought about due to requests from the ad-hoc Warwick Community Education Task Force's members wishing to add more legitimacy to the group and their work. The select board agreed, and unanimously voted to form the Education committee.

The Education Committee has been charged with preserving elementary education in Warwick, specifically to have our town children's education be provided in town at Warwick Community School.

For those who are unaware, the Pioneer Valley Regional School District (PVRSD) took a vote in April to close Warwick Community School and bus our elementary school children to Northfield. The vote to close WCS was not successful, however Lyden was not so lucky and their school closed at the conclusion of this school year in June. Additionally, an attempt to reconsider this decision was attempted and we narrowly escaped a re-vote.

Just prior to our formation, one of our Task Force members received a tip that a brilliant retired Greenfield Superintendent was someone we should talk with. We did reach out to her and found her to be amazing and willing to consult with us based on the merits of our cause. Susan Hollins has proved to be an amazing find and a wonderful addition to our mission!

Fast forward to today; the Education committee is diligently working on our options to save WCS. We have identified our options and actively exploring what works best for WCS, its students and for Warwick.

Our most promising option is what is called a Horace Mann II charter school. This type of charter is not the stereo-typical charter school in that it operates within the district, with district funds but is its own entity (think as if it would be our own little island). It allows WCS to create its own educational curriculum (we still must follow basic educational rules, guidelines, etc.), operate the school as is appropriate and control from the PVRSD district will be limited.

I should note that this type of Horace Mann charter school has never been tried in the state of Massachusetts. As usual, Warwick will be trend setters for the state. Our goal with attempting this charter school option is to not only save our beloved school but to provide an example to other small rural schools so that they can save themselves as well!

Our next steps in this process include; continuing to research other options (its good to have backup plans B through Z), We are starting a blog to document our steps for the world to read, and we will be presenting this option to the PVRSD School Committee on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We would love to receive as much support from our community as can fit in PVRS library! The committee will be meeting July 23 at 6:45 in the town hall and generally meet every other Tuesday as a full committee.

Our task is large and mayhaps slightly daunting, but not impossible! We are looking for more community members wishing to join with our cause to jump in. If you are willing to bring an open mind, roll up your sleeves and dive into this project headlong we are happy to hold open a seat at the table for you.

Please email, call, text, Facebook message Tom Wyatt or myself and we will be happy to discuss and let you know when our next full committee and sub-committee meetings are.

Tom Wyatt: <a href="mailto:tomwyattphoto@gmail.com">tomwyattphoto@gmail.com</a>, 413-768-8641 Adam Holloway: <a href="mailto:aholloway01@hotmail.com">aholloway01@hotmail.com</a>, 978-501-0609

We look forward to saving our beloved school and preserving our wonderful community!

#### **Tales From The Crypt**

(Warwick Cemetery Commission News)

Citizens of long standing and relative newbies, can you lend a hand to help us pick up the well matted leaves along the Orange Road frontage of the cemetery? Last summer's work party got us part way down the hill from the main entrance but there is still a ways to go. Once we get the leaves out we will get some grading done and get the area mowable again so the leaves can then be routinely handled every season. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 9AM to 1PM. Refreshments will be provided. Thanks to everyone who joined us in May and June of this year to help us get things spruced up for Memorial Day and to help spread soil to fill in low areas. Many hands do make light work.

We had had two walks this year out to the Kilton and Kelton-Moses Cemeteries in the northeast corner of town. It is a five-mile round trip hike to the further of the two and we had over a dozen folks join us for all or part of the hike. Without hikes like these, we wouldn't be passing along a significant piece of the town's history and heritage. Did you know that there are five named cemeteries in Warwick besides the main Center Cemetery? They are the Atwood, Kelton-Moses, Kilton, Rich, and Ward Cemeteries. All are much smaller than the Center Cemetery with some 3000 graves. The Ward Cemetery has only three graves.

The Old Home Days Cemetery walk through the Center Cemetery will be led by Clare Green again this year towards Labor Day. There will be interesting presentations at a number of graves. If you want to do a presentation, contact Clare.

In closing, we would like to thank Stephanie Walker (Barbara Walker's granddaughter) for her stellar help as a cemetery trimmer this summer and we wish her the best as she returns home to North Carolina to resume college.

# **Drop-in Knitting/Crocheting**

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8 at the library

Do you like to knit or crochet but need a project? Make a hat for Warm the Children or a scarf for Operation Gratitude. These projects are basic knit or crochet and help others. Bring some yarn (not too bulky!) and knitting needles or a crochet hook and Julie H. or Julie S. will get you started. Already have a project? Join us to chat and hear Ivan's "Word of the Week"!

#### **News from the Coordinator**

#### J. David Young

The news from our Broadband buildout is that we are in our final construction season pushing for project completion next spring, April of 2020. We are about 70% completed. Our build goal for our wireless system is 25 Mbps down and 3 Mbps upload speed. The best our old system did is 10/2 Mbps and we advertise "Up to 1 Mbps".

Priority is the approximately thirty slower connections we are upgrading from our slowest radio layers. These are the slowest connections remaining on the system and many are not the easiest radio solutions. We rented a bucket lift to help us install to 30' height that our propagation model is based on. We will go to that height wherever needed.

Last month we got customers living to the north and west of Mt Grace upgraded. We will be adding capacity to the Hastings Heights windmill pole to serve sections of Richmond, Athol and Royalston Roads better in next few weeks. We will be working in the vicinity of the cemetery and then on a section of Old Winchester Rd.

We are off all IP blacklists. We purchase 250 Mbps of internet to supply our network's 200+ customers and distribute it from Town Hall, the Cell and H Frame towers, ten of the twelve town owned poles, a tall pine tree, and a privately-owned pole. We have made money in each of our years of operation with almost \$100k of retained earnings.

Warwick Broadband system has four active part-time employees who work as installers, is supported by the town's financial system of bill paying and collections. I serve as manager and Jim is bookkeeper. It is advised by our Broadband Committee and governed by the Selectboard. If you need service, repair, or otherwise need to contact Warwick Broadband Service, the phone number is 413-676-9544. This is a Google Voice number. You can text to it. It rings all of us, emails all of us a transcription of your voicemail, and it makes it easy for us to open a repair or installation ticket.

Old Home Day will again have the Internet Satellite Dish Toss celebrating our liberation from high latency internet. And the Town will honor the brother builders of our Town Hall, Frank E. and Edward E. Witherell on Sunday of Old Home Day. This is possible due to a gift by Edwin Witherell who has donated a plaque that honors the family ancestors, including his great grandfather who built the Warwick Town Hall which was dedicated in 1895. At the same time we dedicate and install the bronze plaque honoring the Witherell Brothers, we will reinstall the Fuller bronze, honoring the town hall architect. No promise of hours long speeches as at the original dedication but we have internet and are not so easily entertained. Join us please following the fire muster or at 1pm.



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#### Library

You may have noticed how the inside of an Oreo cookie resembles the full moon, but you've probably never seen spaceships, astronauts and crescent moons carved into the dark sides of an Oreo. Now you can: to honor the first moon landing's 50th anniversary on July 20th, 1969, Oreo has released it's Marshmallow Moon Cookies, and they are available at the Library desk—while supplies last. Go ahead and carve the marshmallow insides to resemble the different phases of the moon!

Speaking of the Moon, about 30 people (including an avid reporter from the Recorder) showed up at Shepardson Farm in early July to check out our nearest neighbor in space close up, and also got to see Jupiter's four largest moons—visible as pinpricks of light—and a tiny version of Saturn and its rings. Thanks again to Joe Delfausse and Brian Snell for setting up the telescopes.

And speaking of planets, the <u>solar system</u> can now be found hanging from the library ceiling—at distances to scale from the sun. The first few planets are bunched near the Sun in the kids section, while Neptune is close to the edge of the building in adult fiction.

What about <u>Pluto</u>, you may wonder: well, it hasn't been technically considered a planet since 2006. Discovered by Clyde Tombaugh in 1930, Pluto is now classified as a dwarf planet in the Kuiper belt, a ring of bodies beyond Neptune. It was the first Kuiper belt object to be discovered and is the largest known plutoid (or ice dwarf). It's status as a planet was questioned following the discovery of several objects of similar size in the Kuiper belt.

Alright, you're dying to know more about the <u>Kuiper belt</u>, aren't you? It is similar to the asteroid belt located between Mars and Jupiter, but is far larger—20 times as wide and 20 to 200 times as massive. Like the asteroid belt, it consists mainly of small bodies or remnants from when the solar system formed. While many asteroids are composed primarily of rock and metal, most Kuiper belt objects are composed largely of frozen volatiles (termed "ices") such as methane, ammonia and water.

<u>Constellations for Kids - Tuesday, August 6th @ 6:30 pm:</u> This kids' program will look at the stories behind some of the major constellations—there are 88 recognized by the International Astronomical Union. Kids will be able to invent their own, using art and movement to tell their stories.

Old Home Days events: The Library will be open 10-1 on Saturday, August 24th, featuring both a historical display honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Library in its current building and a display of poems and art work submitted by residents for the "Page 100 Found Poetry" event —submittals for the latter will be accepted through early August. Prizes for Summer Reading Program participants will be announced that day.

Hackmatack Lives - Thursday, August 22nd @ 7 pm: All are welcome for a group reading of a portion of the Hackmatack book series by Mary P. Wells Smith. The books, published circa 1900, portray life in the village of Hackmatack, closely modeled on Warwick in the late 1800's.

<u>Story Hour</u> continues during the summer with Julie Severance—Monday mornings at 10:30. And you can watch astronauts reading stories from the International Space Station: find the link on the Library web page on the Town website.

New additions to the Library's collection can be found listed on it's web page.

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

#### **YOGA**

Saturdays 9:15am Town Hall

An all level Hatha Yoga class to meet student's needs, with an emphasis on proper alignment, Pranayama - breathing techniques deep relaxation and meditation. A dynamic, yet harmonious approach to cultivate strength, physical awareness and inner balance.

Taught by Warwick resident Kalliope Kalombratsos, she began training at the integral Yoga institute in San Francisco, CA and is currently finishing a certificate at Kripalu center in Stockbridge MA. She has been an active practitioner for over 10 years, integrating various teachings from yoga traditions and personal experience from a dance background as teacher and performer.

#### DANCE PARTY August 3rd 7-9 pm

It's a Dance jam- come together and celebrate the love for dance. Loosen your joints and free up your creative juices. A collective shake down, and a movement exploration. All are welcome. Town Hall with Kalliope. FREE

#### STRONG 30 Tuesday 5:30-6pm

Be ready to sweat and see results! This is a powerful new program that is not dance. It is music led interval training that will challenge you to be healthier and stronger. Amazing work out. New comers have commented that it is very forgiving with modifications to fit your level. \$5 Taught by Christine Rouleau at the boiler room in Tully

**ZUMBA** with Susan Krieger Tuesday 7:15 am Thursday 6 pm Town Hall

A Latin inspired fitness program designed to get your heart rate up and put a smile on your face. Everyone can join the party. Designed for fun, not perfection. \$5

#### **ZUMBA** Sunday 8am

Dance fitness performed to energetic music; hip hop, samba, salsa, mambo, Brazilian funk and country! Many people have enjoyed this class for the past 6 years. New comers welcome Instructor; Christine Rouleau at the boiler room in Tully \$5



#### **Calling Warwick Artists:**

It's Coming....

The Art Show is just around the corner!

The Warwick Arts Council wants to put your work on display in the Town Hall at our 29th Annual Art Show on Columbus Day weekend in October (10/11/19-10/14/19). Greater Warwick area artists of all ages and experience levels are encouraged to complete those creative projects. If you create it, we'll show it off — whether it's fiber art, ceramics, collage, puppetry, wood carving, furniture, monotypes, jewelry, drawings, sculpture, photography, painting or something different. So put this notice on your bulletin board or refrigerator and get cracking! Details will appear in the October newsletter about joining our community arts weekend that will include an artist reception. Questions? Email: tomwyattphoto@gmail.com or call 413-768-8641

# TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

August 2019

"And the Lord said to me, `Amos, what do you see?' And I said, `A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, `See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel...the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate...and I shall rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, `Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words...

And Amaziah said to Amos, `O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel for it is the king's sanctuary and it is the temple of the kingdom.'"

Amos 7: 7-13

When the prophets talked about the blessings of God for the people of Israel, they were held in high regard, but should they dare speak against the religious leadership or the leaders of the kingdom, they often had to flee for their lives. Amaziah, the temple priest, tells the prophet Amos to get out of the country, go back to where you came from. And why? "Bethel…is the king's sanctuary and it is a temple of the kingdom." To speak against the king is treason, and in the king's sanctuary no less!

The KING'S sanctuary... a temple of the KINGDOM. This has little to do with God and much to do with empire; military and economic power. Amos was writing at a time in history when Israel was a powerhouse in the Middle East, politically and economically. The wealthy were quite comfortable. So where does Amos come off saying terrible things about Israel? Can't you see that God has blessed Israel? It must be because he hates Israel. Well, if he hates Israel, let him get out of Israel.

Amos is preaching a hard truth to the comfortable leaders of a nation he deeply believes to have been established, blessed and loved by God. He is warning them that they have forgotten the founding principles of the nation of Israel; justice and compassion. "You have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood." (Amos 6:12) This is not a tirade against the people of Israel out of hatred, but out of love for God and love for the children of God. His anger is that the good nation has been corrupted by greed and arrogance and that this will inevitably lead to the nation's downfall. He does not hate the nation, he hates the corruption of the nation by the religious elite (there being no "secular" government at that time).

Karl Barth, the Swiss theologian, is quoted as saying,"Take your Bible and take your newspaper and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible." In other words, hold the plumb line of faith in God against the events of the day. For those of us who call ourselves Christians, Jesus would be that plumb line and his critique of his religion was with the leadership whom he called hypocrites and brood of vipers, "for you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy and faith." (Matthew 23: 23)

A conservative commentator is reported to have said "If you hear the words 'social justice' coming from your church, run for the hills." I wonder if he was referring to the words of the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25, "Come...inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Perhaps this commentator would have been more comfortable with the immediate reaction that followed as "the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and took council together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him"

We must each choose our plumb line carefully and refer to it often.

In hopeful faith, Dan

# **UP COMING EVENTS**

SUMMER SPIRIT WEEK 9AM – 12, AUG 12 – 16. What was once known as Vacation Bible Camp, Vacation Bible School and Vacation Bible Days (for various reasons) is now being called *SUMMER SPIRIT WEEK*, to reflect the expansion of focus on the ever present Spirit of God within all of creation. This year we will again be working with North Quabbin Trails Assoc for a day of hiking and celebrating the wonder and beauty of our local area. On Wed, Aug 14, we will be walking trails at Red Apple Farm with a BBQ lunch, at the end of the walk. Parents and other interested adults are invited for this part of the week. Adults will each be asked for a \$10 donation for this event.

We will be joined all week by Tracey Alden who will be sharing her knowledge of local plants (what they're useful for and what to avoid), spiritual lore and scientific knowledge.

We will also be creating a "float" for the Old Home Days parade.

OLD HOME DAYS SUPPER SAT, AUG 24 **6 PM** Please come to the Town Hall for a TCC Old Home Days dinner at 6:00 pm. We'll be serving up our traditional OHD meal of pork loin and baked beans with cole slaw, bread, dessert, and beverage. As always, a veggie alternative will be available. This delicious meal is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 3-12, and children under 3 eat for free. We look forward to seeing you!

OLD HOME DAYS WORSHIP 9:30 AM service under the tent beside the Metcalf Chapel

#### ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

<u>SACRED STONES</u> For millennia, stones have been used as a way to commemorate important events, times or places for individuals or communities. Abraham marked encounters with the divine presence, Jacob, on the run from his brother, marked the place where he saw angels going up and down a ladder and said, "Surely God is in this place."

There is a place in front of the Chapel where we have gathered stones. We welcome people coming to commemorate some sacred event in their lives by either bringing a stone to add to the pile or rearranging the stones that are there as a meditation or dedication. Or if you have a "stone" that is weighing you down, leave it here and be free of its weight.

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. **Disposable diapers, personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with "food stamps".** 

#### MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical supplies for free loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.

#### SHEETS, PILLOW CASES AND OTHER LINENS

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#### ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding its 2019 household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, September 21 at GCC Main Campus and Orange Transfer Station.

Residents and businesses must pre-register between August 15 and September 16. During that time, online registration will be open: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html. Paper registration forms will be available at participating town offices, transfer stations, and in ads in the Greenfield Recorder.

The collection is free for residents of most member towns. Businesses must pay for disposal costs. For business registration information, call (413) 772-2438.

This collection provides an opportunity to dispose of hazardous items that should not be put in the trash, such as leftover oil-based paints, stains, thinners, household cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, and other household chemicals. For a complete list of acceptable items, see: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/hazwasteday.html.

Mercury-containing products such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) should never be put in the trash. At the 2019 Hazardous Waste Collection Event, only mercurycontaining items such as thermostats and thermometers will be accepted; fluorescent bulbs will not be accepted at this collection. CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs are accepted at all municipal transfer stations. In addition, fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at Lowe's Stores (all types of fluorescents), and Home Depot (CFLs only). Questions? - 413-772-2438, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Save the Date! The Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day is Saturday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. Locations: Buckland Rec. Center, Northfield Highway Garage, Whately Transfer Station.

Residents from any District town may bring tires, appliances, scrap metal, mattresses, propane tanks, construction debris, and other large items. Fees apply. Clean and dry (bagged) textiles and books accepted free for reuse or recycling. Bring bulky rigid plastics such as 5-gallon pails and plastic lawn furniture for special recycling program (\$5 per load: for acceptable items, see website or call). Disposal fees: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html

Did you know? Staples accepts computer equipment (no TVs) free of charge: call store for details. Various charities and non-profits accept donations of working electronics, including local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores. Always call ahead to ask if they can accept your item.



Home composting: "Earth Machine" compost bins (\$45) and "Sure-Close" compost pails (\$5) are available at the Solid Waste District office in Greenfield; call for hours. Cash or checks only.

For more information about recycling or these programs, contact the District office at (413) 772-2438: email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit; www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.



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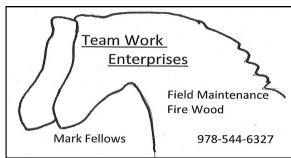
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